

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in

Hangar 42, Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground & Aerodrome  
Bath Lane, Bruntingthorpe near Lutterworth LE17 5QS

10 January 2018

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Spendlove-Mason (Chairman)

Councillors: Bannister, Bateman, Bowles, Mrs Burrell, Champion, Dunton, Elliott, Evans, Galton, Graves, Hadkiss, Hammond, Dr Hill, Holyoak, Johnson, King, Knowles, Modha, Nunn, Mrs. Page, Rickman, Mrs Robinson, Rook, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Wood.

Officers: E. Bird, A. Eastwood, S. Hamilton, M. Patterson, N. Proudfoot, G. Rees and V. Wenham,

Other: S. Bird (Queens Counsel) and J. Billingsley (The Landscape Partnership)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Ackerley, Beesley-Reynolds, Bilbie, Brodrick, Chapman, Dann, Hall, Hallam, Liquorish, Pain and Tomlin.

The Chairman announced that Planning Committee rules of debate would be used for the agenda item on the Call-In of the Planning Application.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- Cllr Bannister* Councillor Bannister stated that as a result of past representations and actions that he had taken with regards to previous applications relating to Magna Park, legal advice had indicated that he may be at risk of being unable to properly demonstrate that he had an open mind when considering the application. He would withdraw from the Council meeting and may sit in the public gallery.
- Cllr Rook* Councillor Rook stated that he had been Leader of the Council for 3.5 years culminating in the adoption of the Core Strategy in 2011. Due to his previous relationships with IDI Gazeley Ltd he was unable to approach the decision-making with an open mind, and as he considered himself to be pre-determined on the matter he would not be taking part in the debate and would be leaving the meeting and the building.
- Cllr Bateman* Councillor Bateman stated that he had spoken at previous application hearings specifically in relation to the “*db symmetry*” application for Magna Park. Therefore he had an open mind and wished to take part in the debate and vote.
- Cllr Mrs Page* Councillor Mrs Page had been actively involved with action groups and residents with regard to a number of the Magna Park applications. She had

spoken out in relation to the application and legal advice had advised that she had pre-determined and fettered her discretion. She would speak as Ward Member and would leave the table and not participate in the debate and discussions.

## SITE INSPECTIONS

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the following Members attended a site inspection arranged prior to the meeting: Councillors Ackerley, Elliott, Evans, Graves, Dr Hill, King, Spendlove-Mason, Rickman and Rook.

## CALL-IN OF PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MRS PAGE AND WITH THE EXPLICIT SUPPORT OF COUNCILLORS ACKERLEY, GALTON, DR HILL, MODHA, MRS ROBINSON AND MRS WOOD

The Chairman reported the following had been received :-

To consider a call-in of Planning application submitted by Cllr Mrs Page and with the explicit support of Cllrs Ackerley, Galton, Dr Hill, Modha, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Wood:

“Magna Park Hybrid Application 15/01531/OUT

I would like to exercise my constitutional right under Par.4 – Part 3 to call the application in to the HDC Full Council for reconsideration at Full Council. That was discussed and debated on 23<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Reason for the call-in:

The recommendation to approve 239 hectares of agricultural land is premature in the light of the emerging Local Plan. It will increase the overall housing numbers for the district prior to the council considering the response to the local plan consultation, and without consideration of the local plan Inspectors input.

New local plan Policy BE2 was prematurely applied. Until the plan is adopted Policy CS7h (CS 2011) still applies but with limited weight.

The landscape impact is severe and outweighs the economic benefit. Para 132 and 134 of the NPPF has not been considered fully

Regards  
Rosita Page”

The application was originally considered at the Planning Committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, and subsequently “called-in” as above.

Council’s attention was drawn to the report and to the additional information and written representations made in respect of the application. A presentation by Officers was followed by a significant number of registered speakers addressing the Council on the application.

The Committee adjourned between 9.05pm and 9.17pm

The Council considered the issues raised and comprehensively debated the application.

It was moved by Councillor Modha, seconded by Councillor Wood that the application be REFUSED.

The reasons for refusal were:-

- i) The landscape impact is severe and outweighs the economic benefits. Also it is contrary to Policy CS 17.

At the request of a Councillor, there was a recorded vote on the motion.

For

Councillors Bateman, Dunton, Galton, Graves, Hammond, Dr Hill, Johnson, Knowles, Modha, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Wood (12)

Against

Councillors Bowles, Mrs Burrell, Champion, Elliott, Evans, Hadkiss, Holyoak, King, Nunn and Rickman (10)

Abstentions

Councillor Spendlove-Mason (1)

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

RESOLVED: that the application be REFUSED. The reasons for refusal were :-

- i) The landscape impact is severe and outweighs the economic benefits. Also it is contrary to Policy CS 17.

DURATION OF THE MEETING

During consideration of the above call-in at 9.20pm, and as per the provisions of the Council's Constitution, Part 4, Sections 1, Paragraph 4.2 (Duration of Meetings), it was proposed by Councillor Holyoak and seconded by Councillor Champion and

RESOLVED: That the meeting should continue.

The Meeting ended at 11.41 pm