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Meeting Regulatory Committee

**Date and Time** Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 at 10.00 am

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### AGENDA

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

### 4. **DEPUTATIONS**

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

### 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

### 6. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE (Pages 11 - 22)

To consider a report of the Director of Universal Services to provide information to the Regulatory Committee on the Monitoring and Enforcement work undertaken by the Development Management Team (including monitoring and enforcement) during the period March to May 2023.

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# Public Document Pack Agenda Item 3

AT A MEETING of the Regulatory Committee of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Wednesday, 15th March, 2023

> Chairman: \* Councillor Peter Latham

- \* Councillor Lance Quantrill
- \* Councillor Lulu Bowerman
- \* Councillor Steven Broomfield
- \* Councillor Mark Cooper
- \* Councillor Rod Cooper
- \* Councillor Michael Ford
- \* Councillor Keith House
- \* Councillor Gary Hughes

Councillor Adam Jackman Councillor Alexis McEvoy

- \* Councillor Stephen Parker
- \* Councillor Louise Parker-Jones
- \* Councillor Roger Price Councillor Kim Taylor
- \* Councillor Lesley Meenaghan

\*Present

# 51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kim Taylor and Adam Jackman.

# 52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Cllr Quantrill declared that he is a Member (Retired) of the Golf Club Managers' Association, but that he did not consider this was a pecuniary interest in respect to item number 6 on the agenda.

# 53. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee reviewed the minutes and agreed that the recorded recommendation for minute number 47, North Winchester Farm was correct.

The Chairman reminded Members that the item at minute number 48, Nursling Recycling Centre, would be brought back to a future meeting.

One correction was requested by Cllr Mark Cooper in respect to number 48 of the minutes relating to Nursling Recycling Centre. The draft minutes stated that he had declared a non-prejudicial personal interest in the matter by virtue of his membership of the Romsey Parish Council. This should state Romsey Extra Parish Council.

### 54. **DEPUTATIONS**

The Chairman confirmed that there was a deputation for item 6 which would be called at the relevant point in the agenda. Cllr Jackie Porter, who was due to speak on this item had contacted the Chairman with her apologies that morning and she had submitted an email with a summary of what she had wanted to say to the Committee.

# 55. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Development Planning Manager reported that the Regulatory Member Toolkit was being updated and that an email would soon be circulated when the work was complete for Members to review.

The Chairman reminded Members that it was Cllr Hughes' last meeting of the Regulatory Committee and thanked him for his support and contribution to the Committee over the last six years.

### 56. TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB, WHITE HILL ROAD, OVERTON

Full planning application for the demolition of existing practice facility and subsequent erection of replacement state-of-the-art practice facility building comprising office, store, shop (with reception), toilets, storage for equipment and golf carts, x2 teaching rooms and x12 practice bays, existing access upgrades, temporary compound area, car parking and drainage improvements with the importation of 281,550m<sup>3</sup> of clean inert soils to facilitate safety improvements, reprofiling of practice ground and associated wider course improvements including a temporary southern access to facilitate the creation of ecological, landscape and amenity areas with associated tree planting, wildlife corridor and mounding at Test Valley Golf Club, White Hill Road, Overton RG25 3DS (No. 22/00104/CMA) (Site ref: BA178).

The Chairman introduced the report and reminded Members that there had been a site visit in November 2022.

The Development Planning Manager explained that at the time of the site visit, there had been two elements to the application, one of which was 'outline planning permission for eight lodges; creation of ecological and landscape areas, tree planting and associated infrastructure works'. She confirmed that this part of the application had since been withdrawn.

The application was considered to be Environmental Impact Assessment development, which had potentially been for the District Council to determine,

but discussions had been held with the Council, and due to the land raising elements it was agreed that the County Council would be the determining authority. Due to the nature of the land raising operations and volumes of imported materials needed, the County Council was content with leading on all aspects of the development so it could be appropriately conditioned.

Cllr Jackie Porter's email concerning her concerns as County Councillor with a division adjacent to the development was read to the Committee by the Development Planning Manager:

'My concern as a neighbouring division to the site is the haul route for this considerable amount of material that is being brought to the Golf Club. The officer has reassured me that all material will be brought direct from the A303.

