

**ELDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**Community Centre  
Eldon**

**Tuesday  
3<sup>RD</sup> March 2020**

**Time: 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillors John Gibson (in the Chair), Paul Henry, Diane Pennington, Graham Scott and Toni Wallace.

County Councillors Shirley Quinn and Brian Stephens.

Tom Bolton – Parish Clerk.

Local Residents from Old Eldon, Eldon Hope and Pasture Row.

**D125/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

An Apology for absence was received from County Councillor Huntington.

**D126/19 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**D127/19 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

**D128/19 QUESTIONS – TO DEAL WITH ANY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman welcomed local residents in connection with the following item and it was agreed that both matters be considered together.

**D129/19 PLANNING APPLICATION No. DM/20/00314/WAS – CHANGE OF USE FROM BRICKWORKS TO A MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY AT WASTE RECYCLING PLANT, ELDON ESTATES DL14 8EA**

The Council considered an oral report and briefing note of the Clerk setting out the background to Planning Application No. DM/20/00314/WAS for a change of use from a brickworks to a materials recycling facility at a waste recycling plant at the former Eldon Brickworks and seeking the views of the Council in relation to a response to the consultation .

Local residents expressed a number of concerns about the impact of the proposal on both new and existing residential developments in Eldon and Old Eldon in relation to the number of vehicle movements, highways safety, loss of amenity etc. It was pointed out that the new development of former Georgian Barns at Old Eldon which had been recently constructed would be adversely affected by the proposals.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Parish Council object to the application and ask that it be called in for consideration by the County Council's Planning Committee, as opposed to being determined under Officer delegation, and that the Parish Council response incorporate its concerns about issues including:

- Serious traffic generation, highway safety and road access issues
- The impact of the proposals on an important development nearby at The Barns, Old Eldon; a high value conversion of a number of Georgian farm buildings which were previously in disrepair.
- Removal of screening trees within the site
- HGV access of the current operation outside of approved hours, lack of vehicle sheeting and the ability of any new operator to control this and enforce advisory 30 mph speed limits by such vehicles on nearby roads
- The need for legal agreements or planning conditions to better regulate HGV movements and avoid use of inappropriate roads if the application is approved.
- The need for a local Liaison Committee.
- Concerns about gaps in the DCC Neighbour notification process.
- The need for a wheel wash facility within the site and regular cleaning of nearby highways to avoid the build up of mud.