



**SOUTH
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Planning Committee

23 December 2020



Additional Information Report

This report sets out additional information in relation to planning applications for consideration at the Planning Committee on 23 December 2020 that was received after the Agenda was published.

S16/2816 and S16/2189

Proposal: S16/2816: Residential development (228 dwellings) formation of public open space provision of access and associated drainage and engineering works.

S16/2819: Residential development for 220 dwellings, formation of public open space, provision of access and associated drainage and engineering works.

Site Address: Land at Rectory Farm, Grantham

Summary of Information Received:

Applicant's Additional Information – Air Quality

The applicant has provided the following additional clarification from their air quality consultant - Hoare Lea.

"The modelling work we produced for the ES was completed towards the end of 2018 so at the time of completion 2017 data was the most recent data available. A quick look at the latest ASR for Grantham monitoring data suggests that there has been a general improvement in NO2 concentrations in 2018 and 2019 compared to 2017. It appears that the model is underpredicting when compared against more recent monitored data. It would be possible to rerun the modelling work now that more recent monitored data is available, plus there has been an update to the model itself. However, as the air quality chapter has already highlighted that mitigation is required for the scheme, it does not seem necessary to rerun the model.

The air quality chapter recommends a cycle/pedestrian route to link the scheme with Grantham town centre in order to reduce the burden on the AQMA. Electric charging points were not included in the air quality chapter but the introduction of electric vehicle charging points at the site would also help to reduce the road traffic impact of the scheme on the AQMA."

They have also confirmed that air quality mitigation would be achieved via the following:

- Electric vehicle charging points – via a condition requiring confirmation of compliance with Local Plan policy SB1
- Cycle route – new cycle lane along Barrowby Rd adjacent to the development. additional cycleway via Poplar Farm to the NW quadrant neighbourhood centre and Grantham town centre
- Buses – Section 106 contribution towards improvement of bus services. Roads linked up to Poplar Farm (as shown in masterplan) to enable buses throughout the NW quadrant
- Heating – via a condition requiring confirmation of compliance with Local Plan policy SB1

Environmental Protection

South Kesteven Environmental Protection team have responded with the following comments:

“Further to the reply from Georgina McCrae, I am satisfied that the mitigation proposed will ensure that air quality impacts from the development will be controlled. The promotion of active travel is welcome and must be supported for this development as detailed in the emails below. The reliance on travel using fossil fuels will reduce as more electric cars becomes available and therefore the need for charging points at domestic properties is necessary. In summary, Environmental health services would support the air quality mitigation actions proposed for Rectory Farm.”

Officer Comments

The information/clarification provided by the applicant, together with the comments of the Council's Environmental Protection team demonstrate that the impact on air quality in the locality and Grantham Air Quality Management Area would be adequately mitigated. This would be achieved through the design/layout of the development shown on the plans, section 106 contributions and additional details to be provided under condition 5.

Change to Recommendation

None.