I would like to ensure that this is a condition which can be enforced. The Overton Road, south of the trunk road, is narrow and populated (unlike the character of the road to the north) and I am anxious to see that the quality of life of the Micheldever Station residents is not impacted by this development'.

The Development Planning Manager confirmed that all aspects of these concerns had been covered by proposed conditions and the Section 106 agreement.

The Committee's attention was drawn to paragraphs 37-58 of the report, which set out the reasons for the application and the proposed improvements to the site. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had raised concerns regarding the volume of material required by the proposal, but this concern was viewed as being covered.

The Project Manager (Minerals and Waste) gave a presentation which included a location plan, site plan, proposed site masterplans, aerial photos and phase 1-3 drawings showing:

- the existing golf course, car park, clubhouse and infrastructure.
- the surrounding area including agricultural land to the north and west and areas of ancient woodland at the southern, eastern and south eastern ends of the site.
- the area of the application, the local highway network linking to the A303, the railway line adjoining the wider site's eastern boundary, the nearest public right of way (due west), and the location of the Micheldever Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) adjoining the wider site's southern boundary
- The proposed works being sought in the three phases.

The key areas that would undergo significant changes were described, including the practice facility building, changes to holes 1 and 8, car parking areas and the

upgrade to the Short Game area. The issues with the current layout of holes 1 and 8 were explained, including the health and safety issues.

It was explained that the proposed works would be undertaken in three phases and would take between 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 3 years.

Alterations to the club's existing vehicular access plus the construction of new, temporary access to phase 3 of the works for construction vehicles was subject to provision of technical drawings, which were approved by the Highways Authority.

The responses to consultations were reported, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had raised objections on viability and amount of material, plus contamination risk and on landscape and visual impact matters.

It was explained that clean, inert soil would be used (via CL:AIRE) and verified as such before it arrived on site and that any contaminated soil would be stopped before entering the site.

It was not proposed that HGV traffic would go beyond the A303 and controlled via a legal agreement.

The Project Manager (Minerals and Waste) reported that:

- The County Ecologist had accepted the application subject to mitigation and conditions to be approved before commencement of the works.
- The Highways Authority had been satisfied with the conditions and required HGV routing southward to and from the A303 only. A survey of the road conditions will be carried out before any works to ensure any changes caused by construction-related HGVs can be measured and repaired at the applicant's expense during the works. All works affecting the public highway would be subject to approval from the Highways Authority.

The Project Manager (Minerals and Waste) reminded the Committee that an Update Report had been published on 13 March which had provided information on the labelling of the appendices in the report and clarification on paragraphs 215-220 regarding ecology.

The Committee heard a deputation in support of the application from John Palmer (SLR Consulting Ltd), Marc Westenborg (Westenborg Golf) and Richard Ahrens (Chairman of Test Valley Golf Club).

They covered the following points:

• People were spending more time practicing golf rather than playing since the Pandemic and that the Test Valley Golf Club wanted to seize the opportunity to give people reasons to stay with them.

- The club wanted to future proof and enhance and provide high quality state of the art facilities.
- Improved health and safety could be achieved.
- Better tuition and practice facilities would be available.
- There had been no local objections, and plenty of support from the community.
- The proposals had been shared with Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
- Errors in current layout resulted in health and safety issues, with balls ending up in the road at times.
- There were 650 families of members, with visitors coming as guests and that there had been support from the community.
- Fundamental change was required, and that the work could not be done piecemeal to address the problems.

In response to questions from Members:

- Officers and the deputees agreed that the design/layout of the electric charging vehicle bays/ disabled parking spaces could be modified via a non-material amendment, so that this facility would be available to disabled people too. Officers agreed that this point should be considered more frequently.
- The deputees confirmed that the imported soil would be from commercial infrastructure and housing projects within 30km from the site and therefore avoid it going to landfill.
- Officers reported that a provision in the agreement could be made to ensure HGV's go southwards to the A303 and not through Micheldever village south of the A303.
- It was noted that the management of dormice and reptiles would be via condition 7 as a pre-commencement condition and that mitigation was included in the Environmental Statement. At this type of site, a sign off would be carried out at each stage and a dormice licence required (from Natural England) before the work starts.
- Officers confirmed that:
  - The Monitoring Team would check that volumes of movements do not exceed what was agreed.

