

West Northamptonshire Council

South Northamptonshire Local Area Planning Committee

9 March 2023

Appeals Progress Report

Report of the Assistant Director – Planning and Development

This report is public

Purpose of report

This report aims to keep members informed upon applications which have been determined by the Council and where new appeals have been lodged. It provides the details of new appeal lodged between the 1 January and 1 March 2023 and of Public Inquiries/hearings scheduled. Future reports will also include an update on decisions made and lessons that can be learned from those decisions.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To accept the position statement.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The report lists appeals that now have a start date from the Planning Inspectorate that are either Public Inquiries or hearings. Under the planning reference given can be found appeal documents.

3.0 Report Details

3.1 New Planning Appeals Received – 01 January 2023 to 1 March 2023

Public Inquiry

1. Land at Milton Road, Gayton, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN7 3HE

Planning Reference: WNS/2021/1858/EIA

Construction of a temporary 49.72MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with transformers, a substation, a DNO control room, a customer substation, GRP comms cabin, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructure

The Inquiry is Tuesday 23 May to Friday 26 May.

2. Land South of Halse Road, Greatworth , Northamptonshire

WNS/2022/0557/EIA

Construction of a solar farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

The Inquiry is Tuesday 6 June to Thursday 8 June.

Informal Hearings

3. Land North of Blenheim Rise, Kings Sutton, Northamptonshire

WNS/2022/0071/MAO

Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 32 no. dwellings with all matters reserved except access. Including affordable housing, together with creation of new areas of open space, a new access off Hampton Drive, landscaping and all enabling and ancillary works.

Hearing Date: 13 & 14 June

4. Land at Stratford Road, Deanshanger

WNS/2022/0904/MAO

Outline application for 67 dwellings with all matters reserved other than access.

Hearing Date: 26 April

5. Land South of The Wharf, Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire, NN7 3QB

WNS/2021/0450/MAF

Construction of 52.no new dwellings with associated open spaces, roads and drainage infrastructure.

Hearing Date: 29 March

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 To accept the position statement.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To accept the position statement.

Option 2: Not to accept the position statement. This is not recommended as the report is submitted for Members' information only.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 The cost of defending appeals can normally be met from within existing budgets. Where this is not possible a separate report is made to the Executive to consider the need for a supplementary estimate.

Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no additional legal implications arising for the Council from accepting this recommendation as this is a monitoring report.

Risk Management

- 7.3 This is a monitoring report where no additional action is proposed. As such there are no risks arising from accepting the recommendation.

8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision N/A

Financial Threshold Met: N/A

Community Impact Threshold Met: N/A

Wards Affected: All

Lead Councillor

Councillor Stephen Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Rebecca Breese (Portfolio Holder for Planning)

Background papers

None

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