

Development Control Committee – 19 January 2022

Update Sheet

Item 6 – West Lancashire Borough: application number LCC/2021/0045 Retrospective change of use of haulage yard to waste recycling (skips) on land at 410 Southport Road, Scarisbrick

Representations

A further representation has been received to express disappointment that the application is recommended for approval. The resident also wishes to raise concern that waste water is entering an open ditch on the site, which then runs across their property to empty into an open ditch bordering their property and a neighbouring farm. It is also stated that the skip business functions six days a week, with noisy machinery picking through the tipped skips to sort the waste. This should not be approved in a residential area in green belt.

A number of photographs have been submitted showing the perimeter of the existing wider site.

Advice

In the first instance the resident has been advised to contact the Environment Agency's incident hotline with any concerns regarding waste water pollution. The Environment Officer for the site has also been made aware.

The committee report already recommends a number of controls on operations at the site to minimise local disturbance while also recognising that the site has a history of storage, parking and haulage yard use. The site operator will also need an Environmental Permit to continue with waste management activities and this would include further assessment and scrutiny of waste handling and pollution control.

Nevertheless, in view of the concerns regarding waste water issues and drainage at the site, two additional conditions are recommended as follows:-

8. Provision shall be made for the collection, treatment and disposal of all water entering or arising on the site to ensure that there shall be no discharge of contaminated or polluted drainage to ground or surface waters.

Reason: To safeguard local watercourses and drainage and avoid the pollution of any watercourses or groundwater resource or adjacent land, and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

9. All foul water drainage shall be discharged to a public sewer or else to a sealed watertight tank.

Reason: To safeguard local watercourses and drainages and avoid the pollution of any watercourse or groundwater resource or adjacent land and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.