- There would be an audit trail to demonstrate and check that material is clean and inert waste as the applicant is using the Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments (CL:AIRE) protocol which is supported by the Environment Agency.
- It was explained by officers that a shaker device (waterless cleaning system) and visual checks would be used to ensure that HGVs did not leave mud on the highway and that this had been acceptable to the Highways Authority. A temporary haul road was proposed, and vehicles would not be driven over the golf course.
- It was confirmed that the contractor was responsible for cleaning the road. The applicant reported that a road sweeper will be located at the golf course to ensure a clean highway.

Members did not wish to go to debate.

### Resolved

That planning permission be GRANTED subject to the conditions listed in Appendix A, the Update Report and the completion of a legal agreement to ensure that all alterations to vehicular access points, HGVs involved in the delivery of imported materials are routed southward only, and that a precommencement road survey of the section of public highway between the site's access - White Hill Road junction to Micheldever Road's junction with the A303, to be used by HGVs, is undertaken.

Voting

Favour: 13 - unanimous

# 57. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Enforcement Officer introduced the report and explained that the first Liaison panel for the Bowling Alley Crondall site had gone well and that there was due to be another one the following week, at which the complaints relating to vehicle activity as described in the report would be discussed again.

Cllr Mark Cooper reported that he was grateful for officers' work relating to Yokesford Hill. Cllr Broomfield thanked the Enforcement Officer for keeping him informed on Westwood, West End.

# Resolved

The contents of this report were noted.

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# Agenda Item 6

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

# Information Report

Decision Maker:	Regulatory Committee	
Date:	14 June 2023	
Title:	Monitoring and Enforcement Update	
Report From:	n: Director of Universal Services	
Contact name: David Smith		

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# Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Regulatory Committee on the Monitoring and Enforcement work undertaken by the Development Management team (including monitoring and enforcement) during the period March 2023 – May 2023.

# Recommendation

2. That the contents of this report be noted.

# **Executive Summary**

- 3. The report details the number of complaints on authorised and unauthorised sites, and the outcome of negotiations, including, when necessary, enforcement action undertaken.
- 4. The report also details development control work dealing with Planning Condition (Article 27) applications and Non-Material Amendments.

# Complaints

- 5. The majority of complaints received during the period March 2023 May 2023 related to unauthorised development (8 sites) and breaches of operational planning conditions on existing mineral and waste sites (3 sites). Investigation and negotiation have followed with planning applications under consideration for 5 of the sites, with 3 more applications pending. Investigations are still ongoing at 3 sites. The remainder have been resolved or were enquiries made about general site operations, fly-tipping, odour and waste related development that were dealt with in-house or referred to either the Environment Agency (EA) or Local Planning Authorities as non-County matters.
- Calf Lane The planning application (<u>20/02979/CMAS</u>) for changes to the permitted picking station and fines machinery was approved by Committee on 20 October 2021. This was subject to conditions on the agreement of a Noise Management Plan and a commitment by the operator to set up a Liaison Panel. The Liaison Panel had made much progress in improving

communication between residents and the operator under Cllr Glen's chairmanship. However, the site was then bought out by another local waste company and closed. A commitment has been given by the new owner that should any activity re-start then the Liaison Panel will be re-activated.

7. Bowling Alley, Crondall – Planning application (HCC/2021/0302) for a change of use of part of land forming Redfields Plant Centre to use for recycling of inert materials was approved by Committee on 17 November 2022. The permission was subject to the usual conditions, including on operating hours and restricting any screening or crushing on Saturdays, the construction of a wall and dust netting and a commitment to set up a Liaison Panel. The first three meetings of the Panel have been held with Councillor Glen chairing. The operator has made good progress in getting all planting undertaken and constructing the retaining wall and installing the dust netting. No further complaints have been received. There is an ongoing query as to the planning status of the remainder of the wider yard, and Hart District Council have been asked to clarify the position and have been invited to future Panels to give an update.

# **Enforcement Actions**

- 8. In the period up to May 2023, there were no further Notices served although the previous 2 Breach of Condition Notices (BCN) are still extant, with all other matters either addressed through the planning system or remedied through negotiation.
- 9. The following provides an update on the latest Notice and enforcement activities since they were previously reported to the committee.

