

PUBLIC MEETING

Village Hall

5.00pm Sunday, 22nd June 2014



1. To consider a Planning Application for a Wind Turbine on Land at Barracks Farm, Papplewick



2. To consider a Planning Application for the installation of road humps at Papplewick Crossroads



Barracks Farm Wind Turbine

An application has now been made to Gedling Borough Council for planning permission to erect a wind turbine on land forming part of Barracks Farm. The proposed structure will stand 77m tall to the blades' uppermost tip.

The application site falls within Nottingham's Green Belt. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework states that, "inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances." [para. 87] It goes on to say, "When located in the Green Belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development." [para. 91] If erected the turbine will be visible from the Papplewick Conservation Area and over a much wider area. This is your opportunity to have your say on a structure that may be present within the parish for many years to come.

Full details of the application can be found at: <https://pawam.gedling.gov.uk/online-applications/> by inserting the application number 2014/0556 into the search box.

A similar application for a wind turbine on farmland at Woodborough Park was made to Gedling in 2011. Objectors raised various concerns about the matter resulting in an appeal against planning permission being granted to the Court of Appeal in London. Last month that appeal was successful and the court judgement provides much useful information on the considerations to be given to these applications. The Appeal Court's judgement in the case of Holder -v- Gedling Borough Council [2014] EWCA Civ 599 can be read at: <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2014/599.html>

The Parish Council has been asked to oppose the application, largely based on the turbine's visual impact on the Green Belt and Papplewick Conservation Area. Our only way of gauging the level of local opposition is by parishioners' direct contact with the Parish Council. If parishioners do not attend this meeting, or let us know their feelings on the matter prior to the meeting, then we will have to assume they do not hold strong views one way or the other.

Crossroads Road Humps

In November last year, Co-operative Estates submitted an application to Gedling Borough Council for the 'Demolition of two properties on Papplewick Lane to provide access for a residential development, education provision, public open space and attenuation ponds with access defined and all other matters reserved.' The Parish Council, along with Linby Parish Council and Brownfield First, has repeatedly opposed this application, partially because of the additional traffic this development will inflict on the parish. On 3rd June, the applicants added additional documents to their application including a proposal for the installation of a plateau at the Crossroads, along with associated road humps.

This application will have severe implications for those residents living near the junction and for anyone passing through it, whether by vehicle or on foot. It will not, however, do anything to reduce the expected increase in traffic levels as a result of the development itself. Details of the proposed plateau and associated works can be found by inserting application number 2013/1406 into the search box at <https://pawam.gedling.gov.uk/online-applications/> and scrolling down to the foot of the page, document 71.

Email Notifications

Anyone wishing to have their email address added to the Parish Council's mailing list should contact the Clerk at clerk@papplewick.org. We can then forward details of any future proposals similar to the above, together with news and dates of forthcoming Council meetings, in a timely fashion.

And Finally - Please Remember

Best Kept Village - first round judging is now under-way. Please keep your bit of the parish tidy.

Next Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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