



**Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30th January 2019
at Harriet Johnson Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting**

- Minute**
- 1128 Meeting started at 12 noon
- 1129 **Attendance:** Cllrs, Derham, Baxter, Boggis, Mansfield
(Cllr Nicklen from 12.20pm)
- 1130 **Apologies and reasons for absence** Cllr Godley – reason agreed
Absent Cllr Thornton
- 1131 **Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below:** None
- 1132 **Request for DPI Dispensations:** None
- 1133 **Public participation:** Representative from WSCC
- 1134 **Minutes of last meeting 16th January 2018** – These were agreed and signed.
- 1135 **AWDM/18/06402/FUL Land at (Former) Waste Management Complex, Halewick Lane:**
Demolition of former (derelict) waste management complex and installation of a battery-based energy storage facility (with a maximum charge and discharge rate of up to 49.99MW) together with transformer; parking area; CCTV; Security fencing; and associated infrastructure and equipment.
- A representative from WSCC Energy Team was invited to give a brief outline of the proposed application and answer concerns from members. WSCC advised -
- Gas flare – would not present any additional hazard. This is existing on the site and is separate from this project.
 - The site is not large enough for solar power. The site will absorb excess power from the National Grid and this will be stored in the batteries. The system is Lithium Ion. The storage containers look like a 40ft shipping container with racking for the batteries. Unlikely to see the containers which are around 3m high from the south – less than what is already there.
 - The containers would be set up upon concrete pads – which creates a void for ventilation but these voids would have wire mesh fencing to prevent animals accessing the batteries.
 - The run off water from the site would not cause any additional surface water. WSCC are aware of the flooding issues in the area.
 - Cables will be run from the site to the Worthing sub station, the exact route is still to be agreed. This could cause considerable upheaval to roads throughout Sompting while these were installed – but will try to keep disruption to a minimum.
 - The project has no connection with the Rampion Wind Farm which is on a different operating system.
 - Councillors felt an additional southern access point to the site is needed for safety reasons – WSCC confirmed this would be addressed.
 - Could the site nearer to the Worthing sub-station not be used instead ?. This is not owned by WSCC and present additional issues.

- Screening round the site is quite good but it was suggested that additional screening be planted around the southern edge. WSCC agreed to look at this.
- The batteries would emit a very low decibel hum but WSCC advised this would not be heard as the nearest properties are some distance away.
- What benefit does this project bring to Sompting – other similar schemes in the past have benefitted from Community benefit funding which might be a possibility in the future but outside the remit of this discussion.

There is a similar scheme running at Westhampnett near Chichester and Members would be welcome to pay a site visit.

Agreed response to application - Although the Council has no objection to this application it still has concerns which are that a southern access is needed to the site and that additional planting as screening is needed along the southern edge of the site.

1136 **AWDM/0040/19 75 Upper Brighton Road** - Demolition of existing building and erection of a single storey building with photovoltaic panels on the roof, plus 10 car parking spaces, for use as a showroom for mobility and care products

The Council objects to this application on the following grounds - it considers the proposed development does not relate sympathetically in design, form and scale to the existing building. It also has concerns about future access on to the highway and lack of contribution to future housing need.

1137 **AWDM/0018/19 24 Berriedale Drive** - Single storey rear extension (existing conservatory removed)

The Council has no objection to this application

1138 **SDNP/19/00267/LIS The Barn, Church Lane Amendments to approve SDNP/17/06123/LIS** – Erection of rear extension to bedrooms and installation of 2 no. rooflight windows to west elevation to include changes to window configuration on east and west elevation.

The Council has no objection to this application.

1139 **Date of next meeting** – 12 noon on Weds 13th February 2019

The meeting closed at 1.10pm

Signed **Date**
Chairman