Site	Update
Yokesford Hill Estate, Yokesford Hill, Romsey	Site monitoring determined that stockpile heights had increased substantially over the Covid lockdown period, and the operator had contacted Officers discussed the submission of an application for a washing plant to address the issue, by improving the product and increasing available markets. An application was subsequently approved (21/02392/CMAS) (under delegation). To address the excess height during the construction of the washing plant a subsequent application was submitted to allow a temporary increase of stockpiles to the maximum height which allows the site to remain operational whilst being stable (23/00071/CMAS). However, in the interim, the northern slope of the stockpile slipped and encroached into the adjacent, associated nature reserve area and the eastern slope also threatened to encroach onto the adjacent land. Consequently, a PCN was served to identified which company was directly responsible for the stockpile and its maintenance. Once this information was provided, 2 BCNs and a TSN were served on the operator. The BCNs required the pulling back of the material from the reserve area and the re-planting of any damaged or destroyed trees,

Table 1: Update on enforcement activities

	the removal of any material from under surrounding trees and from off the surrounding bunds and the regrading of the slopes of the stockpile. The BCNs also prohibit the addition of any further material on to the
	stockpile until the other requirements have been satisfied. The TSN was served to prevent any material being added in the period before the BCNs came into effect. The initial time period allowed were 3 months for the pulling back from the woodland area and re- planting and 6 months for the regrading of the slopes. However, following discussion with the operator it was accepted that the stockpile was too wet to safely enable a machine to be working on the slopes, so the 3 and 6 month period were extended so that they effectively ran from the beginning of April 2023. The exception is the re-planting requirement which was amended so that the area that had been cleared is re- planted this season with the remaining area re-planted next season. Works required by the BCNs continue, with the first tranche of planting undertaken. A Liaison Panel meeting was held in March 2023. The next is scheduled for June 2023.
Bunny Lane, Timsbury	The site has been subject of numerous planning applications over the last couple of years, with the permanent retention of the washplant approved in 2022 ( <u>22/01323/CMAS</u> ) with some minor changes approved March 2023 ( <u>23/00149/VARS</u> ) in the interest of fire safety. The periodic noise assessments are due to be undertaken but are weather dependent so have had to be postponed already due to high winds.
Waterbrook Industrial Estate, Alton	The site was subject to a planning application to allow for restricted night-time activities including importation of road planings with a resolution to approve subject to a Legal Agreement on lorry routing (51471/007). A Liaison Panel was also to be set up for the site to encourage greater interaction between the operator and local residents. However, the site then closed. A new owner subsequently acquired the site and recommenced operations. They indicated that they were keen to engage with the Liaison Panel and the first virtual meeting was held November 2021. Unfortunately, due to disagreements between several parties, joint visits have been put on hold, and instead separate resident and operator meetings have been held. Due to the new owners taking over at a late stage, the commencement of the night-time deliveries did not start. Consequently, an application was submitted for a further trial period until 31 March 2023 (51471/008). This application was approved on 14 September 2022

	and night-time deliveries of road planings apparently began soon thereafter. A further planning application (51471/009) has now been submitted to vary the conditions of the previous permission to allow the night-time deliveries as well as some changes from the original site permissions. Further information is still required to clarify some alterations and support the changes proposed, however, aside from one other instance of disturbance from the night-time deliveries, general complaints about the site have lessened. The Environment Agency did undertake some action to get one of the tenants on the site to reduce the quantity of waste paper and plastic on site on fire safety grounds.
Carousel Dairy (Basingstoke AD Plant), Manor Farm, Farleigh	An application to make the vehicle increases permanent, with other negotiated changes to conditions, was approved at the February 2019 Committee meeting ( <u>18/03001/CMA</u> ).
Wallop, Basingstoke	The ANPR cameras have been retained and access to the database for monitoring HGV movements secured so that any issues in the future can be investigated. There have been no subsequent complaints about HGVs to and from the site and amendments to the Traffic Management Plan, including some changes to road signage, have been agreed by the company and members of the Liaison Panel. The ANPR cameras are to be retained but will now need a Data Protection Impact Assessment under the GDPR.
	There had been issues of odour nuisance to the nearest properties, which were reported to the Environment Agency with increasing frequency since Summer 2019. A new biofilter was installed, but, as there had been no discernible improvement in the situation, the Environment Agency (EA) issued an Enforcement Notice requiring measures to be undertaken to improve the odour control process. This led to a number of changes to processes and installation of new equipment, including an application to amend the location and configuration of a previously approved building to contain the screening equipment. The EA were satisfied that their Notice had been complied with and the works undertaken. Further works have continued with improved cooling systems, and the latest results appear to indicate that the problem has largely been addressed. Monitoring is still ongoing with regular Liaison Panels, the last of which was newly constituted under the updated protocol.
	An NMA has recently been agreed to allow the installation of a new scrubber to further improve the odour control system.

