



Saxmundham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee held on Tuesday 18th March 2024 at the Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham at 7:15 pm.

Minutes

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Attendees

Cllr John Fisher (Chair)
Cllr Benjamin Gulliford
Cllr Marianne Kiff

Apologies

None

Also Present

Sharon Smith (Town Clerk)

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Declaration of Interests

None.

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Open Forum

None.

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Planning Application

The Committee further considered planning application DC/24/0533/FUL – Temporary retention of groundwater monitoring equipment for ground investigation purposes – Wood Farm, Church Hill, Saxmundham.

Cllr John Fisher explained that he wished the Committee to reconsider the decision it made at its meeting on 5th March 2024.

Due to the extent of public interest and an objection letter subsequently received from the landowner, Cllr John Fisher considered that it would be prudent for this application to be considered by the ESC Planning Committee as this may be the only opportunity it has to question the developer of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

Cllr John Fisher and Cllr Benjamin Gulliford **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that the landowner requires the land to prepare for the next cropping season. In addition, the ground is waterlogged due to continuous wet weather during the winter season and further ground investigation works may damage the soil structure and cause contamination.

Cllr John Fisher and Cllr Benjamin Gulliford **further resolved** to support the landowner's request for a stop date of 30th August 2024, revised working hours, a notice period, a hygiene and non-contamination clause, an order to cease work following 10mm of rain, and for all equipment to be cleared immediately upon completion.

Cllr Marianne Kiff sympathised with the landowner but abstained from the vote as she did not wish to set a precedent whereby the Committee reconsiders decisions previously made.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting was not scheduled.

Signed _____ Date _____

The meeting closed at 7:25 pm.

Sharon Smith
Town Clerk

Signed _____ Date _____