



DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND REGULATORY BOARD

16 JUNE 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT OF MEMBERS' SITE VISIT

POOLE FARM, QUORN (CHARNWOOD BOROUGH)

AGENDA ITEM 9: 2022/0357/02 (2022/REG3MA/0010/LCC) – LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

Site Visit Report

1. This proposal was the subject of a site visit by Members of the Board which took place on the morning of 14 June 2022, by which time they had received the papers on this item for the forthcoming meeting. The site visit was attended by four Members of the Development Control and Regulatory Board including the local member Mrs. H. Fryer CC.
2. Members were supplied the submitted layout plan (drawing no. Q21_0408_01 Revision C dated 23 December 2021) which had been annotated with labels of the surrounding farmsteads, surrounding non-agricultural developments, road names, the River Soar and the railway line.
3. Members arrived at the site from Barrow Road to the south and travelled north along an access road into Poole Farm. Members were directed to note the following:
 - the existing farm buildings;
 - the existing vegetation; and
 - the existing highway access.
4. Members then travelled back south along the Poole Farm access road, turned left onto Flesh Hovel Lane, and travelled north to Pilling Lock Marina before turning around and travelling back south along Flesh Hovel Lane to Barrow Road. Members were directed to note the following:
 - the existing vegetation;
 - the existing field access points;
 - the existing overhead cables; and
 - the existing non-agricultural development in the area.

5. Members were shown the areas where the development was proposed and the proposed scale and layout of the solar arrays. The existing topography, landscape structure and landscape character were described. The proposed improvements to the access were explained in respect of the widening of the bell mouth and access track.

Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

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