

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of Lower Beeding Parish Council attended a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday 8th March 2022. The meeting was held via Zoom software.

Present: Cllr Bamford (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mercer, Cllr Dawson, Cllr Peckham, Cllr Fitzpatrick

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk) and two members of the public.

MINUTES

The Vice-Chairman started the meeting at 19:30 hrs

031/22 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Allen, Lillywhite, Brookes

032/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

033/22 Planning Applications:

DC/21/2438 Unit 3C Church Lane Estate Church Lane Plummers Plain

Retrospective application for the installation of an extraction fan/ducting fitted to side elevation.

The PC were unanimously against this application and recommend immediate action be taken by Horsham Planning Department in respect to this submission on the following grounds:

- The application is for an 'Extraction fan/ducting fitted to the side of the Tru-English workshop'. It does not mention the installation of any silencing equipment.
- The supporting noise survey states that the existing extractor creates a 'significant adverse impact' on nearby residential properties. But does not say what action is required.
- The recommendation in the noise survey is that the installation of a silencer and 'other noise reduction techniques' would result in a 'low to adverse impact'. This is not specific enough on what levels of noise will be output after the remedial silencer installation.
- The drawings that accompany the application do not show any silencer details nor do they reference the noise survey.
- The application does not address the fact that the consent class required for the activity being undertaken appears to be B2, but the estate currently only has B1.
- This is a retrospective application and *ex post facto* submissions are rejected.
- The measurements taken from the fan exceed, by some margin, acceptable noise levels. These are set out in the Noise Advice Document for Planning which all Local Planning Authorities in West Sussex, including Horsham, have acquiesced to. Please be aware that the applicants have turned the extractor fan down and reduced its hours of operation in a cynical attempt to show that it is not causing a noise nuisance. The effect of this is twofold: firstly, the sound is still unbearable and, secondly, its efficiency is thus impaired causing an unwelcome return of the very smells that it was designed to eliminate.
- An unenforceable noise condition does not address the long standing and offensive pollution aspects here. A noise abatement notice may stop the fan, but this will only exacerbate the chemical outputs and smells issue.

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- Whilst not mentioned in this Application, the installation and operation of the existing paint spraying booth was not approved by HDC and is in breach of the current planning consent for Unit 3C.
- An abatement order should be placed on the current extraction unit until the full noise reduction measures outlined in the Report are implemented on environmental grounds.
- The Public Notice not displayed until 8th March; therefore, consultation must be to 29th March 2022.

034/22 Vice-Chairman's (V-C) announcements

The V-C called for a public adjournment.

Both members of the public who are adjacent neighbours gave their opinions on the psychological, stress and physical issues associated with the noise and chemical output from Unit 3C.

The V-C thanked everyone for their views on this issue.

Date of the next meetings:

035/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms, Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs

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