

# Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, 21 November 2024</b>
<b>Start time</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1GH</b>

## Present:

**Chair** Councillor A. Thwaites (Chair)

**Councillors**

J. Mason (Vice-Chair)	P. Allnatt
I. Atherton	S. Atherton
R. Browne	P. Cumbers
M. Glancy	M. Gordon
D. Pritchett	R. Sharp (Substitute)

**Officers**

- Assistant Director for Planning
- Planning Development Manager
- Legal Services Manager
- Planning Development Team Leader
- Senior Planning Officer (RR)
- Planning Officer (AS)
- Democratic Services Officer (SE)
- Democratic Services Officer (BG)

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Minute</b>
PL45	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> An apology for absence was received from Councillor Higgins and Councillor Sharp attended the meeting as his substitute.</p>
PL46	<p><b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2024 were confirmed as a true record.</p>
PL47	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> <b>Minue PL49 – Application 23/00870/FUL</b> <b>Land OS 471599 310649, Leicester Road, Twyford and Thorpe</b></p> <p>Councillor Glancy declared that there could be a public perception of bias due to her family connections in the area therefore she would take no part in the determination of the application, leave the committee and move into the public gallery.</p> <p>Councillor Glancy here moved into the public gallery.</p>
PL48	<p><b>Schedule of Applications</b></p>
PL49	<p><b>Application 23/00870/FUL</b> <b>Location : Land OS 471599 310649, Leicester Road, Twyford and Thorpe</b> <b>Proposal : Installation of a ground mounted solar farm and associated ancillary works</b></p> <p>The Planning Officer (AS) addressed the committee and provided a summary of the application. She reported that an objection had been received from Gaddesby Parish Council that was not included in the report. The objection related to the potential increased risk of flooding in Gaddesby parish and the impact of construction traffic in the villages. These matters were considered in the report. An update to the noise impact assessment had also been received which clarified an error of the number of inverters and substations proposed within the survey and the site layout plan. The noise assessment was now in accordance with the proposed 4 inverters and 1 substation as shown on the site layout. The proposed noise levels of the updated assessment were still under the background noise levels recorded at the sensitive receptors in close proximity to the site and therefore the assessment at paragraph 8.5.6 of the report was still relevant.</p> <p>Members asked questions for clarification.</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 2, Part 9, Paragraphs 2.8-2.28 of the Council’s Constitution in relation to public speaking at Planning Committee, the Chair allowed the following to give a three minute presentation:</p>

- Chris Atkinson, Applicant
- Councillor Higgins, Ward Councillor

Councillor Mason requested that it be recorded that the application could be 'called in' should the drainage scheme not meet the required standard.

Councillor Ian Atherton proposed the recommendation in the report with an additional condition that no construction shall commence until the electricity grid connection had been approved. Councillor Sharp seconded the motion.

**RESOLVED**

**That the application be APPROVED subject to the conditions as listed in detail at section 10 of the report and an additional condition that no construction shall commence until the electricity grid connection had been approved.**

(5 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions)

**REASONS**

The reasons for approval were as outlined in the report.

PL50	<p><b>Urgent Business</b> There was no urgent business.</p>
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The meeting closed at: 7.30 pm