



**MEMBERS OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE
SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD
THE BRIDEWELL, THE BURY, ODIHAM, RG29 1NB
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

11 November 2021

Andrea Mann, PARISH CLERK

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

- P117/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
- P118/21 To receive declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda**
- P119/21 Chair's announcements**
- P120/21 To approve the following minutes:**
26 October 2021 P104/21 – P116/21
- P121/21 Public Session**
An opportunity for residents to raise questions and issues within the Parish in accordance with Standing Orders. Please view details at <https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Standing-orders-revised-February-2021.pdf> or email clerk@odiham.org.uk for further advice.
- P122/21 Current planning applications**
- 66/21 Reference: 21/02671/LBC
Address: 1 Albert Cottages Colt Hill Odiham Hook RG29 1AN
Description: Internal removal of incorrect modern material, replacing with the correct breathable heritage lime plasters to allow trapped moisture to release itself from deep within the walls and start breathing again.
Comments due: 15.11.21
- 67/21 Reference: 21/02690/FUL
Address: Land At Lodge Farm , Hook Road, North Warnborough, Hook, RG29 1HA
Description: Construction of building for B2 use with associated car parking and servicing
Comments due: 17.11.21
- 68/21 Reference: 21/02568/LBC
Address: Queen Anne House , 46 High Street, Odiham, Hook, RG29 1LN
Description: To repair outhouse roof and rain guttering.
Comments due: 18.11.21



- 69/21 Reference: 21/02246/FUL
Address: 5 Down Farm Cottage, Alton Road, Odiham, Hook, Hampshire RG29 1QY
Description: Erection of a new dwelling.
Comments due: 19.11.21
- 70/21 Reference: 21/02793/AMCON
Address: The Oaks , Broad Oak, Odiham, Hook, RG29 1AG
Description: Removal of Condition 5 attached to Planning Permission 18/02056/HOU dated 31/10/2018 so Permitted Development Rights under Class E are reinstated.
Comments due: 25.11.21
- 71/21 Reference: 21/02808/HOU
Address: The Oaks , Broad Oak, Odiham, Hook, RG29 1AG
Description: Erection of a swimming pool, ancillary buildings and associated landscaping.
Comments due: 29.11.21
- 72/21 Reference: 21/02761/HOU
Address: 4 Dunleys Hill, North Warnborough, Hook, RG29 1DY
Description: Demolition of sheds, porch and single storey rear projection and erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and single storey front extension.
Comments due: 01.12.21
- P123/21 Previous planning application decisions**
i) To note decisions on the meeting planning list.
ii) To note presentation to the Hart DC Planning meeting 10.11.21 on the Cholsey Farm solar farm application (App 1).
- P124/21 Pre-Applications**
- P125/21 Planning Appeals**
- P126/21 Tree applications and decisions**
- P127/21 Consultation on a Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (page 3-4)**
- P128/21 Planning correspondence**
- P129/21 To note the date of the next meeting:**
Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

OPC decision: Objection

Firstly we ask Hart to consider the cumulative impact of the 4 applications in progress for the development of solar farms in this vicinity. Planning policy does not cover this either locally or nationally. National policy is triggered at 50mW generation potential. This is avoided by a number of applications in one area at 49.9mW which is what is proposed here. However we draw the committee's attention to a case earlier this year where a secretary of state decision to approve a turbine wind farm off the coast of Norfolk was overturned by a High Court judge who ruled that the minister had failed in his duty to properly assess cumulative impacts from the scheme alongside those of a separate nearby wind farm project.

OPC recognises the climate change emergency and the importance of sustainable energy provision. However it is vital to consider the overall impact of any such development to ensure there is indeed a whole life net carbon emission reduction. This presents a dilemma when, contrary to NPPF 170b, development on grade 3a farmland is proposed. This will decrease food production capability, increasing reliance on imports with additional fossil fuel emissions from transport. This is easily solved by situating the solar farms on brownfield sites and other non- food producing land.

We appreciate the reduced footprint and improved screening compared to the original submission, but these still represent a substantial adverse impact on the landscape. There has been significant representation from our residents on this matter.

The LVIA (Landscape Visual Impact Assessment) submitted by the developer admits on Page 45 “the introduction of the solar arrays on arable farmland would have an adverse landscape effect’ with some ‘loss of rural character due to the arrays and loss of openness in the long-term due to the screening effect of planting.” It goes on “the screening will change the character of the footpath, reducing the perceived openness, and having a limiting effect on views to the south”.

As previously submitted we object to this development as it goes against several national and local policies:

1. Our own Neighbourhood Plan policies 5 and 12 – relating to hedging, views, biodiversity
2. Hart District Landscape Assessment – due to its industrial character in this rural location.
3. Hart Local Plan 32 NBE2 - this requires **no adverse** impact on the visual amenity and scenic quality of the landscape.
4. Effect on SSSIs - Greywell Fen and Basingstoke Canal - which the proposed small ecological mitigation will not solve.
5. Hart Policy NBE 10 – which states that renewable energy generation will be supported **provided** adverse visual and landscape impacts are satisfactorily addressed. This is not the case here - the site’s position on rising land renders it visible for miles. Development lower down the hill would reduce the visual impact.

A strong objection has been submitted by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council as it affects their landscape.

Finally, this application will put at risk the current CPRE proposal to designate North Hampshire as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.