

WALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Tom Althorpe

Clerk: Nicola Wright

Minutes of Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel Room, Gold Street

Present: Cllr Andy Laker (Vice Chair), Cllr Barbara Evans, Cllr Narinder Hammond, Cllr Craig Evans,
Cllr Brian Hamilton

Clerk: Nicola Wright

Cllr Andy Laker – Vice Chair, Chaired the meeting.

Draft Minutes

24/322	APOLOGIES
Apologies received: Cllr Tom Althorpe, Cllr Alan Staples	
24/323	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None	
24/324	CONDUCT A PUBLIC SESSION
Council received statements from 3 members of the public in relation to agenda item 24/325	
<p>Resident 1. Response from public Questionnaire issued to residents from a group of concerned residents. 430 Questionnaires delivered. 54 responses. 48 with major concerns (43 using Newlands as recreation). 5 with some concerns (3 using Newlands for recreation). 2 no concerns (1 using Newlands as for recreation).</p> <p>Resident 2. Raised concerns regarding; 1. the substation near New Lodge. 2. The industrialisation of the rural landscape and how residents can't visualise the scope and scale. 3. Using arable land and not brown field sites. 4. This project is about money and not green energy. The company the director has been director of 68 solar energy companies since 2008 so the interests are not local. 5. Does not see any benefit or interest to the local community that the proposed solar farm could impact.</p> <p>Resident 3. In response to the Scoping Report the following points were made. 1. Stuart Andrew MP for Daventry should be included as a statutory consultee. 2. Use of Newlands as a 'Quiet Lane' and Green Lane as a permissive right of way, make clear that the viewpoints from here need to be included (Site A). 3. Unreasonable to treat site A and A2 as one in the same. Viewpoints for A2 need consideration. 4. Contamination and pollutants need scoping in to the report as the drainage will take contamination in to Pitsford Reservoir. 5 Property Values should not be scoped out of the report. 6. Impact of Trees should not have been scoped out. 7. Glint and Glare on PROW's should not be scoped out</p>	
24/325	GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM – Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Notification & Consultation
<p>Council RESOLVED to the following comments in relation to a review of Green Hill Solar Farm's approach to the EIA as set out within their Scoping Report. Comments can be read in conjunction with the report which can be found at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010170/EN010170-0000GHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Report.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Consultees (Page 13) – Request the inclusion of Stuart Andrew the MP for Daventry Constituency.• Section 3 – The Site and Its Wider Context – For Site A it should be noted that Newlands Road is a quiet lane. Quiet lanes are designated minor rural roads intended to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the mobility impaired. They are designed to enable users to enjoy country lanes in	

greater safety and encourage car drivers to respect more vulnerable road users. Viewpoints should be added from Newlands Road looking East.

Green Lane, off Newlands Road, is currently a well-used permissive route. Viewpoints looking east and west from Green Lane should be added.

Site A2 is very different in character from Site A and, therefore, cannot be judged to be similar to Site A. Therefore, a full assessment needs to be undertaken separately from Site A.

- **Section 6 – Climate Change** – Consideration should be given to including the impact of reflective heat from the solar panels.
- **Section 7 – Landscape** – A review of Table 7.1 on page 127 has been undertaken, and it includes the visual locations for Site A, however, no visual impact statement points are noted for Site A2, which has a completely different visual impact. Consideration should be given to additional viewpoints as below:
 - For Site A2, consideration for further viewpoints from the Bridleway to the south and from Kettering Road;
 - For Site A, consideration to additional viewpoints from Newlands Road as it is a designated Quiet Lane; and
 - For Site A, consideration to viewpoints from Green Lane off Newlands Road.

The EIA Scoping Report states that Sites A and A2 will not have a panoramic impact. This is incorrect, as A2 has a panoramic aspect across the valley from Kettering Road.

- **Section 14 – Noise** – Site A2 has been omitted and assumptions for Site A2 should not be made based on Site A.
- **Section 15 – Glint and Glare** – Consideration should be given to Glint and Glare affecting the following routes:
 - Newlands Road with ‘Quiet Lane’ status and Green Lane off Newlands Road;
 - A43;
 - Kettering Road (leading to the A43 from Walgrave);
 - Bridle Way running one length of Site A2;
 - Equestrian Stables on Newlands Road;

There is a private airstrip on Lavender Hill, just off the A43 North of Redhouse Road, that has not been considered in the scoping document.

If Site A2 were to go ahead, this would be close to Sywell Aerodrome and this needs consideration.

- **Section 18 - Socio-Economics** – Request that the impact on house prices be scoped in.

24/326	NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th September 2024
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The meeting ended at 8.30pm