



Strategic and Technical Planning Committee

Date: Monday, 19 June 2023
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum)

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Update Sheet – Southover Farm – June 19th 2023 – Strategic and Technical Planning Committee

Further Representations

A two-page letter was received on 14/06/23 from Puddletown Area Parish Council, maintaining their objection.

The Parish calls on Dorset Council, if “*minded to give approval,*” to “*attach conditions that strike a fair and reasonable balance between the interests of the applicant and those of the communities affected.*”

The Parish question how the lagoon came to be built with three times the capacity, and notes that the “*community understandable feels that there has been some disingenuity here.*” The Parish express concern over the signal that approving a retrospective application will send to other applicants.

The Parish highlights two issues of particular concern; the maximum number of permitted tanker movements, and the slurry liaison committee (SLC). Both relate to conditions recommended to be imposed on any grant of planning permission.

On the tanker movements, the Parish request that:

“the Committee agrees to set a lower limit on daily trips which will be operationally effective for the applicant but also allow others to use the Lane on a daily basis with reasonable degree of confidence. Three loads a day would surely give the applicant all the flexibility he needs while reducing the loss of amenity for the local community.”

They argue that “*daily tanker trips are hugely intrusive and keeping their number to a minimum is key to protecting local amenity,*” and that the lower the number of daily permitted tanker movements, the better. The Parish express concern over 5 round trips a day, and say that it would “*effectively tak[e] the Lane out of commission for many local users during that time.*” Therefore, they propose a limit of 3 round trips a day.

On the slurry liaison committee, the Parish request that:

“a meaningful Liaison Committee involving the applicant and representatives of the local community continues to operate.”

This ‘meaningful’ Liaison Committee would take the form of the present twice a year, in-person meeting, chaired by a Dorset Councillor. The Parish note the Liaison Committees role in spotting breaches of planning conditions, such as the larger size of the lagoon.

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