

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting

held on Tuesday, 07 September 2021 at 19:30

in the Main Hall at Kings Worthy Primary School, Church Lane, Kings Worthy

Attendees

Councillors Ian Gordon (Chair of the meeting), Colin Cossburn Signe Biddle, Mandy Hallisey and Les Haswell

Clerk(s)

Christopher Read

Apologies

None.

Members of the public

Six (including Cllr Steve Cramoysan [Winchester City Councillor] and Cllr Jackie Porter [Hampshire County Council])

P/21/063 – Public question time

A member of the public had no objection the application to increase vehicle movements and it has a positive impact on desensitizing their horses. They stated that the applicant is struggling with the current limit and the application is to allow flexibility for the vehicles arriving on the site, not necessarily to increase to the proposed higher limit.

Another member of public had been speaking to the applicant and they can't always guarantee when the trucks will arrive causing issues with the current limit. They suggested that perhaps this could be dealt with by moving to the weekly average limit, rather than a daily limit.

Another member of public stated that they suspect the new daily limit will be used daily. They have objections to the 8pm cut-off due to the effect on the community and they already go past the current operating times.

Another member of public has objections on safety grounds, particularly at the railway bridge over the railway line. They had seen rubber on the road from Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) braking hard. Due to the height of the bridge parapets cars would not be able to see through the bridge and the only way to deal with this would be traffic lights. This is not appropriate given the nature and location of the bridge.

The applicant stated that they would only accept material from south of Oxford but now they state they will collect material nationwide.

Cllr Gordon noted that the applicants had stated at a previous meeting that the lorry bays would not be used for overnight parking.

Cllr Jackie Porter (Hampshire County Council) stated that the business (applicant) had tried to reach out to neighbors to discuss issues. However, the transport paper is written by their consultants. The original application was agreed by Winchester City Council, but no vehicle limit was set. She noted that due to the recent lorry driver shortages hauliers are looking at using larger HGVs.

Cllr Jackie Porter gave a summary of the response she has submitted. She noted that the site has had enforcement visits and there have been problems with the HGVs in Wonston and Stoke Charity. There are also air quality issues at the A33 junction. The documentation states what the applicant can do but not that they will.

Cllr Steve Cramoysan (Winchester City Council) summarised the highways issues with the access road including the pinch points and the response he submitted. He noted that people are missing the fact that the whole road is too narrow.

P/21/064 – To consider planning applications received since the last meeting

21/00832/HCS

Location: North Winchester Farm, Stoke Charity Road, Kings Worthy, SO21 2RP

Proposal: Variation of condition 7 (volume of waste) and 13 (HGV Movements) of Planning Permission 19/00200/HCS

Discussion

Cllr Cossburn stated that he had worked for a company managing logistics (including driver training and tachographs) and finds it hard to believe that a waste transfer site doesn't know when the vehicles will arrive. The current highways standards appear to have been withdrawn for them to be revised and this includes the guidance notes from Hampshire County Council. However, the maximum width for a HGV transporting an ISO container is 2.55 metres. If the stated minimum width in the traffic assessment is used, that would leave 0.4 metres to allow them to pass, not allowing for wing mirrors.

Due to the lack of a clearly defined highways standard for rural roads of this nature, a rural road design criteria was created for the HS2 rail project. This states that a width of 5.5m is required for two cars to pass at low speed. That criteria states that the minimum width for HGVs is 6.0 metres for occasional use by buses and HGVs, and 6.8 metres where buses or HGVs are likely to pass on a regular basis. There is a 3 hourly bus services that uses part of Lovedon Lane.

The documentation states that there have been no accidents for the last 5-years. The egg farm has been closed for 5-6 years and it is not a through road as HGVs cannot go further than the site. The suggestion of a give way on the old railway bridge would be good but it

does not address the footpath issues on that section of road including the potential for someone to be injured. Cllr Cossburn felt that the information produced is misleading and give no confidence in the safety of the proposed increase.

Cllr Signe Biddle declared an interest and did not take part in the debate or decision.

Cllr Hallisey agreed with Cllr Cossburn's comments and also noted that people who live along the road already have to reverse out of their driveways. A further increase will make this much more dangerous.

Cllr Haswell noted that the numbers used for traffic servicing the chicken farm, which the traffic assessment based their vehicle movements on, does not state how many of the trips were HGVs or smaller vehicles such as cars and vans. Over 54 of the 68 trips were smaller vehicles. Cllr Haswell stated that he had serious concerns about the impact of the proposed increase in HGVs.

Cllr Gordon agreed with the comments made by committee members. He also has concerns given the amount of money spent by Hampshire County Council (HCC) on flood prevention, that the roadside grips are already being damaged by the current HGVs using the road.

Cllr Haswell also stated that according to the report, most trucks will turn right and thus will likely arrive from direction of junction 9. However, if this is the case vehicles waiting to exit Lovedon Lane onto the A33 will likely result in HGVs waiting on the A33 to turn into Lovedon Lane, thus causing traffic issues at the junction and on the A33 itself.

A vote was held with 0 Councillors in favour of the application, 4 Councillors wishing to object and 1 Councillor abstaining.

Cllr Gordon noted that this application should be heard at the HCC committee in October.

Response/Action – Based on the above Cllr Cossburn will draft an objection and send it round to Councillors for comment before submission.

20/01188/HCS

Location: Land at Down Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy SO23 6RG

Proposal: Importation and storage of road planings for crushing and screening to create recycled aggregate, including associated buildings, structures and vehicle parking

Discussion

Cllr Gordon stated that he has concerns that the trucks will try and access the site through Kings Worthy.

Cllr Porter (Hampshire County Council) noted that this application is a result of enforcement action. Hampshire County Council also have an interest in the site as they will be using the site to recycle road planning. She also noted that part of the haul road will run alongside a new £250,000 cycle path and the proximity of trucks could cause drainage issues on the path.

Response/Action – It was unanimously agreed to support Cllr Porter’s comments submitted to Hampshire County Council.

P/21/065 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

P/21/066 – Chairman’s Notices

None.

P/21/067 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on the 21 September 2021

None.

Meeting Closed at 20:23.

Signed:

Date:

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