

North Yorkshire County Council

Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams on 30 March 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:-

County Councillors Peter Sowray (Chairman), David Blades, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Chris Pearson and Clive Pearson

Apologies were submitted by County Councillors Eric Broadbent, Caroline Goodrick, David Hugill, Robert Heseltine and Mike Jordan

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Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

195 Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

196. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed, to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at the next available opportunity.

197. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

198. Public Questions or Statements

The representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) stated that the following question/statement had been submitted :-

Gillian Ivey – Chairman – Little Smeaton Parish Council

Good morning Planning Committee Members.

Residents of our villages of Kirk & Little Smeaton are extremely disappointed to see that yet again the local application for further quarrying, is not on your agenda today.

As can be seen from the reference number - NY/2019/0002/ENV – this application has been with the County Council for more than 2 years.

I personally attended a site meeting which was over a year ago.

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We note that other major applications in the south of the county have been heard despite the restrictions of Covid, so we do not understand why our application has not. The continuing delays and lack of information are causing huge concerns in our community.

Can we please have a definite date as to when this application will be discussed at Committee.

The Head of Planning Services responded to the question stating that a report in respect of the application would be published as soon as possible, however, all representations made, which continued to be submitted, had to be taken account of when the report was being prepared. When the report was in a position to come forward to the Committee this would be published on the on-line Planning Portal, allowing everyone to be informed at the same time.

199. C8/2020/0448/CPO - Planning application for the variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission C8/2016/0873/CPO (14.91 hectare extension to the existing sand quarry for the extraction of sand over a period of approximately 6 years at Hensall Sand Quarry) to permit the relocation of the soil storage area and extraction of sand from the previous soil storage area on land at Hensall Quarry, Broach Road, Hensall, Selby, North Yorkshire

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services requesting Members to determine a planning application for the variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission C8/2016/0873/CPO (14.91 hectare extension to the existing sand quarry for the extraction of sand over a period of approximately 6 years at Hensall Sand Quarry) to permit the relocation of the soil storage area and extraction of sand from the previous soil storage area on land at Hensall Quarry, Broach Road, Hensall, Selby, North Yorkshire.

The application was subject to three objections having been raised by local residents in respect of this proposal on the grounds of noise pollution; air pollution/dust; debris on the highway; and impact upon local amenity and was, therefore, reported to this Committee for determination.

A representative of the Head of Planning Services presented the Committee report, highlighting the proposal, the site description, the consultations that have taken place, the advertisement and representations, planning guidance and policy and planning considerations. The report also provided a conclusion and recommendations.

Detailed plans, photographs and visual information were presented to complement the report.

Reference was made to representations from a Member of the public, Mr Ormsby, who had also submitted photographs, which highlighted his concerns regarding dust generated from the current site, amongst other issues. The representative of the Head of Planning Services addressed the issues raised within the representations, outlining how these issues were mitigated against through the conditions detailed in the report.

Members undertook a detailed discussion of the application and the following issues and points were highlighted during that discussion:-

- It was clarified that the proposed area was more than likely to be full of viable sand as it was abundant in that area, and previous borehole exploratory drilling was likely to have indicated its prevalence.
- A Member raised concerns that Condition 19 within the report did not appear to propose the monitoring of noise and dust from the site, and considered that it could be interpreted as work should continue during periods of high wind. He suggested that the wording should be altered to ensure that the monitoring of the matter was made clear. In response it was stated that alterations would be made to the Condition should Members require that. The Committee's Legal Representative stated that, should Members agree to a change Condition 19, if they were minded to agree the application, then the development of appropriate wording should be delegated to the Head of Planning Services and/or her officers.
- A Member, within whose Electoral Division the application site was located, stated that there had been no complaints about the existing site over the previous 5 years that he had been made aware of and that the Local Parish Council had not raised concerns regarding the proposal. He considered the quarry to be well run and maintained.
- It was clarified that there were 4 to 5 full time employees located at the application site.
- A Member asked, in relation to the proposal of using straw bales as a bund for the site, how these would be maintained, rotated and checked for vermin. In response it was stated that this would be the responsibility of the quarry manager.

Resolved –

That the application be approved for the reasons stated in the report, in accordance with the Conditions outlined, subject to suitable amendments to Condition 19, as discussed, with the development of appropriate wording for that Condition delegated to the Head of Planning Services and/or her officers.

- 200. C8/2020/0450/CPO - Planning application for the variation of condition No's 2, 10 & 34 of Planning Permission C8/38/196A/PA (application for the variation of condition No. 10 of planning permission reference C8/38/196/PA to increase the number of HGV movements associated with mineral extraction activities) to permit the relocation of the soil storage area and extraction of sand from the previous soil storage area on land at Hensall Quarry, Broach Road, Hensall, Selby, North Yorkshire**

Considered -

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- Members reiterated the issues that they had raised in consideration of the previous application, as this application related to the same site.
- Clarification was provided as to the details of the restoration plan for the site, which was outlined in the presentation.

Resolved –

That the application be approved for the reasons stated in the report, in accordance with the Conditions outlined, subject to suitable amendments to Condition 19, as discussed, with the development of appropriate wording for that Condition delegated to the Head of Planning Services and/or her officers.

201. Items dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services outlining items dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation for the period 25 January 2021 to 1 March 2021 inclusive.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 11.05am

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