165 CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING TRANSFER STATION TO USE AS A MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOLID RECOVERED FUEL AT WARREN FARM WASTE TRANSFER STATION, DOWNEND ROAD, NEAR FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE (APPLICATION NO: P/10/0848MW) (SITE REF: FA025)

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning and Development (Item 9 in the Minute Book) detailing an application for change of use and subsequent production of Solid recovered Fuel (SRF). This site was visited by Members of the Committee on 8 November 2010.

The Head of Planning and Development confirmed that the traffic levels in and out of the site would remain the same. There was good access to the strategic highway network via a private haul road where no housing was passed. The noise would very rarely exceed background noise levels. The site was an important recycling centre and the proposed production of SRF would divert waste from landfill.

The Committee received one deputation from the applicant, Mr Owen Dimond, who spoke to share his support of the application and confirmed that the nearest residents were 450 metres from the site and should not experience any impact from the noise.

Members also raised concerns over noise on the site, but the officer confirmed that any problems with noise would be picked up and monitored by the conditions as part of the application. It was suggested by Members that in order to make sure the noise levels were not excessive, a one year temporary permission be granted and then readdressed after twelve months. The Head of Planning and Development informed Members that this would result in a lot of time and money from the applicant on an application that could potentially only apply for a year. The recommendation to award a temporary permit was put to the vote but lost.

Members also queried the late working of the site, which would finished at 23:00, whilst excessive noise was not anticipated, Members proposed that a 20:00 finishing time be incorporated as part of the Conditions. The Head of Planning and Development advised that the late working was so the facility could process the large amount of waste and during the evening the doors to the facility would be closed to act as an extra barrier. The extra condition to finish work on the site at 20:00 was put to the vote but lost.

A final query from Members was with regards to working on Bank Holidays. It was noted that in the current conditions, working would only cease on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Members queried why all Bank Holidays were not included in the Conditions and it was confirmed this was because rubbish was collected from households

and recycling centres on Bank Holidays, and so it was important for the site to remain open. The recommendation to close on all Bank Holidays was put to the vote but lost.

RESOLVED:

i. That planning permission in respect of the change of use of existing transfer station to use as a Materials Recycling Facility for the production of Solid Recovered Fuel at Warren Farm Waste Transport Station, Downend Road, near Fareham, Hampshire (Application No: P/10/0848MW) be granted subject to the planning conditions in Integral Appendix B.

Voting:

Favour: 15
Against: 2