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|  | **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm via Zoom call** | **Action** |
|  | **Present**: Cllrs Robert Balm, Jessica Kitt, Emily WilliamsClerk-Hayley Livermore |  |
|  | **Open Forum:** None |  |
| 46/20-21 | **Apologies for absence**Michael GingellTessa Pleasants Keith LongWilliam Neale |  |
| 47/20-21 | **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary & other interests** None |  |
| 48/20-21 | **Agree a response to the CWWTPR consultation** The consultation period for the relocation of the water treatment plant ends on 14th September. Site 3 is nearby to Horningsea at Honey Hill. There are 2 other proposed sites at present. It was agreed that our response will be broken down into the following categories: VisualThe structures at the site will be up to 26m high which will disrupt the visuals of the landscape and is not in keeping with a rural area. OdourThe concept of a plant which emits no odour is questionable; smell can only be kept to a minimum. At other waste treatment plants such as in Bedford, nearby residents have complained of smell and having to keep house windows closed. TrafficThe amount of traffic (75 lorries a day, 150 journeys in and out) going to the site throughout the day is a concern. There is currently insufficient infrastructure to cope with this extra traffic to the site. Additionally, the extra traffic will have a negative impact on an already overloaded road network in the area and a danger to cyclists and pedestrians. High ditch road (a proposed entrance) is not currently able to support HGVs.Quy roundabout is already overloaded so any lorries coming from the A14 will only add to the burden of this junction, and currently there is no off ramp for lorries approaching from the east on the A14. WildlifeWildlife at site 3 (Honey Hill area) is unique in the area. There are endangered species of insects found on the site. The establishes hedgerows, plants and trees cannot be easily be replanted and will take a long time for a habitat to re-establish. WellbeingThe proposed site currently provides a green area that is used by people to ramble, cycle, walk dogs and generally enjoy. There are numerous paths that can be used by the public and the area provides an escape from busy lives for residents in the area (e.g. Horningsea, Quy, Fen Ditton). The arrival of a sewage works will almost certainly make the area unattractive for leisure use and take away an area that provides open space.With the advent of a number of developments nearby (Waterbeach New Town, Marleigh Development, NECAAP) there is an even bigger requirement for open spaces and people to be able to relax and enjoy open spaces.Green beltBig issue is the loss of green belt and the precedent this sets. There is no operational need for the works to move at all. A large investment in recent years means that CWWTP does not need to be moved and has enough capacity for the coming decades. We need to protect the green belt to provide open space and wildlife sanctuaries.Impact on local businessesFarmingThe tenants of Gayton Farm have expressed their concerns over the use of this site. Using the site would mean that a large part of the land that they current farm will no longer be used for farming. This will negatively impact their business and livelihood. The farm is an integral part of the community and provide local food and leisure (campsite) to the village. It would be a great loss to the village if the long-established farm were to disappear.Hospitality and retailThe village of Horningsea has two well established and busy pubs. Each with their outdoor, pub garden dining. The risk of odours and smells from the sewage works means that these businesses will be negatively impacted. The garden centre in Horningsea is a business that provides local jobs to people in the village and delivers a ‘destination’ shopping experience for a lot of people from the Cambridge area. The proximity of sewage works to this business may have a negative impact.ConclusionThe site at Honey Hill would have a negative impact on Horningsea and Clayhithe parish for all the reasons mentioned above. It would have a further impact on Fen Ditton, Quy and villages beyond (The Wilbrahams, Teversham, Lode and Bottisham). Horningsea Parish Council believes that this site is the least suitable site out of all three. However, in our opinion, none of the sites are suitable for development of a waste water treatment plant. The fact that all sites sit in the green belt and the fact that green belt should provide a ‘green lounge’ for the Cambridge area means that we need to protect that. Especially because more housing in the area means that we are in greater need of green space.Horningsea Parish Council therefore rejects the development of Site 3 in particular and any sites in the green belt in general.Agreed to finalise comments by email and submit by 14th September to Anglian water. |  |
| 49/20-21 | **To accept matters for the next agenda****Meeting to be held Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm via Zoom call** |  |