

- The settlement edge, space between settlements and their wider landscape setting.
 - Visually sensitive skylines, hillsides and geological features.
 - The unspoilt nature and tranquillity of the area.
 - Nocturnal character.
- The proposed mast is also in conflict with the East Cambs Core Strategy under Policy EN2 Design, which states that all development will be designed to a high quality, reinforcing local distinctiveness. Design which fails to have regard to local context and does not preserve or enhance character, appearance and quality of an area will not be acceptable.
 - Aldreth and Haddenham are steeped in history with the Aldreth Causeway being the route that the Romans first entered the Isle of Ely and at a later time was the same route taken by William the Conqueror to eventually overcome Hereward the Wake. The East Cambs Design Principles 2012 Document states under "The Historic Environment" that the District Council is committed to preserving the abundance of historic buildings and places in East Cambs and any development that affects the historic environment should make a positive contribution to the area and have sufficient regard for the surrounding buildings and features. It also states that development that does not respect the character, detracts from, or has a negative impact on the area, will not be supported. This mast would clearly have a negative impact, dominating and adversely altering the character of an historic landscape, which is very highly valued by residents and visitors.
 - Although pictures are provided of a 4x4 vehicle and trailer transporting the sections of the proposed mast there is no indication of how many journeys these vehicles would need to make to deliver the complete structure to the site or which route would be used.
 - The photos of the vehicles were presumably taken during a dry period, as they depict no grass damage on firm land and this is misleading.
 - The cropped photo showing the vehicle at the base of the mast is also misleading, as it does not show the full extent of the guy wires.

The Council is not content for the final determination of the application to rest with the Planning Officer.

Motion carried by a show of 6 hands. Cllr Norman abstained.

6. REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR ADVICE ON PLANNING ISSUES

This item could not be discussed as the resident was not in attendance and was therefore deferred to a future meeting if necessary.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

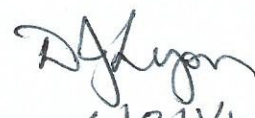
Cllr Hugo advised that he is putting together a draft policy on Renewable Energy to be presented to the Full Council on 12th March with a recommendation for it to be adopted.

Cllr Parr apologised for her late arrival.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th March 2014 at 7.30pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.12pm.



D. Hugo
12/3/14