

Minutes

Planning Committee 23rd August 2022



Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
J Abbott	Yes	F Ricci	Yes
Mrs J Beavis	Apologies	Mrs W Scattergood (Chairman)	Yes
K Bowers	Yes	P Schwier	Yes
H Johnson	Yes	Mrs G Spray	Yes
D Mann	Yes	Mrs S Wilson	Yes
A Munday	Yes	J Wrench	Yes
Mrs I Parker	Yes		

31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:-

Councillor D Mann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 22/01147/FUL - Land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead), Sudbury Road, Bulmer as Councillor S Bolter, who was speaking at the meeting during Question Time on behalf of Gestingthorpe Parish Council, was known to him in his former professional capacity, and as Councillor Bolter was a former Elected Member of Braintree District Council.

Councillor Mrs I Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 22/01147/FUL - Land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead), Sudbury Road, Bulmer as Councillor D Holland, who was speaking at the meeting during Question Time on behalf of The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council, was known to her, and as she had attended various presentations in the past regarding the proposal by National Grid Electricity Transmission.

Councillor Mrs W Scattergood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 22/01147/FUL - Land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead), Sudbury Road, Bulmer as the Braintree District Ward Councillor for Stour Valley South in which the proposed development would be located. Councillor Mrs Scattergood stated also that Councillor S Bolter and Councillor D Holland, who were speaking at the meeting

during Question Time on behalf of Parish Councils within the Ward which she represented, were known to her. Councillor Mrs Scattergood stated that she had attended Parish Council meetings at which the application had been discussed, but that she had not made her view about the application known.

Councillor P Schwier declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 22/01147/FUL - Land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead), Sudbury Road, Bulmer as the Elected Member for the Hedingham Division of Essex County Council in which the proposed development would be located. Councillor Schwier stated that he had been aware of the consultation processes carried out by National Grid and he had attended various Parish Council meetings at which the application had been discussed, but that he had not made his view about the application known.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion when the application was considered.

32 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9th August 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were three statements made about the following application. Those people who had registered to participate during Question Time made their statements immediately prior to the Committee's consideration of the application.

Application No. 22/01147/FUL - Land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead), Sudbury Road, Bulmer

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions.

34 **PLANNING APPLICATION DEFERRED**

DECISION: That the undermentioned planning application be deferred to enable the Planning Development Manager to seek from the applicant further clarification regarding the calculation of Biodiversity Net Gain; further detail regarding external lighting; a detailed landscaping plan; and also to explore the feasibility of moving the existing pylon (nearest A131) further West, which would facilitate moving the sub-station compound further Westwards and enable an increased landscape/screening area to be created to the East; and any other matters which the Planning Development Manager considers appropriate to clarify. Details of this planning application are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Development</u>
*22/01147/FUL (DEFERRED)	Bulmer	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	A new 400/132 kilovolt (kV) Grid Supply Point (GSP) substation including two supergrid transformers, associated buildings, equipment and switchgear, a single circuit cable sealing end compound, a new permanent vehicular access to the public highway, associated landscaping (including boundary fencing, an area for Biodiversity Net Gain, and landscape mounding) and drainage, land adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood, West of A131 (in the Parishes of Bulmer and Twinstead) Sudbury Road.
Councillor D Holland attended the meeting and spoke against this application on behalf of The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council prior to the Committee's consideration of the application.			
Councillor S Bolter attended the meeting and spoke against this application on behalf of Gestingthorpe Parish Council prior to the Committee's consideration of the application.			

35 **PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSED**

DECISION: That the undermentioned planning application be refused for the reasons contained in the Planning Development Manager's report. Details of this planning application are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Development</u>
*22/00243/FUL (REFUSED)	Hatfield Peverel	Mr Steve Amann, Journey Transport Planning Ltd	Proposed agricultural access from the public highway B1137, to access agricultural fields to the west of Waycotts, land South of The Vineyards.

PLEASE NOTE: The full list of standard conditions and reasons can be viewed at the office of the Planning Development Manager, Council Offices, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB.

(Where applications are marked with an * this denotes that representations were received and considered by the Committee).

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Councillor Mrs W Scattergood
(Chairman)