

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY
PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 March 2021, BEGINNING AT
7.30 p. m., USING 'ZOOM' ONLINE PLATFORM**

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman)
Cllrs Jules Baldwin, David Barlow, Mark Bloomfield (from item 21/128),
Kaylash Juggurnauth, Andrew Noble and Alan Pinnock.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Urška Sydee (Clerk)
District Council Cllr Geof Driscoll
28 members of public

Chairman greeted and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. He explained rules of debate.

21/126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Uttlesford District Council Cllr Neil Reeve and Essex County Cllr Susan Barker.

21/127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The Chairman explained of known recent activities on the site: last year August bank holiday it was noticed that the trees are being felled so Uttlesford District Council Enforcement was called on site; but nothing could be done as permission was obtained. As soon as the Council learned of planning application UTT/21/0332/FUL, Council asked to call in the planning application which means that should the officer be minded to give permission, UDC's Planning Committee make decision which means it is discussed. He organised that the notice with some information regarding planning application UTT/21/0332/FUL was delivered to every household, together with Great Hallingbury Highlights.

21/128. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public raised several points:

- permission not obtained for all trees that were felled
- some people don't have access to internet, so they have no way to object

19.38 – Cllr Mark Bloomfield joined the meeting

- no notice on property
- valid reasons to the planning consent: traffic is essential. It would cause transport issues on A120, A1143; access focused on the size and volume of vehicles. Objections should be access focused on transport: access, vehicles moving onto very busy intersection of the M11, and 24/7 operation; failing this focus should be on extensive landscapes.
- it affects those living at the top of Start Hill the most
- no new employment opportunities as claimed, as it is just moving the location from Stansted; it would cause only upheaval, traffic, problems, accidents
- lack of information

- lack of time to object
- lack of communications
- no sound survey re noise increase, archaeological survey, wildlife / endangered species survey – land being untouched for circa 100 years
- two properties were not included as well as some gardens – it seems that very old maps were used as the double track railway is still shown
- width of the road is a concern
- no pavement so walkers must use road: wide vehicles on a not enough wide road – walkers, cyclists, runners safety issues; it would affect all using Flitch Way
- wrong lorry length given; filter lane too narrow
- according to DEFRA website there is a habitual woodland on this location: how could permission to fell the trees be obtained?
- pumping station issues: excess overflow will go in the brook if serious storm happens
- no sound protection from the road because the trees were felled

21.25 - public and Cllrs Jules Baldwin, Mark Bloomfield, Kaylash Juggurnauth and Alan Pinnock left

It was established that the Council is still quorate and can continue with the meeting.

21/129. PLANNING

Application No.

UTT/21/0332/FUL

Site and Development

Land at Tilekiln Green, Start Hill, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM22 7TA

Development of the site to create an open logistics facility with associated new access, parking areas and ancillary office and amenity facilities.

The Council strongly object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

The current infrastructure could not support the increased traffic this development would bring. The junction at Start Hill with the B1256, and its close proximity to the M11 roundabout (Junction 8) already sees much traffic build up from the roundabout and back along Stane Street. This means drivers often divert through the village. The speed and weight of traffic means our roads and verges suffer much erosion, and an increase in traffic would exacerbate the situation.

It will also have a huge impact at the other end of the village with the junction of Church Road and the A 1060 and, as travellers deviate their journeys, it will inevitably send more traffic past Howe Green House School (currently under concern because of speeding traffic issues), across Woodside Green and down New Barn Lane, again in an attempt to circumvent the traffic build up that would transpire should this application go ahead.

Such an increase in traffic would be disastrous for all Great Hallingbury residents who currently risk their lives when out walking because of speeding traffic.

NOTE: UTT/1148/01/FUL Rivendell was refused due to possibly creating too much traffic through the village.

The huge impact this proposal would have on residents local to the site would be unbearable. This would result in a dramatic increase in noise levels, especially noticeable at night with vehicles reversing alarms going, vehicle doors banging, plus engine noise. Light pollution would be a further unwelcome intrusion in the area.

This new application by Wren Kitchens would create, by their own figures given, upwards of 500 vehicle movements per day.
The plans show a great deal of hardstanding/parking areas on the site. Has sufficient drainage also been planned, and where will surface water run to?
It appears there would be no new employment created as it is only a change of location.
If this preposterous proposal is allowed to go ahead, a condition must be that all vehicles without exceptions from the site must not be allowed to turn right to go through the village. Sadly this road is already a 'rat-run' for commuters for the M11, A120 and Stansted Airport.
Should this application go ahead it will irreversibly change the whole dynamic of Great Hallingbury as a village.

The meeting ended at 21.43

Signed.....
(Chairman)

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