	The operator keeps good lines of communications with local residents and informs them when any works or digestate removal or spreading is to take place and there have been no complaints since the latest changes were made. Another Liaison Panel is due to be arranged.
Four Dell Farm, Poles Lane, Otterbourne	A site with multiple planning permissions for different operations on units within the industrial estate including biomass plant with Adblue production and inert waste recycling. Concerns have been raised through Cllr Warwick about the location of a picking plant and the height of stockpiles on the recycling area. Instruction has been given to remove the picking station, although it is not for use on the site, and reduce the height of the stockpile or face BCN. The operator has implemented a plan of action to remedy the situation including ceasing importing any more material until the stockpile has been satisfactorily addressed.

- 10. Further information on the full suite of enforcement powers available to the County Council as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority (including powers to service PCNs, BCNs and ENs) are included in the County's <u>Enforcement</u> and <u>Site Monitoring Plan.</u>
- 11. The following table provides information on the joint enforcement activities which have been undertaken with the Environment Agency, the Police and District Planning Authorities.

Site	Joint working with	Update
Shedfield Equestrian Centre	Winchester City Council, Environment Agency	Shedfield Equestrian Centre has been the subject of numerous complaints and concern from local councillors over the past few months. This site has multiple uses and, as such, involves both the City Council and the County Council, as well as the Environment Agency. The main source of complaints are the number of HGVs, car transporters, etc visiting the site, burning, importation of waste materials, working hours and unauthorised mobile homes/residential uses. Unfortunately, the situation is complicated by the fact that many of the uses on site are permitted.
		The County Council are involved as part of the site has a Certificate of Lawful

Table 2: Update on joint enforcement activities with the Environment Agency, the Police and District Planning Authorities

		Use (CLU) for inert waste recycling, which was won on Appeal against an Enforcement Notice served by Hampshire County Council in 2013. Unfortunately, the nature of CLUs is that they do not impose any enforceable conditions on the operation, so we have no control over number of HGVs visiting, the hours of operation or height of stockpiles. The only control is that there is a red lined plan limiting where the activity can take place. In addition, they have allowed another company to start a small waste transfer activity in another (unauthorised) unit at the back of the business park. The operation of the waste transfer station has been granted by a Permit by the Environment Agency and an application has subsequently been submitted (22/01797/HCS). This is currently under consideration. Another retrospective application has also been submitted (22/02015/HCS) for the change of use to open storage of recycled aggregate materials and the retention of ancillary office and workshop and associated works as an extension of the Certificate of Lawful Use operation. This application is also currently under consideration.
Redlands, Sherfield-on- Loddon	Environment Agency	Following complaints of continuous stream of lorries using a narrow track to access a field adjacent to Redlands, Sherfield-on-Loddon contact was made with the Environment Agency's (EA) Environmental Crime Team. Information from initial investigations was passed on with agreement that further contact would be made once site visit undertaken. However, on arriving at site, was met by the Police who had attended the site on totally separate investigation and removed the occupants. Accompanied access was allowed and it became apparent that 100+ loads of inert waste and trommel fines (predominantly plastic and wood) had been tipped in the field. Upon discussion with the EA it appears that the names and details provided tie in with a larger case the EA are

