

PLANNING BOARD
Friday, 7th September, 2018

Present:- Councillor Sheppard (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Atkin, Bird, D. Cutts, M. Elliott, Sansome, Steele, Tweed, Walsh, Whysall and Williams.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John Turner.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-

<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheppard declared he had previously attended meetings against hydraulic fracturing, but would judge this application on its own merits.

Councillor Steele declared he was a former Secretary to an anti-fracking group, but was no longer involved. He had participated in training associated with exploratory drill operations and would judge this application on its own merits.

Councillor Walsh declared a personal interest on the grounds of being a member of the Energy Institute.

28. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

No site visit or deferment was requested.

29. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - CONSTRUCTION OF A WELL SITE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A NEW ACCESS TRACK, MOBILISATION OF DRILLING, ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACTOR WELFARE FACILITIES TO DRILL AND PRESSURE TRANSIENT TEST A VERTICAL HYDROCARBON EXPLORATORY CORE WELL AND MOBILISATION OF WORKOVER RIG, LISTENING WELL OPERATIONS, AND RETENTION OF THE SITE AND WELLHEAD ASSEMBLY GEAR FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF 5 YEARS AT LAND ADJACENT DINNINGTON ROAD WOODSETTS FOR INEOS UPSTREAM LIMITED (RB2018/0918)

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure, the following people attended the meeting and spoke about the application:-

- Mr. Tom Pickering and Mr. Matthew Shepherd (Applicant)
- Mr. Richard Scholey, Ms. Christine Burton, Mr. Barry Cartwright, Ms. Diane King and Mr. Gerald Kells (Woodsetts Against Fracking Action Group)
- Councillor Clive Jepson, Ward Councillor, Anston and Woodsetts/Anston Parish Council (Objector)
- Ms. Monica Carroll, representing Firbeck, Letwell and Woodsetts Parish Councils (Objector)
- Mr. Andy Tickle, C.P.R.E. (Objector)
- Mr. Matthew Wilkinson, Resident (Objector)

(2) That the Planning Board declares that it is not in favour of application RB2018/0918 and that the application be refused on the grounds of unacceptable highways safety issues and potential conflict with vulnerable road users and would have a detrimental impact on local residents on Berne Square in terms of noise nuisance and general disturbance due to the close proximity of the proposed access and that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the precise wording of the reasons for refusal.

30. UPDATES

There were no updates to report.

31. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 13th September, 2018 at 9.00 a.m.