

Meeting Minutes
Carlton Husthwaite Village Meeting

Date of Meeting: 06 October 2021

Place of Meeting: Village Hall, Carlton Husthwaite

Purpose of Meeting

Extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application ref: 21/01988/FUL "Construction of an earth banked slurry and digestate storage lagoon"

Those Present:

Kevin Harrison (KH)	- Chairman
Stephanie Bourner (SB)	- Treasurer
Jo Hedley (JH)	- Secretary
Erica Cornish (EC)	- Member
Gladys Howard (GK)	- Member
Sarah Lees (SL)	- Member

Virtual:

None

Apologies:

None

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Circulation:

Those present, apologies.

1.0	Introduction	ACTION
1.1	<p>KH thanked all parties for attending the extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application ref: 21/01988/FUL "Construction of an earth banked slurry and digestate storage lagoon".</p> <p>It was noted that the village council had until the end of the month to prepare a formal response for Hambleton Council.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE: Hambleton Planning website notes both Neighbour and Standard Neighbour Consultation Expiry Date as Wed 20 Oct 2021. The description of the proposal is "slurry and digestate storage lagoon to help reduce artificial fertiliser use and reduce pollution risk".</p>	ALL
1.2	<p>General discussion on the matter was held.</p> <p>Not all attendees were familiar with the process or the volumes involved. The proposal indicates that "an earth banked lagoon for the storage of slurry and digestate" would be constructed on land adjacent Green Lane with digestate produced at the New Mill Ad plant at Thormanby for re-use on the land as fertiliser. The digester at Thormanby acts as an artificial stomach and the waste is then used as fertiliser. As part of the</p>	

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	<p>proposal digestate from Thormanby will be pumped overground to the new slurry. It is unclear how the product from the slurry will be distributed for fertilisation.</p> <p>The proposed store will hold 2,000,000 gallons of digestate measuring 68 x 68m to a depth of 5m.</p>	
1.3	<p>KH asked attendees for their views beginning with KH.</p>	
1.4	<p>KH outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Environmental benefit.- Reduced traffic from digestate transportation. <p><u>Negatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increased traffic; the applicant's proposal is not clear about how the digestate will be used on the land, will this be carted away by road haulage?- Potential for stagnation.- Potential for smells and noxious gasses.- Potential for increased flies.- Screening inadequate; screening is needed around the whole proposal.- Green Lane bridleway and public footpath is not suitable for increased traffic.- Highways concern if vehicular movements increase as Green Lane is situated on a sharp road bend.- Eyesore on locale.- Amenity impact on villagers and visitors. <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where is the digestate currently going?- The size of the lagoon seems large; will this only be used locally?- Will the lagoon be covered?- Does the digestate need to be agitated, does this come with smells or other issues?- Are there other more suitable locations? <p>Overall, KH's initial views were against the proposal.</p>	
1.5	<p>SB outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Negatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Location may not be the most suitable.- Potential for smells. <p><u>Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Environmental and ecological benefits. <p>Overall, SB was initially undecided on whether they were for or against the proposal.</p>	

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1.6	<p>GH outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Negatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More traffic. - Increased activity in the area. - Potential for smells and noxious gasses. - Eyesore on locale. - Amenity impact on villagers and visitors. <p>Overall, GH's initial views were against the proposal.</p>	
1.7	<p>EC outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Negatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More traffic. - Increased activity in the area. - Potential for smells and noxious gasses. Quantity? - Amenity impact on villagers and visitors. - Green Lane bridleway and public footpath is not suitable for increased traffic. - Potential for leaks and impact. <p><u>Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If done sympathetically could result in biodiversity gain with planting. <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like more information on the proposal. - How often is it checked on? <p>Overall, EC's was initially undecided on whether they were for or against the proposal.</p>	
1.8	<p>JH outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Negatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More traffic. - Concerns about the size of the proposal and whether it was proportionate to local land usage. - Keen on planning conditions to ensure proposal was used as intended. <p>Overall, JH was initially undecided on whether they were for or against the proposal.</p>	
1.9	<p>SL outlined their view on the proposal:-</p> <p><u>Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced import of fertiliser. - Benefits to applicant's business. - Reduced traffic as digestate no longer moved by road. - Proposed land may be agriculturally unproductive and chosen location topography best suited to reducing construction cost. 	

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	<p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Further information required.- Suggested a site visit to a similar site. <p>Overall, SL was initially in support of the proposal.</p>	
1.10	<p>KH sought views on whether to engage general village feedback before formally responding. It was agreed by all parties that this was a good idea.</p> <p>Notice and opinion poll to be added to Facebook. Letter drop to villagers known not to have access to Facebook. Applicant to be invited to discuss proposals with village and committee. Site visit to similar facility be considered.</p>	<p>KH KH/GH KH/SL ALL</p>