

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Special Planning Committee** held on 28th October 2024 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

IN ATTENDANCE

42 Members of public

PRESENT WERE

Cllr R Dykstra

Cllr D England (Vice Chair)

Cllr D Fabb

Cllr L Gifford

Cllr J Land

Cllr J Parker

Cllr P Potts

Cllr C Sproats

Cllr G Willis (Chair)

Cllr S Withams

Cllr A Wyatt

Mrs J Drummond:- Senior Clerk

Mrs E Coverdale:- Clerk

Mrs L Moore:- Asst. Clerk

Meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m

SP 25/24 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting.

SP 26/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were unanimously accepted from;
Cllr M Collins – Family commitments

Apologies not received or accepted from;
Cllr A Ntuk

SP 27/24 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

a) Declarations

None

b) Dispensations

None received.

SP 28/24 SUMMARY OF UPDATES TO PLANNING APPLICATION CCC/22/151/FUL

The Clerk provided attendees with an update on the changes and updates to the planning application; Thermal Treatment Works CCC/22/151/FUL

Below is a summary of our Council's primary objections and the reasoning behind each, as detailed in reports from Roy Reeves. (which are on the website)

- **Need for Facility:** The plant's necessity is unproven, with existing facilities in Peterborough and Wisbech meeting regional waste needs. Thermeco's stance on need is misaligned with national policy and local planning requirements.
- **Noise Pollution:** Inadequate noise assessments and lack of effective mitigation measures raise concerns for residents already impacted by nearby noise sources.
- **Carbon Report and Sustainability:** Thermeco's carbon reduction claims are based on outdated comparisons, ignoring cleaner alternatives like wind energy and understating emissions.
- **Capacity Concerns:** The facility's proposed 87,000-tonne capacity is questioned, especially as other local facilities have far larger capacities, suggesting the region's needs are already met.
- **Air Quality and Health Risks:** Lack of clarity on the types of waste to be incinerated undermines claims of "no health impact," especially for vulnerable residents.
- **Landscape and Visual Impact:** The proposed 44-metre tower would visually disrupt the rural landscape, with insufficient mitigation.
- **Location Suitability:** The proposal does not align with the "proximity principle," as the plant's rural location is far from primary waste sources.

Residents were encouraged to share their concerns, contact Cambridgeshire County Council with planning-related objections, and continue providing feedback to support the Parish Council's stance before the 6th November submission deadline.

Cllr Dykstra arrived during the discussions of the above item (7.01pm)

1 Member of the Public arrived during the discussions of the above item (7.02pm)

SP 29/24 OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by the Chair and unanimously **RESOLVED** to close the meeting for a maximum period of 60 minutes to hold a public forum on the planning application; Thermal Treatment Works CCC/22/151/FUL The Old Brickworks, Puddock Hill.

The meeting was closed at 7.06p.m and reconvened at 7.37p.m

- **Fenside Road:** Concerns include the dangers of vehicles exiting onto the A141, potential road damage, and a significant increase in daily load traffic. There are also questions about whether the facility would consistently operate within capacity limits, and concerns about the overall business acumen and long-term planning of the operator.
- **High Street:** There is a significant traffic concern regarding lorries passing through the village despite restrictions prohibiting them. Past violations by landfill operators suggest that similar safety and infrastructure issues could arise with this facility, amplifying concerns about compliance and enforcement.
- **Fenside Road:** With the recent approval of the Envar incinerator application, it seems illogical for waste transport to bypass the Envar site and continue on to Warboys. Additionally, there are concerns about the proposed 44-metre stack, which would sit

in the valley with Warboys village on higher ground, placing emissions less than 20 metres above the village. This proximity raises significant concerns about potential health impacts on residents.

- Wistow Fen: The pictures provided are inaccurate and do not reflect the claimed locations, as some images were supposed to represent their own land. Furthermore, the research lacks robustness because key assessments have not been completed accurately.
- B Lake: Health concerns regarding particulates are significant, particularly with the reduction of PM10 and PM5 emissions, which can still leave harmful PM levels that affect the gut, heart, and brain. In Europe, studies have shown that crops grown near incinerators and eggs laid in close proximity contain higher concentrations of dangerous fumes, raising further alarm about the potential health risks associated with such facilities. The application is now registered on the UKWIN website, (UK Without Incineration Network)
- Humberdale Way: There are significant concerns about the level of toxic fumes already being emitted from the existing landfill, which have not been factored into their calculations. Additionally, the proposed development claims a net gain in terms of environmental benefits, but this overlooks the site's current state, which includes scrub, woodland, and meadow areas that could be adversely affected.
- M Evans: Whose property backs onto the proposed site, has expressed concerns regarding the plant's operations, which would run 24 hours a day with two shutdown periods lasting two weeks each year. This continuous operation raises questions about noise, emissions, and overall impact on nearby residents.
- 1st Avenue: The management of ashes generated by the facility remains unclear, including both the quantity that will be produced and the plans for their disposal or reuse.

SP 30/24 COUNCIL RESPONSE

Members were provided with the detailed reports written by R Reeves.

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve sending the reports created by R Reeves to Cambridgeshire County Council Planning Department in continuation of the previous objections provided by the Council to the application Thermal Treatment Works CCC/22/151/FUL The Old Brickworks, Puddock Hill.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.41 p.m.

Chairman.

Date