

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Friday 29th September at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman
 Cllr Shirley Firth
 Cllr Rachael Griffin
 Cllr Martin Jones
 Cllr Ben Poulton
 Cllr Chris Cannon

2 members of the public present.

		Action
1	Apologies and reasons for Absence Sarah Mizuro	None
2	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda None	All
3	<p>Planning – Envar CCC/23/093/FUL Envar Composting Ltd, St Ives Road, Somersham, Cambridgeshire, PE28 3BS.</p> <p>Construction of a Waste Transfer Station and Biomass Building, 4 Fire Water Holding Tanks, Waste Water Treatment Plant and a new Surface Water Attenuation Lagoon.</p> <p>Cllr Notman followed discussion from the previous parish council meeting, where the initial recommendation was the refusal of the above planning application.</p> <p>A number of key points were cited:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale of the development and size of buildings • Traffic management – no vehicles above 7.5 t to come through the village (except part of a formal diversion). <p>Cllr Cannon confirmed that vehicles above the 7.5t weight limit coming through the village is illegal unless part of an official diversion.</p> <p>Cllr Notman also noted the responses received from other consultee parish councils had been submitted on the website.</p> <p>Cllr Griffin highlighted the issue noted by the Environment Agency re: a nearby watercourse and the specification of a clear plan with regards to contamination prevention.</p> <p>Cllr Jones suggested can use the local development plan as a reference point in the refusal.</p> <p>Decision: Refusal of planning application Proposed: Cllr Notman Seconded: Cllr Firth</p> <p>Cllr Notman to draft formal response to planning application.</p>	All
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Formal response to planning application below:-

CCC/23/093/FUL | Construction of a Waste Transfer Station and a Biomass Building, 4 Fire Water Holding Tanks, Waste Water Treatment Plant and a new Surface Water Attenuation Lagoon.

Woodhurst Parish Council recommends refusal of the above application as the proposal is for much larger buildings than previously proposed or are currently in place. The scale of the development would therefore be harmful to the outlook of the conservation area of Woodhurst which is contrary to LP34 of the Huntingdon Local Plan to 2036

In addition the size of the buildings in the elevated position occupied by the EnVar site would make them more prominent in a largely rural setting. This would affect the visual amenity of local business and residents contrary to NPPF Paragraph 174(b); Policy 17 (Design) including Appendix 3 (The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities) of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan (July 2021); and Policies LP2 (Strategy for Development) and LP10 (The Countryside) of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan (May 2019).

The council is also concerned that the Traffic Management Plan states that secondary routes will be used in case of “unforeseen circumstances” and when other mitigation factors could not be actioned. Should this proposal be approved against our recommendation, there should be conditions that categorically state that HGV should never take a route through the village of Woodhurst as it has a weight restriction order in place.

2023 Meeting dates

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 12th December