Bill Cullen MBA (ISM), BA(Hons) MRTPI Chief Executive

Date: 12 November 2019



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

To: Members of the Planning Committee

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Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** on **TUESDAY**, **12 NOVEMBER 2019** at **6.30 pm**.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Owen Democratic Services Manager

PLANNING COMMITTEE - 12 NOVEMBER 2019

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

7. 19/01035/FUL - LAND ADJACENT TO 1 BACK LANE, MARKET BOSWORTH

Application for erection of 1 No. detached dwelling.

Late items:

This application has been withdrawn from the agenda.

8. <u>19/00901/FUL - THE RETREAT FARM, WHITTINGTON LANE, THORNTON</u>

Application for installation of 19 lamp posts along driveway (retrospective).

Late items:

Introduction:-

The application seeks permission for the retention of 19 lighting columns alongside the access driveway from Whittington lane to the farmhouse/yard.

An early evening (5-5:30pm) site visit was conducted by officers.

CONSULTATIONS:-

A further letter has been received from an existing objector raising concerns regarding light pollution on wildlife.

OFFICER COMMENTS:

The additional comments arise from an objection received by LCC Ecology Unit that the lights are being kept on all night.

LCC ecology make the following comments: I have been contacted by a local resident concerning the above application. I understand that this is retrospective and that the application is to regularise the existing lighting. It was my understanding from the application documents that these lights would only be used occasionally, and for short bursts of time. However, it appears that they may be being used for more longer periods of time throughout the whole night. I would draw your attention to the 'Bats and Lighting Protocol' (attached) which explains possible mitigation in more detail. Please note that this refers to the immediate light spill in the area, we are not able to provide guidance on further 'glare'.

Officers have made an evening site visit and timed the lights which are on a motion sensor and are triggered by movement from large objects such as cars or people at the house or the entrance driveway. The lights stay illuminated for 7 minutes. They are not triggered by small movements from wildlife. A condition is included on the permission to ensure that the lights remain on a timer of 10 minutes as a maximum and that the lamps must not be permanently illuminated.

The third objection is not from a new address but a second objection from an existing

address. The objection is based on light pollution.

Additional comments have been received from the Environmental Health officer after the site visit which confirms: that following the site visit I do not believe that the light from this application would cause significant impact on local residents and as such I do not object to this application. Should the permission be granted, and complaints arise, the matter could be investigated through nuisance legislation; however, based on what I saw last week, it is very unlikely that the light would cause statutory nuisance.

A condition is included that restricts the illumination of the light bulbs to 1600LM which is within the guidance set by the Institute of Lighting Engineers.

CONCLUSION:

The additional comments can be addressed by the conditions as set out in the Officer Report and the Officer recommendation for approval subject to conditions remains.

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