

14/00769/ESF Red Hill Farm, Cambridge Road, Stretham: Erection of 2 x wind turbines, hub height of 75 metres with height to blade tip of 102 metres. Cllr Hugo proposed and Cllr Page seconded that the following response should be returned:

The Parish Council is in favour of renewable energy but having been consulted as a neighbouring parish has serious concerns regarding this application and would recommend **outright refusal** for the following reasons:

- The impact on the key views of a valuable landscape and the historical Ely Cathedral, which would contravene Policy EN4 and the impact on the landscape and settlement character in Policy EN1. This also goes against the findings of the Inspector and Minister who presided over the Mereham application in recent years.
- Serious concerns regarding noise impact on residents, in that it would carry into the village.
- The potentially devastating impact on wildlife, i.e. flora, fauna, birds, bats and other animals.
- Concerns that this could allow for expansion to more turbines in the future.
- There is no provision for a bond/funding to be provided at the start of this development to cover demolition and removal of the turbines and associated works, e.g. concrete pads underground, once they have come to the end of their life in 25 years time.

Motion carried by a show of 5 hands. Cllrs G Wilson and Haigh abstained.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

Cllr P Wilson congratulated Cllr Lyon on delivering an excellent speech at the District Council Planning Committee meeting on 6th August and advised that permission had been refused for both applications for 100 houses at Wilburton Road, Haddenham and 128 in Witchford. It is expected that Gladman will lodge an appeal. There is a big traffic issue relating to the application for Haddenham and this needs to be pursued at all times.

Information regarding the discharge of conditions relating to the recent permission for a temporary anemometer mast to be erected in Berry Fen (13/01102/DISA) will be added to the agenda for 2nd September to be discussed at the same time as the main application for the wind farm.

A recent link to the Say Yes to Berry Fen Wind Farm Facebook page had recently been added to the Haddenham website but it had been brought to the attention of the councillors that a post had been added showing a derogative remark and the link will now be removed. The Parish Council only wishes to be associated with moderated factual and informative sites and not unmoderated sites/social media due to this type of activity. The Parish Council's aim in providing links is to give access to a balanced view from all sides.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 7.30pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.45pm.

AJ Lyon
26/8/14