

- A new drawing has been provided for temporary buildings and access and one of the builders' compounds is directly adjacent to the neighbours' property. The Council feels that this should be moved out of sight from the neighbour.
- This is not a barn conversion and the black slate roof and ivory rendering are not acceptable. Materials shall be consistent with other properties in the vicinity.
- A note has been added that anti glare glass will be used and this should be added to the drawings and planning permission needs to be approved on that basis.
- Should the excavation require any de-watering, measures are to be agreed to survey and monitor adjacent properties to protect against any potential subsidence.
- We note that a septic tank is likely to be unsuitable due to the ground conditions at the site and a treatment unit will be required for foul discharge. The current drainage strategy also does not address how the discharge of swimming pool water and surface run off that will collect in the terraced profile below current ground level will be suitably discharged.

Motion carried unanimously.

15/000864/FUL 5 Wilburton Road, Haddenham: Proposed additions and alterations (re-submission). Cllr Norman proposed and Cllr Bayes seconded that there were no concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

14/07007/ESF Red Hill Farm, Cambridge Road, Stretham (Amendment): Erection of 2 wind turbines, hub height of 75 metres with height to blade tip of 102 metres, concrete pads for crane use and small sub station. Amendment involves the submission of a revised Environmental Statement containing new and updated information.

Cllr Goddard proposed and Cllr Hugo seconded that the application should be recommended for outright refusal for the same reasons as previously submitted and updated in line with the approved (April 2015) East Cambs Local Plan, plus an additional comment relating to the recent planning change statement by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government:

- The impact on the key views of a valuable landscape and the historical Ely Cathedral, which would contravene Policy ENV4 and the impact on the landscape and settlement character in Policy ENV1. 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 this 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.
- Alongside the above issues, on the 18th June 2015 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government issued a planning change statement which says:

"I am today setting out new considerations to be applied to proposed wind energy development so that **local people have the final say on wind farm applications**, fulfilling the commitment made in the Conservative election manifesto."

He goes on to say:

"When determining planning applications for wind energy development involving one or more wind turbines, local planning authorities should only grant planning permission if:



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