

LAND AT COPSHURST QUARRY, LIGHTWOOD ROAD, LONGTON

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SOTCC ref 58703/FUL (NuIBC ref 348/229)

The Borough Council has fairly recently been consulted by the City Council on an application involving an extension to the Etruria Marl workings to the south and west of the currently permitted working area at the above site. The application includes ancillary works, landscaping and the restoration of the site to nature conservation following completion of the workings.

For any comments that the Borough Council may have on these proposals to be taken into account, they have to be received by the City Council by no later than 14th October.

This report is brought to the Committee as an item of urgent business to give the Committee the opportunity to consider on the 15th September whether it wishes to receive a full report on this application at its meeting on the 13th October, or whether in this case it is prepared to delegate its decision to officers.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee delegate to the Head of Planning the authority to respond on behalf of the Borough Council to the request for comments

Reason for Recommendation

The proposal involves a 10.5ha extension to the permitted working area of Copshurst Quarry which is located to the west of the A5005 Lightwood Road at Longton. It is a proposal for Major Development. The Council's Scheme of Delegation authorises the Planning Committee rather than the Executive Director Regeneration and Development to make comment to other Local Planning Authorities when the Borough Council is consulted on proposals for Major Development. In this particular case delegated authority is sought for the reasons indicated below.

Discussion

As indicated above the Council's Scheme of Delegation authorises the Planning Committee rather than the Executive Director Regeneration and Development to make comment to other Local Planning Authorities when the Borough Council is consulted on proposals for Major Development.

It has been the practice to consider how a development within an adjoining authority's area could adversely affect the interests of the Borough. Whilst detailed consideration has not yet been given to the proposed development and the numerous supporting documents provided, including an Environment Statement submitted under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, it is apparent that the proposed development, given the distance of the site from the Borough boundary, would almost certainly not adversely affect any of the Borough Council's interests.

Soundings taken at the Strategic Planning Consultative Group on the 8th September indicate that members of that Group consider that bearing in mind the officer resources required to bring a report on this consultation to the Planning Committee, and that Planning Committee time would be more appropriately spent on matters which do more clearly affect the Borough's interests, this is a matter that could be dealt with under delegated powers.

If Planning Committee are not minded to accept the recommendation and are of the opinion that a full report is necessary, that will be brought to the next Committee meeting on the 13th October.

The application documents are available to view on the City Council's website as associated

documents to application 58703/FUL via, if this report is being viewed electronically the following link <http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/planning/planning-applications/>

Background Papers

Planning application referred to

Date Report Prepared

11th September 2015.