

Clerk

From: Clerk
Sent: 10 January 2020 09:57
To: 'dwigfield@solihull.gov.uk'
Subject: Planning Consultation for The Brickworks:-

Dear David,

Response to Planning Application PL/2019/02803/PPFL. Change of use of land within approved mineral extraction area for relocation of nearby training area:-

The Parish Council strongly objects to this latest application.

The site for the proposed new training area is not currently used, is laid to pasture and forms part of a larger site all of which lies within the Green Belt. As such the applicant must demonstrate that 'very special circumstances' exist to enable planning permission to be granted.

We do not believe the applicant has demonstrated that 'very special circumstances' exist and request that planning approval be refused.

Policy P17 of the Solihull Local Plan 2013 relates to " *Countryside and Green Belt* " and states that " *the Council will not permit inappropriate development in the Green Belt, except in very special circumstances* " and goes on to say that a number of (5 in fact) provisions shall apply to development in the Green Belt . A number of these do not apply to this particular application but provisions 3 and 4 do. Provision 3 states that reasonable expansion of established business into the Green Belt will be allowed if the proposal would make a significant contribution to the local economy. We can see no evidence that this would be the case. We believe that this application does not meet provision 4 which states that where re-use of buildings or land is proposed the new use and associated use of land " *should not conflict with or have a materially greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt* ". The proposed site is, as we have stated above, currently pasture land separated by hedges and trees from the main site and hence any activity described in this application, we suggest, has a major impact of the openness of the Green Belt.

The adopted Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan has many references to protecting the Green Belt and Objective 5 states " *Safeguard the Green Belt within the Parish as an integral and important part of the local Arden landscape and heritage* ".

The overall site has been the subject of a number of planning applications and where they have been conditionally granted it is our experience that many of the conditions relating to mitigation have never been fulfilled to the satisfaction of local residents. Paragraph 4.8 of the Planning Statement quotes an extract of the NPPF which states " *the development is sensitive to its surroundings* " but we can find no evidence that this application fits this criteria. The design of the site itself with the noisiest equipment moving closer to residents is in itself proof of this.

We are somewhat surprised that no reference is made in the application for lighting of the site. Based on the information provided in the application it is obvious that the site would be operating during the winter months where lighting would be required and any light emanating from the site would likely have an unacceptable impact on local residents. We believe that lighting issues on the current site have been a constant bone of contention with local residents which have never been successfully resolved.

Bearing in mind the points that's we have made we request that the application is refused.

Kind regards.

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