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SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor Tony Millward, BEM - In the Chair

Councillors Richard Bright, Steve Bull, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, David Frederickson, Neil Horton, Cate Hunt, Lewis Rose, OBE, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham and Barrie Tipping.

Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Jon Bradbury (Development Control Manager) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

45 members of the public.

Councillors Bob Cartwright and Colin Swindell attended as Ward Members.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ken Bull, Garry Purdy, Geoff Stevens, MBE and Andrew Shirley. Councillors Neil Horton, Barrie Tipping and Andrew Statham attended as Substitute Members.

264/14 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Tony Millward, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

That the minutes of the Southern Area Planning Committee held on 10 February 2015 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

265/14 – APPLICATION NO. 14/00224/FUL – ERECTION OF 5 WIND TURBINES WITH HEIGHT TO BLADE TIP OF UP TO 100M (HUB HEIGHT 59M) AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION BUILDING, NEW AND UPGRADED ACCESS TRACKS FROM MANYSTONES LANE AND B5056, HARDSTANDING, TEMPORARY COMPOUNDS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT LAND AT MANYSTONES LANE, BRASSINGTON

The Committee visited the site and various locations in the surrounding landscape prior to the meeting to fully appreciate the issues involved.

Councillor Neil Horton arrived at 6.05 pm during this item.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, the following members of the public spoke:

Andy Tickle, on behalf of Friends of the Peak District, spoke against the application
Barbara Allsop, local resident, spoke against the application
Mat Adlam-Stiles, local resident, spoke against the application
Niki Adlam-Stiles, local resident, spoke against the application
Simon Croxford, local resident, spoke against the application
Robert Wragg, resident of Ible Parish, spoke against the application
John Scott, representing Peak District National Park Authority, spoke against the application
Dr Peter Owens, local resident, spoke against the application

Fred Knight, local resident (Parwich), spoke mainly in favour of the application
Simon Wildash, local resident, spoke in favour of the application
Nick Bristow, local resident, spoke in favour of the application
Pat Horrocks, on behalf of Brassington Parish Council, spoke in favour of the application
Paul Moran, on behalf of Wirksworth Scouts, spoke in favour of the application
Steven Radford, Applicant, spoke in favour of the application

Councillor Bob Cartwright, Ward Member for Masson, spoke against the application
Councillor Colin Swindell, Ward Member for Winster and South Darley, spoke against the application.

The Development Control Manager advised the Committee that two further representations had been received after publication of the agenda; one in favour of the application on the grounds of meeting renewable energy needs, and one against the application due to the scale of harm to a sensitive landscape that bounded the Peak District National Park.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

RESOLVED That planning permission is approved for the following reasons:

The benefits of renewable energy outweigh the disadvantages of the scheme in terms of its impact on landscape, the setting of the National Park, the setting of heritage assets and impact on the amenity of the residents of Ible. As such the proposal is considered to comply with guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole.

Voting:

For	4
Against	11
Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion defeated.

It was then moved by Councillor Steve Bull, seconded by Councillor Richard Bright and

RESOLVED That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in the report.

Voting:

For

Against 11

Abstentions 4

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The Chairman declared the motion carried.

MEETING CLOSED – 7.50 PM

Chairman