

PLANNING REF : 200711
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Arborfield Village Hall
: Eversley Road, Arborfield
: RG2 9PQ
SUBMITTED BY : Arborfield & Newland Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 22/04/2020

COMMENTS:

It was agreed that the Council supports renewable in principle and is supportive of schemes that promote clean and renewable energy but is also strongly of the opinion that any such application must comply with the Arborfield & Barkham Neighbourhood Plan and the Arborfield Village Design Statement as appropriate. Specifically, the Council discussed and agreed concerns that it feels must be further addressed before a properly informed decision can be considered. The most apparent of these are:

The scheme proposes industrialisation of agricultural land. This is contrary to guidance that such developments should use Brownfield sites. The Council feels therefore that other sites locally could be more suitable.

The ecological, environmental and visual impact is likely to be significant given the proximity of the proposed site to local roads, residences and the amount of

wildlife and habitat that this land supports. Again, the council feels that other sites locally could be more suitable.

The wellknown

flood problems that this site experiences in inclement weather is a major concern

The Parish Council seeks assurances regarding the protection of trees, hedgerows, byways and bridleways, and a commitment that proper investigation and consideration would be given to protect any part of the land that has historical importance.

The Parish Council requests that any such scheme should include the provision of a bond to be provided by the developer or beneficiary securing sufficient funds to restore the land to its former state at the end of the project.

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