

PLANNING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: - Councillors Kevin Parry (Chair), John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Malcolm Davies, Steph Exell, Nick Martin, Derique Montaut, Stan Pajak, James Robbins, Eric Shaw, Gary Sumner, Timothy Swinyard and Peter Watts.

16. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Councillors to declare any known interests in any of the matters to be considered by the Committee.
No such declarations were made.

17. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017, be confirmed and signed.

18. Public Question Time

There were no public questions

19. **S/16/1055/RM Erection of a Renewable Energy Centre with associated plant, infrastructure, associated works; and a B8 warehouse with associated plant and a vehicular access (EIA Development). Land at Keypoint, Thornhill Road, South Marston, Swindon**

The Committee considered: -

- (a) Application numbered S/16/1055 (Erection of a Renewable Energy Centre with associated plant, infrastructure, associated works; and a B8 warehouse with associated plant and a vehicular access (EIA Development): Land at Keypoint Thornhill Road South Marston Swindon);
- (b) Recommendations of the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage;
- (c) The views of interested persons set out in the report circulated with the Committee Agenda;
- (d) The comments of Councillors Holland, Lovell and Moffatt;
- (e) The comments of the following interested persons:-

<u>App No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Organisation</u>
S/16/1055	Andrew Needham	Applicant
	Anthony Crean QC	Applicant
	Paul Burrell	Applicant
	Tony Leithart	South Marston Parish Council
	Barry Jennings	113 Oxford Road
	Robert Ayres	49 Oxford Road
	John Bridgeman	55 Grove Hill

Ann Bridgeman
Maureen Dilley
Paddy Hayes
Roger Hayes
Laura How
Elfed Powell
Luke Maddison

198 Ermin Street
14 Whilestone Way
2 Berkshire Road
2 Berkshire Road
Bodleian Libraries
59 Nythe Road
South Marston Primary School

Resolved – That permission to develop be refused in respect of application numbered S/16/1055 for the following reasons as set out in the Committee Report.

1. The proposed Renewable Energy Centre would introduce a visually dominant, intrusive and unsightly feature in a highly prominent location, which would substantially harm the visual setting of Swindon and its surrounding local area and which could prejudice delivery of Swindon's development strategy, contrary to policies SD1, SD2, DE1, NC3 and RA3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan (2015).
2. The applicant has failed to demonstrate a need for the strategic scale waste management facility. In the absence of a local need, and in the absence of a robust assessment of potentially suitable sites closer to the source of the waste, waste would need to be transported to the facility from beyond the local area, contrary to the proximity principle and contrary to the principles of sustainable development. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies WSC1, WSC2, WSC3 and WSC5 of the Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (2009), policies WDC1, WDC2 and WDC11 of the Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies (2009), policy TR2 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan (2015), the UK's National Planning Policy for Waste (2014) and the Waste Management Plan for England (December 2013).