

Strategic Sites Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Sites Committee held on Thursday 18 November 2021 in The Oculus, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF, commencing at 2.00 pm and concluding at 6.46 pm.

Members present

P Bass, A Bond, N Brown, P Cooper, P Fealey, R Newcombe, A Turner (Chairman), J Waters (Vice-Chairman) and A Wheelhouse

Agenda Item

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Paul Turner and Councillor Jackson Ng.

2 Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of meeting held on 23 June 2021 were **agreed** as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Declaration of interest

Cllr Newcombe declared that he was a representative of Buckinghamshire Council on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel. Cllr Newcombe advised that he would be asking a question in relation to application 15/00314/AOP, paragraph 5.203, concerning Thames Valley Police.

4 15/00314/AOP - Land South of The A421 West of Far Bletchley, North of the East West Rail Link and East of Whaddon Road, Newton Longville

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for a mixed-use sustainable urban extension on land to the south west of Milton Keynes to provide up to 1,855 mixed tenure dwellings; an employment area (B1); a neighbourhood centre including retail (A1/A2/A3/A4/A5), community (D1/D2) and residential (C3) uses; a primary and a secondary school; a grid road reserve; multifunctional green space; a sustainable drainage system; and associated access, drainage and public transport infrastructure.

A site visit was carried out on 17 November 2021.

Speaking as local members for Milton Keynes Council, Councillor Allan Rankine and Councillor James Lancaster.

Speaking as a representative of Newton Longville Parish Council, Mike Galloway

Speaking as an objector, Councillor Ernie Thomas.

Speaking on behalf of the agent, Mr Gary Tucker – applicant.

Following a thorough debate, it was proposed by Councillor P Fealey and seconded by Councillor R Newcombe and agreed unanimously at a vote that the officer's recommendation be agreed.

Resolved: that permission be deferred and delegated to the Director of Planning and Environment for APPROVAL subject to the satisfactory completion of a legal agreement to secure: 1) financial contributions towards provision of education (primary and secondary); 2) on or off site sport and leisure provision; 3) off site farmland bird mitigation; 4) on-site provision of affordable housing, 5) financial contribution for hospital facilities; 6) provision of community facility; 7) onsite provision of primary school facilities and land for a secondary school; 8) provision of a health centre (GP surgery) (and/or financial contributions thereto); 9) provision and maintenance of public open space and recreation and play areas; 10) on-and off-site highways contributions/ works/road infrastructure works, travel plans, sustainable transport measures (and/or financial contributions thereto); 11) SUDS maintenance; and 12) phasing plan and subject to conditions as considered appropriate by Officers, or if these are not achieved for the application to be refused.

Note: There was a 20 minute comfort break before the start of item 5.

5 20/03539/APP - Installation of a gas tanker off-loading facility for injection of renewable gas into the national gas distribution network, SGN Gas Depot, Bletchley Road, Newton Longville, Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Installation of a gas tanker off-loading facility for injection of renewable gas into the national gas distribution network

A site visit was carried out on 17 November 2021.

Speaking as local ward member, Councillor Iain Macpherson.

A statement was read out by the Democratic Services Officer on behalf of local ward members Councillor Jilly Jordan and Councillor Phillip Gomm.

Speaking as local member for Milton Keynes Council, Councillor Allan Rankine.

Speaking as a representative of Newton Longville Parish Council, Steve Heath.

Speaking as an objector, Councillor Ernie Thomas.

Speaking as the applicant and agent team, Harry Townshend.

Following a thorough debate, it was proposed by ClIr P Cooper and seconded by ClIr N Brown and agreed unanimously at a vote that the officer's recommendation be agreed subject to the following:

The Committee requested that the Council consulted with West Bletchley and Newton Longville Parish Councils on the routeing details before completing the s.106, to explore the possibility of alternating the routeing between those two areas.

Resolved: that the application be deferred for approval subject to the recommended conditions, the satisfactory completion of a legal agreement and the receipt of no new material representations or if these are not achieved the application will be reported back to Committee for further consideration.

6 Availability of members attending site visits (if required)

