

## Minutes

### MAJOR APPLICATIONS PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (HS2)

23 November 2017

Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre, High Street



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	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Ian Edwards (Chairman), Eddie Lavery (Vice-Chairman), Roy Chamdal, Janet Duncan, John Oswell, Brian Stead and David Yarrow</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Roisin Hogan (Planning Lawyer), James Rodger (Head of Planning and Enforcement), Luke Taylor (Democratic Services Officer), Ian Thynne and Alan Tilly</p>
6.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
7.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
8.	<p><b>TO SIGN AND RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.</p>
9.	<p><b>MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OR URGENT</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
10.	<p><b>TO CONFIRM THAT THE ITEMS MARKED IN PART 1 WILL BE HEARD IN PUBLIC AND THOSE ITEMS MARKED IN PART 2 WILL BE HEARD IN PRIVATE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items would be considered in public.</p>
11.	<p><b>ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION SITE, HARVIL ROAD, HAREFIELD - 73195/APP/2017/3486</b> (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p><b>Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for an ecological mitigation scheme comprising earthworks, including two mitigation ponds, one hibernaculum and one reptile banks, together with permanent fencing erected along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the site.</b></p> <p>Officers introduced the report, confirming that this was the second of a number of applications under Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail Act 2017, which related to earthworks on an agricultural field immediately west of Harvil Road and south of Dews</p>

Lane, and permanent fencing along the northern, eastern and southern site boundaries.

Members were informed that the scope of the Committee was heavily restricted as to what could or could not form the basis of a decision. The details related purely to the earthworks for the construction of the ponds and did not consider the final landscaping. The ponds would ultimately form part of a separate Schedule 17 consent submission for bringing the land into use, and the Council's opinion was therefore sought on the restoration of the land around the earthworks, ahead of a formal submission.

Before opening the item for discussion, the Chairman also reminded the Committee of the limited remit of the Sub-Committee, due to the Act of Parliament.

Councillors agreed that the terms of the Council's terms to make a decision were not ideal due to the restrictions placed upon the Sub-Committee, but stated that it was sensible to protect as many species as it could where it was possible to do so.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Officers confirmed that the Council was only able to consider the alignment of the fencing and, as such, it was possible to add informatives to the application but not conditions. Councillors noted that future "bring to use" application would be received by the Council for future consent, but until then, the Council was working to improve mitigations.

Members stated that it would be beneficial to have more hedgerows and planting around the fencing to improve landscaping, as it was important to avoid "hard barriers" where possible.

Officers informed Councillors that access and other issues could be discussed further at the "bringing to use" stage of the application, as Members had expressed their wish to ensure the area was available for educational purposes and to allow a study of the local species.

It was agreed by the Committee that further information should be added to Informative 2, to ensure that "species-rich" hedgerows and planting were used around the fencing. Members also noted that the informatives should include language supporting access to the land for the appropriate, controlled purposes, including, but not restricted to, studies and education.

The Chairman stated that it was vital Members remembered the considerations that were discussed when they were asked to make decisions at a later stage of the applications, as these were topics currently outside the remit of the Committee at this stage.

Officers noted that the Council will continue to engage in discussions with HS2 Ltd to try and deliver proposals that the Council were happy with.

The Committee commented that the ponds and reptile bank were necessary for local species, and accepted that there was nothing wrong within the scope of the Sub-Committee's decision-making ability. Members proposed the officer's recommendation, including the additional changes to informatives regarding species-rich hedgerows, planting, and controlled access, delegated to Officers to confirm the final wording.

The officer's recommendation was then seconded, and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously agreed.

<b>RESOLVED: That the application was approved, subject to delegated authority to the Head of Planning and Enforcement and the Principal Sustainability Officer to confirm additional wording in informatives.</b>
The meeting, which commenced at 6.00 pm, closed at 6.25 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Luke Taylor on 01895 250 693. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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