		investigating of systematic illegal tipping by hauliers out of London on numerous sites to the west of London. Unfortunately, legal issues have made progress in this case very difficult with a number of the hauliers and the apparent landowner, or person responsible, using bankruptcy laws to try to avoid further action. A Case Review was held by the EA to see if there is any realistic chance of successful prosecution and an update is awaited.
Westwood, Botley Road, West End	Eastleigh Borough Council	The County Council were contacted in November 2021 by Eastleigh Borough Council about at site at Westwood, Botley Road where they had refused planning permission for the use of the yard for the recycling of upvc windows. They wanted the County Council to take on the enforcement of the site as the operation was a waste activity. On inspection of the site it was apparent that the landowner wanted to make changes to their original application to make it more acceptable. Consequently, they were given time to submit an amended application, this time to the County Council, so that we could consider against the policies of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. An application has now been submitted ( <u>CS/23/94884</u> ) and is under consideration, with a site visit being held end of May 2023.
Ropley Quarry	Natural England, Hampshire Police	Permission for chalk extraction at Ropley Quarry was initially granted in 1948 under an old Interim Development Order. In the early 1990s landowners and operators of such IDOs were required to register them with the local Mineral Planning Authority. This process also allowed the Mineral Planning Authority to impose a new set of up-to-date conditions on the permission. This resulted in a Reviewed permission being approved in 1994. However, the operator decided not to operate under these new conditions and the quarry was closed. In late 2016, an application was submitted to vary the dates by which a

		number of schemes and details had to be submitted and approved (20209/009). This was approved in April 2017. In November 2020, the various schemes and details were submitted and subsequently agreed in June 2021. In February 2022, work commenced on site to prepare it for the re-opening of the quarry. However, in the intervening years the site had been populated by dormice and a pair of peregrine falcons. Concern was raised about the impact of the site preparatory works on these protected species and the County Ecologist was consulted. The contractor was subsequently told to cease work until all the necessary approvals from Natural England had been received.
		The Police have also been involved as a possible case under the Wildlife Act. The appropriate Licences have now been issued by Natural England and amendments to the landscaping and tree schemes have been provided. An NMA has also been agreed to replace one of the derelict storage sheds on the site. Works were proposed to re-start in the Spring. The derelict storage sheds have been removed but there has been no work to construct the replacement or to re-commence any extraction.
Little Testwood Farm, Calmore	New Forest District Council, Environment Agency	Following their own investigations into the use of land as a caravan park, New Forest District Council reported the large-scale storage of packs of old PPE. It became apparent that thousands of packs of medical aprons had been dumped on the land with no obvious signs that they were being protected or stored for some future use. The concern is that they have been dumped with no intention of removal to a proper facility. The EA have been contacted to see if they can determine where the PPE originated and whether it was discarded by a Health Trust as substandard during the Covid procurement. Enquiries have been made with Land Registry to ascertain land ownership, although this has flagged up a possible HCC link as

	we are mentioned in one clause in relation to a s106 Agreement. I have asked Legal to look into this.
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# Site Monitoring

# Chargeable sites

- 12. Under the <u>Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and deemed</u> <u>applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006,</u> as amended, the County Council is able to charge fees for the monitoring of quarries and landfill sites in the County. Fees are charged for a set number of monitoring visits, the number of visits being dependent on the stage of operations at each site; whether operational, in aftercare or inactive. The number of visits is agreed with each operator and is in line with an assessment of each site made by the County Council. The latest charges were set out in <u>The Town</u> and <u>Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests</u> and <u>Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017</u>. Active sites are charged at £397 per visit for between four and eight visits per year. Sites in aftercare are charged at £397 for one visit per year. Inactive sites are charged £132 for one annual visit.
- 13. There are now 22 active sites, 10 in aftercare and 7 dormant sites liable for chargeable visits.
- 14. This work is prioritised with inspections for the 1st quarter this financial year likely to bring in approximately £8500 in fees.

### Non-chargeable sites

15. Non-chargeable sites include waste processing sites, wastewater and treatment works and metal recyclers. These vary from the large Energy Recovery Facilities (ERF) and Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) to the smaller scale recycling and transfer facilities and updating existing wastewater treatment works. The larger developments attract much attention in their locality and require regular monitoring to ensure that the local amenity is not impacted, whereas the smaller, built developments require monitoring during construction and implementation, but once up and running need less regular attention and these sites only get further visits should complaints be received. Matrix working arrangements have been made with Waste & Resource Management that their officers undertaking visits to waste sites operating under the County's waste contract also look at planning issues to provide greater coverage. Under the Covid restrictions, routine monitoring was limited, concentrating on sites with issues or causing complaints. Monitoring of waste sites covered by the County's waste contract has also resumed, these sites having remained open during the pandemic as one of the essential sectors listed by Government.

