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Attachments: Extraordinary meeting of the Planning & Regulation Committee on 27 September 2023.
HIF1 Road.eml

Dear Ms Palmer

I write with reference to the above.

I have concerns that Oxfordshire County Council are making amendments to the decision they made to reject the application on 18 July 2023 and this could be contrary to the call in by the Secretary of State.

Please see attached.

Yours sincerely

Miss V Johnson

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Sent: 24 September 2023 10:01
To: Cllr Richard Webber
Subject: Extraordinary meeting of the Planning & Regulation Committee on 27 September 2023.
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Dear Councillor Webber

On 18 July 2023 Oxfordshire County Council refused the HIF1 planning application 7 votes to 2 with 8 reasons recorded. The application has since been called in by the Secretary of State.

I understand that the Council leadership and Cabinet have called an extraordinary meeting of the Planning & Regulation Committee on 27 September 2023.

This extraordinary meeting is being held with a number of different councillors attending who were not at the meeting on 17 and 18 July 2023. This is very concerning as it appears to be a totally undemocratic attempt by the Council to sidestep the decision to refuse the HIF1 application and to tone down the reasons for refusal in order to influence the planning inquiry to support HIF1.

The called in by the Secretary of State, means the Council, no longer has any jurisdiction to approve or retrospectively amend the reasons for refusal.

The motions before the extraordinary meeting are as listed on your website as:-

It is RECOMMENDED that:

A The Committee considers further each of the eight reasons it resolved to refuse planning application no. R3.0138/21 at its meeting on 17th and 18th July 2023 as set out in this report, and whether it maintains any or all of those reasons in the light of this report.

B Following consideration of A, the committee adopts an overall neutral position and puts forward in its Written Statement to be put before the inspector at the Local Inquiry its reasons for any remaining concern with regard to the impacts of the development on the local community and the environment.

C DELEGATES to the Director of Planning, Environment and Climate Change to coordinate the preparation of relevant documents and information and participation at the inquiry as she considers appropriate to be submitted to the Local Inquiry on behalf of the County Council as Local Planning Authority.

I write to ask you to **reject these recommendations** as the jurisdiction for HIF1 application now rests with the Secretary of State. The Council should not be retrospectively amending any former lawful decision or reasons for refusal.

The Council's planning committee made a democratic decision to refuse the HIF1 application. This decision should remain unamended and unaltered. To interfere with them is undemocratic.

Motions A, B & C are undemocratic and undermine not only the planning committee but the Council itself. Whether or not as a Councillor you agree with the decision made on the 18 July 2023 you should abide by it and await the decision of the Secretary of State.

Finally, I ask the planning committee to adopt a neutral position in respect of the planning enquiry for an application they refused as to delegate sole discretion to the Director of Planning, who recommended HIF1, is undemocratic.

Yours sincerely

Miss V Johnson
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