

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Planning Committee** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor A Freeman (Chair)
Councillor D Moore (Vice-Chair)

Councillor A Amer, Councillor C Brooks, Councillor L Dales, Councillor P Harris, Councillor K Melton, Councillor E Oldham, Councillor P Rainbow, Councillor S Saddington and Councillor T Smith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor M Spoons, Councillor L Tift and Councillor T Wildgust

1 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chair informed the Committee that the Council was undertaking an audio recording of the meeting and that it was being live streamed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The Chair advised the Committee of other registerable interests declared on behalf of Councillors L Dales, A Freeman and K Melton as appointed representatives on the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board for any relevant items.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF NEW EVIDENCE ON PENDING PLANNING APPEALS IN RELATION TO APPLICATIONS: 22/00975/FULM - CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR FARM, ACCESS AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS, EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AT LAND AT KNAPTHORPE LODGE, HOCKERTON ROAD, CAUNTON, NEWARK ON TRENT, NG23 6AZ (KNAPTHORPE LODGE); 22/00976/FULM - CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR FARM, ACCESS AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS, EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AT FIELD REFERENCE NUMBER 2227, HOCKERTON ROAD, CAUNTON (MUSKHAM WOOD)

The Committee considered the report of the Business Manager – Planning Development, which provided implications of new evidence on pending planning appeals in relation to the two applications, detailed above.

The two 49.9MW Solar Farm applications were considered by the Planning Committee on 9 November 2023 where Members resolved to refuse planning permission for both schemes, contrary to officer recommendation. The reasons for refusal were contained within the report. The appellant had submitted, as part of the appeal, amended plans for both applications which reduced the number of solar panels for each application. The amended plans were considered by Officers to meet the ‘Wheatcroft principle’ whereby the plans were not materially different to that considered by the Planning Committee.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

4 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED (unanimously) that, under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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The Committee considered the exempt report of the Business Manager – Planning Development, which provided implications of new evidence and material considerations on pending planning appeals in relation to the two applications as above.

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(Summary provided in accordance with Section 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Chair