

# HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion on  
Thursday 15 February 2024 at 19.30 hours

## Present:

Cllrs Caroline Abbott, Chris Parkin (Chairman), Paul Ellis (Vice Chairman), Alan Garnham, Richard Kruszewski and Bryn Lerwill. Also in attendance Sarah Foote, Parish Clerk. Three members of the public observed the meeting.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Herron. Cllr Middleton was absent.

## 2. Declarations of Interests

None.

## 3. Public Forum

A member of the public asked the council to be reminded of the original application for a chicken processing factory on Eye Airfield and how no consideration of what local residents wanted and wider issue of traffic movements had been conducted.

## 4. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/24/00515	Land to the North of The Street, Brome and Oakley, Part in the Parishes of Yaxley, Eye and Hoxne	Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Construction of a reservoir and associated pipeline.

It was agreed to request the following considerations in the Scoping Opinion:

- That this application and DC/24/00513 Scoping Opinion - Phase 2 processing factory (circa 31,000m<sup>2</sup>) and a new mill building, are considered together and the cumulative impact is assessed in the scoping.
- The impact of the traffic movements on the village of Hoxne and surrounding areas during the construction stage of the reservoir.
- The River Waveney at Hoxne (Brick Pit) is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and what protections will be afforded to this.
- How much water will be removed from the River Waveney and when? Will this be a year round operation. There is differing detail in the initial information provided.
- Who will monitor the quality of the water being returned to the River Waveney and how will this be done.

DC/24/00513	Eye Airfield Business Park (Cranswick) Eye in the Parish of Yaxley	Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Phase 2 processing factory (circa 31,000m <sup>2</sup> ) and a new mill building.
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It was agreed to request the following considerations in the Scoping Opinion:

- That this application and DC/24/00515 Scoping Opinion - construction of a reservoir and associated pipeline, are considered together and the cumulative impact is assessed in the scoping.
- That Hoxne Parish Council are made statutory consultees for this and future applications relating to the development of this factory.
- That the intended and maximum production levels should both be declared and considered fully in the scoping. This applies both to number of birds and the volume of feed produced.
- That the scoping quantifies the potential lorry movements in ratio to the number of birds i.e. how many lorry movements to 100,000 birds processed, how many lorry movements to 1000 tonnes of feed.
- Environmental impact both during construction phase and when the factory becomes operational; noise, emissions, smells, air quality, climate impact, carbon and mono dioxide and tyre debris from lorry movements predicted to be one every 90 seconds leaving the site.



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- f. Do the predicted lorry movements include removal of residual waste from the site?
- g. Traffic movement on to the A140 are ONLY considered in pre-planning application. This is not adequate. Cranswick have rearing units in many rural locations which cannot be accessed by the A140 alone. The impact on all roads surrounding the A140 and Eye MUST be considered particularly given the current Experimental Traffic Order relating to the centre of Eye. How is it proposed to move the live birds, for example from Stradbroke to the factory at Eye without using roads such as the B1118 which travels through Hoxne.
- h. Noting the County Council will assist with the Transport Assessment, it is asked how the Parish Council can also engage with this piece of work?
- i. There are several inconsistencies on numbers quoted in the documents accompany this application and these should be thoroughly scrutinised.

### 5. Urgent matters and matters for information

None.

6. Date of next meeting – Thursday 7 March 2024 at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne.

Meeting closed: 20.25

