

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
at 10.30am on Saturday 14th January 2023 in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall.

Present: Cllr M Robson, Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr G France, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.

Also Present: 100 members of the public approx and Alexandra Robson, Clerk

Cllr Robson welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the format of the meeting and protocol for residents wishing to speak and advised that SPC are not recording this meeting.

E02201 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

All councillors present.

Cllr P Bardon declared an interest as a member of the HDC Planning Committee and took no part in the meeting. Cllr A Jackson declared that he has a relative associated in the application, but has no pecuniary interest in it.

E02202 Planning Application 22/02594/OUT

Outline application for mixed used development of commercial and light industrial complex York Road

1. Comments from residents of Sowerby regarding this application

Some comments from residents had been received in writing and circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. Residents present raised a significant number of issues and these were discussed at length.

2. Consider and agree the Parish Councils comments for submission to the planning authority

Councillors made a number of additional comments and reflected on the views of residents.

Cllr Hoyland proposed that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application refused, this was seconded by Cllr France. Cllr Bardon did not vote.

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council wishes to see this application refused and the Clerk will feedback a summary of the comments to the planning authority as follows:

This land is in a green infrastructure corridor, designated within the current local plan and the economic, social and environmental benefits of this application are outweighed by the potential negative impact.

Concerns include:

- Surface water drainage discharge into Cod Beck
- Incomplete information regarding mitigation of flood risk
- Planned screening will not reduce the visual impact of the 3 storey building
- An Economic Base Analysis has not been presented with the application
- A Biodiversity Net Gain report is not listed with the application
- A previous application on this site was refused at appeal and the new application has not addressed these matters

E02203 To confirm date of next Ordinary Meeting as Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 11.36