



Ref: Agenda/Council -22/02/2022/Supplementary

21st February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

All Members of the Town Council are hereby summoned to the Council Meeting of Biggleswade Town Council that will take place on **Tuesday 22nd February 2022** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council**, **The Old Court House**, **Saffron Road**, **Biggleswade** commencing at **7:00pm**, for the purpose of considering and recommending the business to be transacted as specified below.

Yours faithfully

Peter Tarrant

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Distribution: All Town Councillors

Notice Boards
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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

You can view details of applications and related documentation such as application forms, site plans, drawings, decision notices and other supporting documents for planning applications. Click on the hyperlink on the heading of each planning application listed below.

d. CB/21/05161/FULL - Land to the north of Dunton Lane, Dunton Lane, Biggleswade

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- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment

Development Management

Central Bedfordshire Council

Priory House, Monks Walk Chicksands, Shefford Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr M Foster



Date 13 January 2022

Dear Councillor Foster,

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Internal consultees should follow the consultee procedure available on the <u>intranet</u>. Comments should be submitted by no later than 03 February 2022.

Ward Councillors and other external consultees can view this application by visiting http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning-register and entering the application reference 21/05161. Please provide any comments by no later than 03 February 2022.

For consultees unable to access documents via the website, please contact us to arrange access another way.

Consultee comments will be published to our website as they are received.

How coronavirus is affecting planning

For the safety of staff and customers our offices remain closed to the public and officers continue to work from home. A small number of our planning admin team are in the office to register post, scan documents and print. However, as most applications can be registered remotely, please help us by making electronic submissions. Hard copy applications and postal comments are still being

received, but there could be a delay in logging these. Please also be advised that we are unable to offer case history copies or other printing requests at this time.

Site visits by officers will only be carried out after the applicant / agent has first been contacted to discuss the suitability of a visit. Case officers will make a judgement as to whether a site visit can be made in a safe way – if this is not possible we will discuss the potential for alternative ways of assessing the site or in appropriate cases request your agreement that consideration of the application be paused.

As our offices remain closed to visitors we are still unable to have face to face meetings, so we are asking customers not to come into our offices. Your case officer will contact you to discuss alternative arrangements which could be via phone call or video conferencing.

Read about our Development Management Committee for updates and information about meetings.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/31/meetings/219/development management committee - meetings and agendas.

All of these arrangements will be kept under review and we would like to thank you for your co-operation.

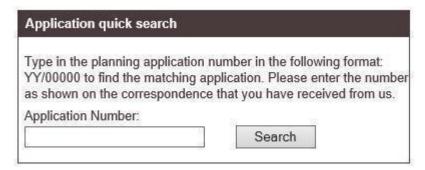
Yours sincerely,

Stuart Robinson

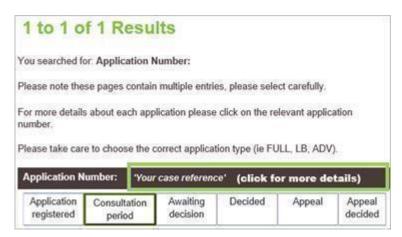
Principal Planning Officer

Submitting Consultee Comments Online Guidance

- 1. Open webpage: http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning-register
- 2. Enter the case reference in the search field: 21/05161



- 3. The case summary will be displayed
- 4. Click on CB/21/05161/FULL (click for more details)



5. Scroll down to the bottom of the page - there will be a link to 'Submit a Consultee Online Comment'





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Dear Stuart Robinson and Planning Department Team,

Re: CB/21/05161/FULL - Land to the north of Dunton Lane, Dunton Lane, Biggleswade and CB/21/05590/EB - Land to the North of Dunton Lane, Biggleswade

Biggleswade Town Council recognises the need to increase power supply in the town and the strategic importance of successfully delivering a new substation.

That said, the appearance of the substation and the subsequent landscaping are vital for preserving Biggleswade's rural heritage and for meeting the unique ambitions of Biggleswade's new Garden Village to the east of the town.

This application does not provide sufficient detail on the exact landscaping, specifically there is little visual evidence of the extent to which the large structures will be shielded from sight for passing walkers, drivers, or for nearby properties.

This is particularly the case for the new footpath on the east side of the site, which appears completely exposed to views of the substation, with no mitigating hedgerow.

The Town Council understands that further documentation might be forthcoming however for now comments can only reflect what is included on the planning portal.

As a result, the Town Council **OBJECTS** to the current planning applications.

I invite you to contact me if you require further clarification as this matter evolves.

Yours sincerely,

Karim Hosseini

Head of Governance & Strategic Partnerships

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