

8.1. Clerk's Actions from Planning Committee Meeting held 23rd May 2023

Action Ref.	Agenda Item May	Action	Notes	Agenda Item June
A	<p>10.3.</p> <p>4343/2023</p> <p>Heathfield Landfill</p>	<p>The Clerk was asked to respond to Devon County Council with the following objection and comments:</p> <p>Hennock Parish Council considered this application at their Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May at Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall, agenda item 10.3.</p> <p>We object to this application in the strongest terms due to concerns for the health, well being and safety of our community.</p> <p>ODOUR NUISANCE The complaints we have received directly from our community and also shared in response to this planning application don't match that of the receptors.</p> <p>This is highlighted in the response from the Environment Agency "the site's potential to cause odour nuisance to areas much further than the receptors identified in the planning application Figure 7.2. We have received recent complaints from residents in Chudleigh Knighton and Kingsteignton and our officers have confirmed that the landfill site has been the source."</p> <p>We see this odour nuisance as a significant risk to the mental and physical health of our community, many have taken the time to respond and included statements. See an example below that has been uploaded onto the portal:</p> <p>"The landfill is already causing a potent smell of rotting flesh preventing many residents including myself from enjoying their gardens making us feel physically sick. Not even the height of summer and extreme heat on it yet. There will be an increased smell, gull, fly and rodent activity from the site being made even bigger. I want to enjoy my garden and be able to open all my windows and doors without physically gagging from the stench! Many residents reporting to Environmental health due to experiencing the same thing!"</p> <p>TRAFFIC Hennock Parish Council take any increase in traffic very seriously. The size of these vehicles are going to pose significant wear and tear on roads that are already in a poor state, plus this additional traffic adds to air pollution.</p> <p>As the landfill site was supposed to be closed, it's actually an extra 192 two-way vehicles. Even without the site closing the cumulative impact is still considerable. This will be exasperated when the A38 is closed due to maintenance or accidents which seems to happen regularly.</p> <p>WILDLIFE Hennock Parish Council share the views of Devon Wildlife Trust. Historically we have noted little regard for environmental promises made by the owners of the site, which we see as deeply concerning when we should be aiming to increase the biodiversity.</p> <p>ACTUAL NEED We query the need for landfill to continue in Devon. The figures in the reports show that we are taking waste from outside the county. Have alternative methods been sufficiently explored? Current recycling targets in Devon</p>	Completed	N/A

		<p>haven't been met, so if they did reach their targets there would be less need for landfill. Additionally, this site takes waste from other counties with recycling performances even worse than Devon; we should not be supporting these poor practices.</p> <p>CONCLUSION We feel that the level of consultation around this application has not been sufficient. 10 years and the levels given perhaps should be classed as a major application rather than an extension. We would recommend a shorter period of time for the permitted works to ensure that promises are fulfilled and to encourage restoration work to run parallel with the works.</p>		
B	<p>10.4.</p> <p>4344/2023</p> <p>Central area of the Bovey Basin Clay Workings</p>	<p>The Clerk was asked to respond to Devon County Council with the following objection and comments:</p> <p>Hennock Parish Council considered this application at their Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May at Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall, agenda item 10.4.</p> <p>No objections.</p>	Completed	N/A
C	<p>11.1, 11.2, 11.3</p>	<p>No further action required the decisions for 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 were noted.</p>	N/A	N/A
D	<p>13.</p> <p>22/02205/MAJ</p> <p>Tollgate Farm</p>	<p>The decision was noted. The Clerk was asked to find out if Baker Estates have any ideas on timescales at this stage?</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Baker Estates attending meeting 25th July</p>	13.