

Supplementary Papers

Planning Committee

held in the The Ridgeway (main hall first floor), The Beacon (formerly Wantage Civic Hall), Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY on Wednesday, 18 June 2014 at 6.30 pm

Open to the public including the press

39. Statements, petitions and questions from the public on other matters (Page 2)

A question from Dr Les Clyne was read out on his behalf by the clerk:

"At the meeting of the planning committee on 4 December 2013 at which the go ahead was given for the Grove airfield development, the resolution stated:

'If the outcome of negotiations to finalise the details of the affordable housing, infrastructure or planning conditions varies significantly from those identified above, or if there is an unacceptable delay in progressing towards the issue of a decision, the application will be brought back to the planning committee for further consideration.'

It is now over 6 months since the go ahead was given but as far as I am aware no Section 106 agreement has been signed, and I have had no response to a recent e-mail to a council officer asking for the current estimated date for the signing of the agreement. Please could you therefore tell me when it is expected that the agreement will be signed and also tell me what are the five most important issues that still remain to be resolved."

The Chairman responded by stating that as set out in Standing Order 32 (12) (c) of the council's constitution, a written answer would be sent within ten clear working days of the meeting, and in this particular case circulated to committee members and appended to the minutes on the council's website.

Agenda Item 39

Dear Dr Clyne

Further to my reply to you before the last planning committee and as promised at the planning committee on June 18th, I can confirm that we expect to have an agreed position on the S106 agreement by the end of this week - 4 July. The detailed drafting is ongoing and the Council's aim is to have a legal agreement ready for signing by the end of July. As there are a number of landowners that need to be signatory to the agreement it may take a few weeks to reach a signed agreement.

The issues that we have been working on a largely to do with trigger dates and also specifications for buildings and open space. The package of measures does not vary significantly from that agreed by Planning Committee and it is not envisaged that the application will need to go back to Committee.

Yours sincerely Cllr Robert Sharp Chairman, VWHDC Planning Committee.