
Development Management Panel

Report of the meeting held on 21st October 2013

Matters for Information

7. ADDITION OF CIL FORM TO 'LOCAL LIST' APPLICATION VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

In Item No. 4 of their Report to the meeting of the Council held on 25th September 2013, the Panel reported that it had, following consultation with the local community, undertaken a review and approved revisions to its 'Local List' of the information necessary to validate a planning application.

Since then, a review of the process for the administration of CIL has revealed that it would be of benefit to applicants and the District Council to also insist on the submission of a 'CIL Planning Application Additional Information Requirement Form' as necessary to validate a planning application. Asking for this additional information, at this stage, would ensure all applicants were aware of any liability to CIL before committing to the submission of a formal planning application thereby, ultimately, saving both the applicant and the local planning authority time, effort and money.

Having endorsed the undertaking of a further round of consultation and, as it would be unlikely that the latest proposed revision will be of any interest to town and parish councils, the Panel suggested that only agents/developers should be invited to participate with the outcome reported to a future meeting.

8. MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AT THE FORMER ALCONBURY AIRFIELD SITE AND NEIGHBOURING FARMLAND, ERMINE, STREET, THE STUKELEYS

The Panel has commenced the process for the consideration of the principles for and details associated with proposed development on the site of the former Alconbury Airfield and neighbouring adjoining arable farmland. The site is located north west of Huntingdon and extends to some 580 hectares. If supported, the proposed development will create a sustainable mixed community which will integrate homes, employment, sport and recreation facilities, green space, transport links and other appropriate infrastructure required to meet the needs of the development. A major development such as that proposed on Alconbury Airfield involves detailed complex negotiations not only with the developer but with the other statutory consultees and authorities who are impacted by the proposals. The

Panel has been made aware of the process for consideration of all the material issues associated with the development and, ultimately for the determination of the planning application. Because of the scale of growth proposed, the application will also need to be referred (should the Council be minded to support it) to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

At this stage, the Panel has received representations from the Stukeleys Parish Council and the applicant and been advised of the support of the Section 106 Agreement Advisory Group for the draft principles of the proposed Section 106 Agreement as a basis for continuing negotiations on matters such as affordable housing, transport, education, health and open space for instance.

Having discussed details of the application at length and expressed their satisfaction with and support for the principle and general form of the proposed development, the Panel has authorised the Assistant Director, Environment, Growth and Planning to continue to negotiate obligations based on the principles already established to make the development acceptable in planning terms and, if possible, to expedite the submission of a further report to a Special Meeting of the Panel with details of the outcome of these negotiations and suggestions as to those matters which need to be the subject of conditions.

This application may also need to be considered by a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in December.

9. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

In addition to the proposals for development at Alconbury Airfield, the Panel determined ten other development applications at the meeting of which nine were approved and one refused.

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Chairman