

**Minutes of the Planning Control Committee
of the Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey
on Thursday 18 December 2014 at 5:30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor C Collier (Chairman)	(P)	Councillor I Hibberd (Vice-Chairman)	(P)
Councillor G Bailey	(P)	Councillor P Hurst	(P)
Councillor P Boulton	(P)	Councillor N Long	(P)
Councillor Z Brooks	(P)	Councillor C Lynn	(P)
Councillor P Bundy	(P)	Councillor J Neal	(P)
Councillor A Dowden	(P)	Councillor A Tupper	(P)
Councillor M Flood	(P)	Councillor A Ward	(P)
Councillor M Hatley	(P)	Councillor J Whiteley	(P)
Councillor A Hope	(P)		

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hibberd declared a Code of conduct interest in application 14/01826/FULLS as he was a tenant of the applicant. He made a statement and then left the room whilst the application was discussed.

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Schedule of Development Applications

Resolved:

That the applications for development as set out in the attached schedule be determined as indicated.

Note:

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Public Participation, the following spoke on the applications indicated.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Page No.</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
6	9-57	14/01826/FULLS	Mr C Wesson Romsey Extra Parish Council Mrs T McCann (Objector) Mrs R Bailey (Supporter) Mr R Lofthouse (Applicant's Agent)

(The meeting terminated at 7:30 pm)

Schedule of Development Applications

7	APPLICATION NO.	14/01826/FULLS
	APPLICATION TYPE	FULL APPLICATION - SOUTH
	REGISTERED	31.07.2014
	APPLICANT	SOLARCENTURY
	SITE	Land West Of A3057 (Romsey Road), Lee Lane, Romsey, SO51 9LH, ROMSEY EXTRA
	PROPOSAL	Erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housing, access tracks, security fencing and cameras
	AMENDMENTS	Additional information received 25 September 2014.
	CASE OFFICER	Mrs Anna Duignan

REFUSED FOR THE REASONS:

1. The proposed development, by reason of its size and scale would have an unacceptable impact upon the landscape character and the visual amenity of this location detrimental to the enjoyment of the countryside as experienced when in proximity to the site. The development conflicts with the Test Valley Borough Local Plan policies ESN32 (Renewable Energy Developments), DES01 (Landscape Character) and DES10 (New Landscaping).
 2. Insufficient information has been submitted within the application to confidently conclude that the economic benefits of siting a renewable energy proposal on land deemed to be best and most versatile agricultural land quality are overriding to maintain the long term economic viability of the Broadlands Estate. The limitations of the site search to connect to a single primary substation also fail to demonstrate that alternative sites of poorer agricultural quality land could be used in preference to the application site for the siting of this large scale solar development. The development therefore does not accord with the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 112) and Planning Policy Guidance and policy SET08 of the Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2006.
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