
Development Management Panel

Report of the meeting held on 15th October 2012

Matters for Information

9. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Panel has determined ten applications for development and of these six were approved and four refused. Applications related to development for a variety of purposes including agricultural, industrial and commercial as well as domestic householder proposals. Having originally deferred an application to allow Members to undertake an accompanied site visit, the Panel reconsidered a proposal to replace two existing gaia turbines with two new wind turbines and ancillary equipment at Hamerton Zoo Park, north east of Hamerton village. The turbines will generate electricity for consumption by the Zoo with any surplus intending to be exported back to the National Grid. The Panel agreed to approve the application, subject to conditions, having considered representations from the Ward Councillor, the Chairman of the Parish Meeting and the applicant.

10. APPEAL DECISIONS

The Panel regularly review the outcome of appeal cases and decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate. The reasoning of an Inspector offers a valuable insight to the planning process. Having regard to a recent decision relating to proposed development on Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots and whilst the appeal was dismissed by the Inspector, an application for the partial award of costs was approved. The Panel has been reminded how important it is to justify each term used in every reason given for refusal of an application given the opportunity for challenge by the Inspector and the potential for award of costs should the Council not be able to adequately substantiate a reason for refusal.

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Chairman