

PLANNING COMMITTEE

(REMOTELY VIA TEAMS)

Members Present:

15 December 2020

Chairperson: Councillor S.Paddison

Vice Chairperson: Councillor S.Pursey

Councillors: R.Davies, S.K.Hunt, A.Wingrave,
A.N.Woolcock, C.Williams and S.Renkes

UDP/LDP Member: Councillor A.Wingrave

Local Members: Councillors L. Purcell and S.Reynolds

Officers In Attendance: S.Ball, C.Morris, R.MacGregor and J.Griffiths,
C.Davies, L. Morgan, T.Boothroyd and
J. Woodman-Ralph

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

Councillor
A.R.Woolcock

Re: Agenda Items 4 and 5, Planning Applications P2018/0512 and P2018/0511 as he is a Member of the Pwllfawatkin Site Liaison Committee. He did not consider his interest as prejudicial so was able to vote and speak.

Councillor
L. Purcell

Re: Agenda Items 4 and 5, Planning Applications P2018/0512 and P2018/0511 as she is a Member of the Pwllfawatkin Site Liaison Committee. She is not a Member of the Planning Committee so is not eligible to vote but addressed the Committee as Ward Member.

Councillor
S. Reynolds

Re: Agenda Items 4 and 5, Planning Applications P2018/0512 and P2018/0511 as she is a Member of the Pwllawatkin Site Liaison Committee. She is not a Member of the Planning Committee so is not eligible to vote but addressed Committee as Ward Member.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 November, 2020 be approved.

3. **TO REQUEST SITE VISIT(S) FROM THE APPLICATIONS PRESENTED**

That no site visits be held on the applications before committee today.

4. **AMENDMENT SHEET**

Note: An amendment sheet in relation to Application Number: P2018/0512 and P2018/0511 was circulated prior to the meeting, on which the Chairperson had allowed sufficient time for Members to read, in respect of the application item on the published agenda, the Chairperson had permitted urgent circulation/consideration thereof at today's meeting, the particular reasons and circumstances being not wanting to defer any applications and to ensure that Members take all extra relevant information into account before coming to any decision at the meeting.

5. **APPLICATION NO. P2018/0512 - TIP 890, PWLLAWATKIN**

Officers made a presentation to the Planning Committee on this Application (The REMOVAL of planning conditions 1 (commencement) 8, 12, 17, 18, 19, 37, 42, 49, 54, 61 (duplicated by other conditions) 21 (move to notes section) 24, 32, 36, 44, 45, 46, 53, 59 (relating to required works that have already been completed) 34 and 39 (superseded by subsequent permissions) 38 (Tip 891 has been restored). The VARIATION of planning conditions 2 (to extend the operational lifetime of the site until 2023, followed by a year for

restoration works) 3, 5, 7, 22, 23, 28, 35, 41, 43, 48, 50, 51, 55, 60 (update conditions to allow for updated plans/information submitted) attached to planning permission P2002/1016, at Pwllfa Watkin Farm, Pontardawe Link Road To Baran Road, Pontardawe SA8 4RX) as detailed in the circulated report.

The local ward members were present to give their representations, as well as the agent for the applicant, and a Planning Officer from Carmarthenshire Council.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Members to consider their reason for refusal and reconvened at 12.50pm.

RESOLVED: That contrary to Officers recommendations the application be REFUSED for the following reasons:

Notwithstanding LDP Policy SP19, and the current landfill void space capacity within the South Wales Region, having regard to Article 13 of the revised EU Waste Framework Directive (2008), it is considered that the operation of the site has had a significant adverse impact upon the health and wellbeing of communities surrounding the site (including those at some distance from the site) by reason of odour nuisance. Accordingly, it is considered that continuation of landfill operations at this site cannot be undertaken or controlled to the required extent to ensure that no such adverse impacts occur in future. Accordingly, it is considered that the only way to prevent odour problems arising from this particular site is to cease landfill operations. The proposal is thus considered to be contrary to Policies SP2, SP16, EN8 of the Local Development Plan.

6. **APPLICATION NO. P2018/0511 - TIP 871, PWLLAWATKIN**

Officers made a presentation to the Planning Committee on this Application (The variation of Condition 1 (to extend the operational lifetime of the site until 2025, followed by a year for restoration works) 2, 5, 6, 8, 15, 19 & 21 (to reflect the submitted updated plans and statements) attached to planning permission P2014/0693 at Pwllfa Watkin Refuse Tip (Tip 871), Pontardawe Link Road To Baran Road, Pontardawe SA8 4RX) as detailed in the circulated report.

The local ward members were present to give their representations, as well as the agent for the applicant, and a Planning Officer from Carmarthenshire Council.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Officers' recommendations, subject to Welsh Ministers' withdrawing their Holding Direction under Article 18 of the Town and County Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 and subject to the conditions detailed in the circulated report, Application No. P2018/0511 be approved.

7. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING DELEGATED ARRANGEMENTS**

RESOLVED: That the changes to the current scheme of delegations, in relation to Planning delegated arrangements, as set out at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

8. **APPEALS DETERMINED 2020**

Members received a list of Appeal Decisions which had been determined in 2020, as detailed within the circulated report. Members had been provided with copies of these decisions by email, but they had not yet been reported at the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9. **DELEGATED DECISIONS - 28 JANUARY TO 7 DECEMBER 2020**

Members received a list of Planning Applications which had been determined between 28 January and 7 December 2020, as detailed within the circulated report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON