



Planning Committee Minutes

Thursday 20th June 7:00PM

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Langford (Chair) Cllr Riley, Cllr Appleby, Cllr Moffat, Cllr Legat

In Attendance: M Leadbitter-Allen (Clerk), Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith, Andy Blaxland (Adams Hendry Consulting Ltd), Barry Woodham (Southern Water)

ACTION

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Andrews
2. Presentation from Barry Woodham from Southern Water & Alex Blaxland of Adams Hendry Consulting Ltd regarding the pre-application proposed pipeline on an above ground 6k pipe from Swarretton to Itchen Abbas. Please see attached presentation for information. Further engagement from Southern Water will start and continue to communicate with the pockets of communities that will be affected by the laying of the pipeline.
3. **Presentation Question and Answer Session:**

Cllr Riley: How much water do the boreholes produce per day?

Under the new licensing laws, the Candover Boreholes are currently allowed to abstract 5 million litres per day. However, Southern Water is applying for a temporary licence to increase that back to 25 million litres per day during the temporary periods of drought, which will be released into the Candover Stream through the Fish Farm.

Cllr Riley: Are the Candover boreholes providing water to the Candover Brook and Itchen daily? Over the last 10 years they have only been used as test pumps, commissioned by Southern Water to operate for a period of months to test what would come out of the ground, to enable the flows into the Candover Stream to be assessed and look at the effect of the draw down on the aquifer and how quickly it would take to recover, reporting back to the Environment Agency enabling discussions around how often the boreholes could be used.



Cllr Riley: Was concerned about the abstractions on the Candover causing environmental problems down river of Alresford during a period of drought when the river was running dry.

Alex assured Cllr Riley that the river would not be running dry. Scientific models used to calculate environmental impact conclude that if the flow of water falls below 198 million litres a day it could cause environmental problems, if this did occur, Southern Water stop abstracting water. However, the Candover Scheme will increase the water in the river, allowing further abstraction to occur at Otterbourne. There are additional boreholes at Twyford.

Cllr Riley: Below the fish farm there are areas of special scientific interest; what are Southern Waters thoughts regarding the impact of the additional water flow on these areas?

Through use of the test pumps it has been noted the water is clean, the issues that are currently being considered are temperature variations, potential for sediment disturbance. However, the current thinking is that the scheme would have a beneficial affect on the temperature by lowering the temperature of the river during a drought. This still needs to be proven.

Cllr Appleby: Will it be a metal pipe.

It is a metal pipe and is mostly in extremely heavy 12m sections rendering it almost completely immobile. As they are moved this will have an impact on the traffic. SW is in dialogue with StreetWorks manager with HCC regarding access routes, crossing etc.

Are the pumps electrically driven? What is the noise level of the pumps?

Alex's understanding that they are self-contained, Alex will check this, also the number and if what the decibel measurement is for these and get back to the Council.

What is the potential noise level of the water within pipes?

Alex will check with the technical and environment team.

Cllr Riley. Any concerns about archaeological disturbance.

Most of the pipeline is overground which limits the possible disturbance of archaeological remains and where the pipe will need to be buried it will be in ground that has already been disturbed i.e. under roads, farm access tracks

Cllr Riley: Is there a larger map showing the proposed pipeline?

Alex will arrange for the Council to be sent one.

Cllr Langford asked if the reason for the water being pumped in lower downstream is because there were no crayfish lower down



No there are crayfish throughout the river, but the White Clawed Crayfish that are below the Fish Farm are more resilient to a faster flow of water.

Cllr Langford enquired about length of the project.

It would be about a year, but aside for the pump during the middle section there would be little activity in the area.

Cllr Legat asked if there was a link to information online.

Barry Woodham replied that yes there will be multiplatform communication

Cllr Langford opened questions to the floor:

Cllr Gordon-Smith expressed his concern over effect on wildlife with the pipe barrier

Ecologists are currently performing a habitat survey, identifying potential habitats i.e where the habitat and foraging area are on different sides of the pipe the pipe will be lifted to accommodate the animals affected.

Member of the Public asked about the timeline? How far in advance do they predict the drought?

Southern Water monitors long range weather forecasts; they also have drought trigger graphs that indicate when period of drought is likely to occur. The 4-month lead time is to mobilise contractors. There is a risk that SW will implement the scheme and the drought will not occur.

Why do SW not leave the pipe in place for the duration of the Scheme?

The landowners would prefer the pipe removed. Plus, the environmental impact of burying the pipe would be more significant.

Is there still a plan for a canal from Scotland to England?

Neighbouring Counties do transfer water between them. There are some other solutions in the pipeline.

What could the Council do to Assist?

Barry Woodham would like to have regular discussions with the Council to get the right message out there. This will be facilitated through the Parish Clerk.

4. Approval of the Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting of 16th May 2019

The minutes were agreed as a correct record. The Chairman, Cllr Langford signed the minutes.

5. Public Participation & Declaration of Interest

No pecuniary interests were declared. Several members of the public attended



from Easton to discuss planning applications [SDNP/19/02472/HOUS \(L\)](#) & [SDNP/19/02745/HOUS \(L\)](#)

6. Planning Applications Received:

a. [SDNP/19/02472/HOUS \(L\)](#)

Bay Tree Cottage 4 Chapel Lane Easton SO21 1EL

Proposal: First floor rear extension

Support

We support the principle but perhaps the development would blend better with the adjacent properties if it had brick elevations rather than painted render

b. [SDNP/19/02584/LIS \(L\)](#)

The Cottage Church Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EH

Proposal: Demolition of building to rear of property and replacement with new extension

Object

We are surprised the application has been validated. It is impossible to decipher the proposals from the application sketches.

The drawings do not mention, the materials, dimensions, architectural detail, trees, levels, services whether they before or after. There is no design, heritage and access statement

c. [SDNP/19/01122/HOUS \(L\)](#)

6 Chapel Field Chapel Lane Easton SO21 1EP

First floor side extension - (Amended plans and description)

Support

No objection to the principle but the dormer looks oversized and the development would look better in scale with the existing building as a first-floor extension with pitched roof

d. [SDNP/19/02754/HOUS \(L\)](#)

Robin Hill Main Road Itchen Abbas SO21 1AT

Proposal: Conversion of remainder of barn to habitable space



Support

Due to the amount of glazing studio the application should demonstrate compliance with the SDNP Dark Skies Technical Advice of April 2018

e. [SDNP/19/02675/LIS \(L\)](#)

East View Church Lane Easton SO21 1EH

Replace cropped hip with full gable, fully glaze new gable, enlarge window to northern elevation, alter fenestration on western elevation, introduce new external door, form patio terrace, enlarge driveway

Support

The application provides for a lot of glazing and refers to mitigation measures to comply with the SDNP dark skies policy, which is commendable, but does not say what these measures are?

f. [SDNP/19/02786/HOUS \(L\)](#)

Newlands Acre Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AT

Construction of a two-storey extension at the rear of the house to accommodate a bedroom and boot lobby; construction of canopy porch over the front door.

Support

The Parish Council recommends that this application is approved.

g. [SDNP/19/02836/FUL \(L\)](#)

West Hill Farmhouse Avington Road Avington SO21 1DE

Renewal of existing planning permission for part 2 storey, part single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing single storey rear extension

Support

The Parish Council recommends that this application is approved.



h. [SDNP/19/02745/HOUS \(L\)](#)

Wheelwrights Avington Park Lane Easton SO21 1EJ

Replacement of existing outbuildings, new flint and brick boundary walls and associated works.

Residents of Easton were given a chance to relay their concerns about the project.

Object

This development is in a prominent position in the centre of the village, it is within the curtilage of a listed building (1156101) and within the Easton conservation area which is scheduled by English Heritage as being at risk and deteriorating (one of 502 out of 6776).

The proposal requires a Listed Building application and the input of the Historic Environment Officer

7. **Items for Consideration:**

None

8. **Date of next meeting: 18th July 2019 at 7:00pm.**

Venue: Martyr Worthy Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.23pm