



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Strategic Planning Committee

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Addendum to Agenda Items Strategic Planning Committee 11 December 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

Agenda Item: 5

Application Reference: WNS/2022/1557/EIA

Case Officer: Chris Burton

Address: Location: Astwick Green Power, Land North of Barley Mow Farm, Buckingham Road, Evenley

Case officer clarification

Correction to Committee Report

At paragraph 7.6 the final sentence in the paragraph reads *"It is also important to consider the Inspectors"* this sentence should be disregarded.

Further Comments have been received by Evenly Parish Council and members of the public, the comments are summarised, as follows:

Parish Council

- The committee report ignores the 1,000 person petition
- It is not possible to move 92,000 tonnes of material with 67 tractor movements a day. This will cause stockpiling issues which are odorous
- 18,000 tonnes will be moved by internal farm tracks. There are no internal farm tracks
- Remedy for keeping roads clean
- How will 10,000,000m³ biogas be taken of site
- Routing agreement is needed for the highly flammable material leaving site
- Tractors cannot pass on M40
- The vehicle movements will not be spread evenly across the day
- At it's peak the plant will accept HGV's every 160 seconds, this will cause a backlog onto the main road.

Public Comment

- The odours will ruin the rural enjoyment

- The site is dangerous, Cassington had lighting protection and is still dangerous. The current site is more exposed than Cassington
- The site is close to a sensitive airbase
- The MOD will not have carried out an assessment of safety following Cassington
- It will burn fossil fuels to transport the gas of site, so is not Green
- If it was buried c14 metres into the ground it would be safer and be less likely to kill locals
- A wider set of mitigation is required for safety
- Highways will be an issue
- The junction and roundabout are very busy.

Officer Response

The petition is noted but it has not been formally submitted to the Council (some formal objections do reference it). It can be found at <https://stopacorn.org/> (there are 1,216 signatures at present). As per standard practice the petition is considered as a single objection.

A full analysis of the Parish's highways comments is being undertaken with the Local Highways Authority (LHA) on 08/12/23 and committee will be updated then. The LHA will also be in attendance at committee.

In terms of odour, the Environmental Health Team have provided conditions and the scheme will need to apply for an Environmental Permit.

Since the agenda was published the Council has received correspondence implying that the proposals represent a terrorism and/or National security threat, reference is also given to nearby MOD land.

The following extract from Government Guidance related to planning and counter terrorism is considered relevant:

Architectural Liaison Officers/Crime Prevention Design Advisers Police Architectural Liaison Units provide crime risk management and "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" advice within their police force area in order to reduce opportunities for crime and disorder. Local arrangements are in place whereby local planning authorities consult on relevant planning applications. The Architectural Liaison Officer / Crime Prevention Design Adviser will notify their police force CTSA if there is a counter-terrorism protective security dimension that warrants more detailed scrutiny.

It should be noted that the Northamptonshire Police Crime Prevention Advisor (comments in the consultation section of the report) and the Ministry of Defence were consulted on this planning application. A pre-commencement condition (condition 26) addresses crime prevention matters.

Agenda Item: 6

Application Reference: WND/2022/0901

Case Officer: Chris Burton

Address: Land at Fawsley Estate, Fawsley, Northamptonshire.

Notes:

Two further public comments have been received, these set out that:

- one of the most attractive parts of a county that is sometimes mocked for its lack of amenities is to abandon one of its most spectacular views to such an immense area of solar panels the building and maintenance of which will mar the peace of the countryside and put pressure upon the already vulnerable access points
- The site will impact on views.

Officer Comment

The analysis of officers does not change.

The Lead Local Flood Authority have responded and confirmed they lift their objection and that the conditions attached are appropriate.

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		Cathy Ellis Evenley Parish Council	In Objection to
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