

Chief Executive Decision

Planning Application: 20/01511/FUL Land Adj Orchard Farm, Leigh Common, Stoke Trister.

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Purpose of the Report

To confirm the recommendation of the Area East Committee Chairman relating to Planning Application 20/01511/FUL Land Adj Orchard Farm Leigh Common Stoke Trister.

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 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Area Committee plus the ward member, made the following decision:

That Planning Application 20/01511/FUL be APPROVED, in line with the officer recommendation and the conditions set out in the officer report, for the following reason:

Reason

The proposed acoustic barrier is considered to respect the characteristic pattern and features of the surrounding landscape, to cause no demonstrable harm to residential amenity or the rural amenities of the area or to adversely affect highway safety or the structural stability of the adjacent A303. The planting scheme that will form part of this application will not adversely affect any protected species and is likely to provide enhanced habitat to wildlife in the vicinity to the benefit of local ecology. As such the proposal accords with policies SD1, SS2, EQ1, EQ2, EQ4, EQ6, EQ7, TA5 of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006-2028)

Background

To enable the decision making process to continue, it was agreed that 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 20/01511/FUL Land Adj Orchard Farm, Leigh Common, Stoke Trister.