

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	27 JUNE 2018	5
PLANNING APPLICATION LCC/2014/0101 – PROPOSED EXPLORATION WELLSITE ON LAND ADJACENT TO ROSEACRE WOOD, ROSEACRE ROAD, ELSWICK FYLDE COUNCIL APPLICATION REFERENCE: 14/0440			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Council has received a letter from Lancashire County Council dated 13 June 2018, seeking comments on an updated Environmental Statement prepared by Cuadrilla in relation to a county matter application 2014/0101 – (FBC reference 14/0440) Proposed Exploration Well site on land adjacent to Roseacre Wood, Roseacre Road, Elswick.

A copy of the letter and the associated documentation is attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To invite the committee to comment on the correspondence attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Planning Committee on 18 January 2018, RESOLVED:

1. The Head of Planning and Housing is instructed to prepare and submit a response to LCC which outlines that Fylde Council objects to the additional information provided in support of the appealed application on the basis that:
 - Matters of highway safety have not been adequately addressed and that the proposed red and green routes which are along narrow country roads with tight bends and restricted forward visibility are not appropriate as an alternative or additional access to the appeal site. It is also recommended that the views of Highways England be obtained in regard to the proposed increase in turning movements at the A585 Thistleton Junction.
 - The number of passing places that it is proposed are constructed to allow the use of these roads demonstrates that the overall highway network is inherently unsuitable to provide access routes to the site and that the overall impact on the local highway network will be severe.
2. That the Head of Planning and Housing should liaise with officers at Lancashire County Council to establish whether they believe it would be helpful to have a Fylde Council presence at the Public Inquiry in April.
3. That irrespective of the outcome of the discussions in item 2 a written representation be made to the Inspector on behalf of Fylde Council.
4. That should the outcome of items 2 and 3 above be such that the Chairman of the Planning Committee

concludes it is beneficial that Fylde Council be represented at the Public Inquiry to support its position as expressed in item 1, then appropriate representation be made at that Inquiry.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. As a consultee, the Council's Planning Committee was invited by Lancashire County Council to comment on a County matter application LCC/2014/1010. This was listed on the planning agenda for consideration at 18 January 2018 meeting as application reference 14/0440.
2. A summary of the Planning Committee's decision in January 2018 is listed above.
3. Members are reminded that the application was refused by Lancashire County Council and a public inquiry to consider the appeal by Cuadrilla Elswick Ltd was held in 2016. Following a re-opened public inquiry that took place in April 2018, and the elapse of time since the original planning application, Cuadrilla have prepared an update to the original Environmental Statement covering key areas which are listed on the letter attached.
4. Members are asked to note that transport is not specifically covered within the Supplementary Environmental Statement as these issues were covered in the Revised Traffic Proposals which were consulted upon prior to the start of the re-opened public inquiry.
5. The County Council have asked for a response to the matter within 21 days of the date of their letter. In view of the publication requirements for the agenda, a verbal update and analysis will be given at the meeting.
6. The document attached should assist the Committee in the determination of the matter.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising directly from this report
Legal	None arising directly from this report
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	Covered in the report and documentation
Health & Safety and Risk Management	Covered in the report and documentation

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Letter from LCC	13 June 2018	Attached

Attached documents

Appendix 1 : Copy of the letter dated 13 June 2018 and relevant documents.