# Liaison Panels

16. Since the last update, Liaison Panel meetings have been held for:

- Bleak Hill Quarry, Somerley;
- Bowling Alley, Crondall;

- Roke Manor, Nr Romsey; and
- Yokesford Industrial Estate, Timsbury.
- 17. Most panels now take place virtually, although some panels still have in person meetings.

# **Development Management**

### Relaxation of Planning Conditions due to Covid-19:

- 18. As reported in previous enforcement updates, the coronavirus pandemic led to a number of recommendations from Government including the need for Local Planning Authorities to use their discretion on the enforcement of planning conditions which hinder the effective response to COVID-19. The Planning team had numerous enquiries as to our view to relaxing planning conditions during this period for both minerals, waste and Regulation 3 developments. At the time, a report was produced in response to each request made and was signed off by the then Head of Strategic Planning under delegated powers. Local Members are informed on the relaxation. The periods for the relaxation of conditions have ended. The relaxation of conditions did not impact the authority's ability to use its enforcement powers. They were also subject to review should any significant complaints be received.
- 19. The below table provides an update on sites where an update is required.

Site	Update
A303 IBA Facility	Temporary emergency use of adjacent land (formerly subject of the 'Wheelabrator EfW' proposal) for storage of excess IBA. Due to the existing site being almost filled to the increased levels as agreed above, the operator discussed the use of the adjacent site for a temporary period with both ourselves and the Environment Agency. Following submission of detailed information, the EA agreed that the land could be used, subject to 12 conditions (relating to operations) and the use ceasing on the 30 September 2020. Subsequent to this approval, the County agreed the temporary use of this land subject to a further 6 conditions, including setting a maximum stockpile height of 5m and a meeting to review the situation by the end of July. The operator was also required to inform the local Liaison Panel. Although only about a half of the capacity for storage was utilised, the market for IBAA in construction projects has still not recovered and the need for the emergency storage remains. A further temporary extension was therefore agreed until 31 March 2021 by both the County Council and the EA. This agreement was subject to the previous conditions and also on the recognition that there would

Table 3: Update on sites where covid relaxations were agreed

	be no future temporary extension of time. Should any further extension be necessary then a full planning application would be required so that the issue can be formally considered. An application (21/00812/CMAN) was submitted for permission to construct the needed concrete surfacing and drainage systems to allow the
	longer-term use of the land for storage of IBAA. However, this was withdrawn following consultation as it was then considered to be larger than actually needed. A further application ( <u>21/02681/CMAN</u> ) for a smaller area has now been submitted and is currently being considered.

# Planning Condition (Article 27) applications:

- 25. Where conditions of new permissions require details to be submitted and approved for the proper implementation and control of the development, Article 27 applications are required. Under the <u>Town and Country Planning</u> (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012, a fee per submission is required for the discharge of any details submitted. This is now £116 per submission.
- 26. During the period, Article 27 applications were received and approved or are being determined for 4 submissions (6 for Regulation 3 developments and 5 County Matter), totalling £464.
- 27. As detailed previously, following adoption of the Protocol for Dealing with Breaches in Planning Control relating to Development Undertaken by the County Council under Regulation 3 of the <u>Town and Country Planning</u> <u>General Regulations 1992</u>, enforcement updates now also include information on Article 27 applications for County Council developments and any breaches of planning control.

# Non-Material Amendments (NMAs):

- 28. Non-Material Amendments (NMAs) are minor changes to the operation of authorised sites that can be agreed by an application for non-material amendment if the change has no substantial impact on the local amenity. Such an application requires a fee but does not involve general consultation and determination by Committee.
- 29. Since the last update, Over the period 1 NMA application was received:
  - Solent Industrial Estate, Caird Avenue, New Milton a change to approved Ground Floorplan.

# **REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

### Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>

**Location** 

None