

CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

WORKING GROUP MEETING TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO OLD SAWMILL SITE AND STATION APPROACH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

HELD AT 730PM ON 2 MAY 2012 IN CHILHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Derrick Kennett (Chair), Alistair Ralph

Parishioners: Alan Baker, Jim Smith, Mike Norton, Trevor Vallis, Yve White, Anthony Perrett, Roy Lincoln, Peter Wead, Alan Rogers

In attendance: Geoff Dear (Parish Clerk)

1. Introduction and Meeting Objectives

Cllr Kennett welcomed attendees and explained that the objective was to consider the reply from Carol Ridings at ABC to the points raised at the previous meeting on 2nd April.

2. Review of feedback from ABC

The main points for inclusion in a further response to ABC were agreed and the clerk agreed to circulate these for review before sending to ABC.

Other points arising were:

2.1 Traffic Volumes

A further traffic survey was not considered worthwhile at this stage.

2.2 Road Safety and Access and Rat Runs

It was decided to focus on safety issues relating to the 3 pinch points (Branch Road, Bagham Lane and the access to the proposed site).

In order to strengthen the case, the clerk was asked to contact Kent Police and Chilham Surgery requesting support for the safety issues being raised.

2.3 Doctors Surgery

The clerk was asked to contact Chilham Surgery for comment on its ability to cope with the extra demand.

2.4 Speed Limit Signs

The clerk was asked to raise an FOI request with Kent Highways asking for the number of times since 2007 that the bollards at junction of A28 with A252 and the junction of Bagham Road with A252 had been damaged.

3. Any other business

It was agreed that issues concerning the developers Energy Strategy raised by Boro Cllr Marriott should be picked up CPC planning committee.

4. Next steps

The clerk was asked to send the response (once reviewed and agreed) to ABC and notify them that CPC request the opportunity to address the ABC planning committee meeting considering the 2 applications.