

Chief Executive Decision

Planning Application 20/00952/FUL - Land OS 1100, Bindwell Lane, Queen Camel.

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Purpose of the Report

To confirm the recommendation of the Area Committee Chairman relating to Planning Application 20/00952/FUL - Land OS 1100, Bindwell Lane, Queen Camel.

Public Interest

At the meeting of Full Council on Thursday 19th March 2020 it was agreed to extend the delegation of all Executive and Quasi Judicial decisions listed in the Constitution to the Chief Executive and to the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence where not already delegated, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (or Deputy) and the relevant Portfolio Holder, Ward Member and Committee Member if practicable to ensure that the Council could continue to operate, if meetings of the relevant committee were unable to be held due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions.

Decision Taken

The Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Area East Committee plus the ward member, made the following decision;

That planning Application 20/00952/FUL be APPROVED, in line with the officer's recommendation and subject to the conditions set out in the officer report, and **with a revised condition requiring details of the colour of the buildings to be agreed, as requested by the Members and agreed by the applicant**, for the following reason:

Reason

Government advice states that local planning authorities should approve applications for renewable energy projects where impacts are (or can be made) acceptable. Notwithstanding local concerns, it is considered that the benefits in terms of the provision of a renewable source of energy, which will make a valuable contribution towards cutting greenhouse gas emissions, outweigh the impact of the proposed PV panels on the local landscape character and heritage assets. . In addition, the proposal would not cause significant and demonstrable detriment to highway safety, residential amenity, flood risk and drainage and biodiversity interests. As such the proposal accords with the Government's objective to encourage the provision of renewable energy sources and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework, Policies SD1, EQ1, EQ2, EQ3, EQ4, EQ5, EQ7, EP5, TA5 and TA6 of the South Somerset Local Plan and relevant policies and aims within the Queen Camel Neighbourhood Plan.

Background

To enable the decision making process to continue, it was agreed that relevant Councillors continue to receive decision-making reports. They will form a view which will be communicated to the Chief Executive. The decision will be formally made by the Chief Executive (or relevant Director) during the current coronavirus restrictions.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications on the Council.

Background Papers

Officer Report: Planning Application 20/00952/FUL - Land OS 1100, Bindwell Lane, Queen Camel.