

Planning Applications in the Commons Ward 2021 Status Report May 2021

Planning Application 8/20/0920/FUL 83, The Grove /Elm Avenue Corner (ex GP surgery): The original application was for 5 apartments now resubmitted for 4, status under consideration.

Planning Application 8/20/1191/FUL 150-156 River Way: Construction of 3 new homes on land rear of 150-156 River Way, status under consideration.

Planning Application 8/19/1589/OUT 74,Hurn Way: Outline planning consent for construction of a Care Home with Associated parking and Landscaping, status under consideration.

The R.A. lodged an objection in 2020.

The R.A. approached Councillor Margaret Phipps for comment regarding the excessive amount of time the Planning Officers are taking to arrive at a decision regarding this application, this is her reply:

"I asked for an update from Planning Dept. on 12th May and basically said that this application had been going on for too long and we need a decision. This is the answer I got."

"The Planning Officer is continuing to work on the Hurn Way report. It has been necessary to go through 179 objections on the file in order to ensure these responses are captured in the case officer's report, which is a laborious task. When it is ready for decision, we will let you know. We appreciate your frustration at the delay in determining the application. However, we are still in a perfect storm situation whereby we are carrying a number of vacancies whilst being in receipt of record numbers of applications. The no. of applications received last summer after we came out of the first lockdown were at record levels both locally and nationally. In the months of Feb – Apr 2021 we exceeded these previous records in each month. We are currently on course to exceed these records again in May."

Planning Application 8/21/0410/OUT Corner of Barrack Road and The Grove. Outline Planning application for 51 Flats and 4 Dwelling houses with associated parking. Application Under Consideration.

End date for Consultation 05/06/2021

The R.A. lodged an objection May 2021

Planning Application 8/21/0207/FUL Eco Composting Chapel Lane Proposed development of a low carbon Energy Recovery Facility, status under consideration.

THE INCINERATOR (This is really what it is)

There are hundreds of objections to this application lodged on the BCP planning portal website, and many different reasons are given. Any objections should relate to policies in the Waste Local Plan, where this site is shown under Inset 7.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-county-council/waste-planning-policy/2019-waste-plan.aspx>

As well as objections from residents across the BCP Council area, other objections are from Hurn Parish Council, Bournemouth International Airport and **JSCH Residents Association**. Due to being contacted by many residents, Ward Councillor Margaret Phipps, supported by newly elected Councillor Vanessa Ricketts, has "called in" the application. This means that the application, if recommended for grant by the BCP Planning Officer, must come before the full planning committee and cannot just be granted under delegated powers by the officer. This ensures that the application will have a full debate by Members of the Planning Committee. Ward Cllrs. will be allowed to address the Committee setting out residents' objections whilst the applicant or their agent will also be allowed to speak in support of their application.

The Policies in the Waste Plan under which Cllr. Phipps has called the application to Committee are:

Policy 1 – Sustainable Waste Management – The facility will undermine local recycling efforts as much of the imported rubbish will be recyclable. Energy from Waste is not a low carbon technology. Will encourage waste to be imported and transported by road from areas further afield in the country to keep the incinerator burning, putting more traffic on the roads and creating more noise and more emissions

Policy 12 – Transport and Access – The access to the site is poor, with a single track road. It already serves the current Eco Composting Business and the Fencing Centre. The road is not suitable for so many more heavy lorries per day, every day.

Residential properties at the Chapel Gate end of Chapel Lane already suffer from noise, vibration, dust and emissions from lorries. This will make it much worse.

Policy 13 – Amenity and Quality of Life – Emissions from stack and increased emissions from more lorry traffic over 25 years. Too close to Airport Business Park (works place for 1000s of people) and Residential Dwellings

Policy 14 – Landscape and Design – huge visual impact of 38m high stack to be seen from a long distance

Policy 18 – Biodiversity. Proximity to Heathland SSI, detrimental effects to protected environments, habitats and species

Policy 20 – Airport Safeguarding – possible issues with heat, emissions and radar

Policy 21 – Green Belt. The proposal is in the green belt, no exceptional circumstances. NPPF Paras 143 and 147 - EfW is not a valid green energy source

Contrary to the BCP Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan. Incineration exacerbates climate change.

No Identified Need for the Facility. The UK already has an overcapacity of incinerator sites.

The JSCH wish to thank Councillor Margaret Phipps and The Hurn Way Planning Consultant Mr Wayne Barraball for their assistance in compiling this status report.