

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FETTLINEDINE ROAD,  
NN9 5XF

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PRESENT: Councillors: P Boyer, S Boyer, C Cross, J Farrar and R Powell

ALSO PRESENT: David Maddock, co-opted member

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Angie Daly

### AGENDA

49. APOLOGIES – TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Councillor E Hopkinson – Prior commitment

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/37** that Councillor E Hopkinson's apology is accepted.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS AND THE NATURE OF THOSE INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

51. MINUTES – TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/38** – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

52. MATTERS ARISING – TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Nothing was raised.

Chairman:

Date:

## 53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

- A) NE/24/01075/TPO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER CONSENT. T1/T2; ENGLISH OAK - REMOVE DEADWOOD AND BRANCHES OVERHANGING ROOFLINE. LOCATION: 6 GLOVERS CLOSE IRTHLINGBOROUGH WELLINGBOROUGH NN9 5GH

The tree report included advised that the tree represented a danger to the property and therefore the works were necessary.

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/39** – That a response of **NO OBJECTION** should be submitted against planning application NE/24/01075/TPO.

- B) NE/24/01116/FUL FULL PLANNING PERMISSION. SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION CONNECTING MAIN BUILDING TO GARAGE. LOCATION: 12 GREEN CLOSE IRTHLINGBOROUGH WELLINGBOROUGH NN9 5UN

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/40** – That a response of **NO OBJECTION** should be submitted against planning application NE/24/01116/FUL.

## 54. PRE-APPLICATION STAGE STATUTORY CONSULTATION – TO CONSIDER DOCUMENTS AND SUBMITTING A RESPONSE: -

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER TO BUILD A SOLAR GENERATING STATION AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT (“THE GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM”) LOCATED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES OF WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL, NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL AND MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL.

CONSISTING OF: -

- A) GREEN HILL A, A.2, B, C, D, E, F, G AND GREEN HILL BESS, WITH PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR PANELS ACROSS EIGHT SITES AND A DEDICATED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SITE, LOCATED ACROSS BETWEEN NORTHAMPTON, WELLINGBOROUGH AND MILTON KEYNES.
- B) ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING SOLAR PANELS, CONVERSION UNITS, INVERTERS AND SUBSTATIONS OF BETWEEN 33KV AND 400KV. TWO LARGER 400KV SUBSTATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE GREEN HILL C AND GREEN HILL BESS SITES. THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS OF THE 132KV SUBSTATIONS ARE WITHIN GREEN HILL A, B, E, F AND G AND SHOWN ON THE INDICATIVE MASTERPLAN. THE LOCATIONS OF THE REMAINING SMALLER SUBSTATIONS OF 33KV WILL BE DETERMINED AS PART OF THE DESIGN PROCESS FOLLOWING THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION.
- C) A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM LOCATED WITHIN GREEN HILL BESS. A SECOND LOCATION FOR ENERGY STORAGE IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED AT GREEN HILL C.
- D) UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CABLES, LOCATED WITHIN A CABLE ROUTE SEARCH AREA, CONNECTING GREEN HILL SITES, SUBSTATIONS AND THE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM TO THE NATIONAL GRID SUBSTATION AT GRENDON.
- E) ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENT MEASURES, AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS, FOR EXAMPLE, FENCING, SECURITY (INCLUDING CCTV), LOCAL GRID CONNECTIONS, TEMPORARY ACCESS ROADS, PERMANENT MEANS OF ACCESS, HIGHWAY WORKS, TEMPORARY WORKS COMPOUNDS AND WORK SITES.

- I) RECEIVE LETTER GIVING NOTICE OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/41** – That the letter giving notice of the statutory consultation is received.

Chairman:

Date:

II) RECEIVE CONSULTATION LEAFLET

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/42** – That the consultation leaflet is received.

III) RECEIVE CONSULTATION INFORMATION BOOKLET

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/43** – That the consultation information booklet is received.

IV) CONSIDER SUBMITTING A RESPONSE BY COMPLETING THE FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE  
CLOSING DATE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Discussions took place regarding the requirement for solar energy and the loss of available Grade 1 – 3 agricultural land.

Members felt there was a need to ensure that biodiversity was located on site rather than in a land bank located elsewhere.

It was noted that the application would be decided by a Planning Inspector and this was the statutory consultation stage.

It was felt that due to the wide ranging views of members of the Committee that the Council would not submit a collective response but Councillors were encouraged to respond individually. It was noted that the closing date for responses was 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**RESOLVE PLN/11(24)/44** – The Council would not submit a collective response.

Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7pm at the Community Centre Fettleline Road NN9 5XF

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.23pm

Chairman:

Date: