

Regulatory Committee

Tuesday, 5 November 2019

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Councillor Mark Cargill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John Cooke
Councillor Bill Gifford
Councillor Bill Olnier (Chair)
Councillor Anne Parry
Councillor David Reilly
Councillor Clive Rickhards
Councillor Kate Rolfe
Councillor Jill Simpson-Vince
Councillor Adrian Warwick
Councillor Chris Williams

Officers

Helen Barnsley, Democratic Services Officer
Tom Evans, Senior Planning Officer
Jasbir Kaur, Planning Manager
Ian Marriot, Legal Service Manager

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Richard Chattaway

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.

None

(3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 8 October 2019 be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

There were no matters arising.

2. Delegated Decisions

There were no delegated decisions to note.

3. Planning Application SDC/19CC011

Tom Evans, Senior Planning Officer presented the report to the Committee and members were shown plans of the current training tower and the proposed addition of a house-like structure which would enable a wider range of training exercises for the Fire & Rescue Service.

The following were confirmed to the Committee;

- There would be no live fires on site
- There had been no objections to the application
- There would be a bat survey before construction is started

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Kate Rolfe and was seconded by Councillor Mark Cargill. A vote was held and the Committee voted unanimously in favour of the application.

Resolved

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for alterations and extensions to existing fire training tower subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained within Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Communities.

4. Planning Application WDC/19CM018

Tom Evans, Senior Planning Officer presented the report to the Committee confirming that this was a retrospective application for leachate tanks that are already on the landfill site. It was confirmed that the tanks are above ground and sealed units.

The Committee noted that there had been pre-application discussions with the applicant and Warwickshire County Council Officers had advised that that the location of the tanks would not be the most suitable but the applicant had chosen to place the tanks there. Members were reminded that the issue is whether the application submitted is acceptable rather than whether it is the best possible proposal.

The Committee noted that the Parish Council had expressed concern about the retrospective nature of the application which is understandable but the application must be considered on its planning merits in their entirety.

It was noted that the report stated that the biodiversity impact for the application is low and the proposal for offsetting the visual impact is acceptable. Following a debate, it was agreed that additional screening around the fence line highlighted on the plan should be required through the conditions.

The recommendation was proposed, with the addition of the requirement for additional landscaping, by Councillor Adrian Warwick and was seconded by Councillor Anne Parry.

A vote was held and the Committee voted as follows;

Councillor Dave Reilly voted against the application and Councillor John Cooke abstained. There were nine votes in favour of the application.

Resolved

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for installation of four additional bunded leachate tanks, forming part of the landfill's leachate treatment plant at Bubbenhall Landfill Site, Weston Lane, Bubbenhall (Retrospective) subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained within Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Communities.

The meeting closed at 11:12am

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Chair