

PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE: 11 December 2024

Agenda No: 10

REFERENCE NO F/YR24/0661/F

SITE ADDRESS Pecks Barn, Cross Drove, Tydd St Giles, Wisbech

PROPOSAL: Installation of 1x biomass burner including siting of 1x storage container (retrospective)

UPDATE:

1. Two further public comments have been received since preparation of Committee Report. Both, from residents of Cross Drove that have written in previously. They raise the following concerns:

- Smells and black smoke coming from the burner can smelt in neighbouring homes.
- Effects on neighbours' health.
- Neither set times of use of the burner or correct uses have been adhered to
- They state there are multiple containers on site.
- They are disappointed the burner has been on site without any planning permission for so long.
- The neighbour made reference to Environmental health involvement.
- They state that the site is not environmentally friendly and consider it toxic, unkept, and unsafe.
- The neighbour states that they have a lengthy diary, photos and videos of evidence that has not been taken account of.
- They state the burner has been in place for a long time with no planning permission and that issues raised to do with smoke and fumes are not dealt with by the company.
- The neighbour speaks about agreed times of biomass burning not being adhered to.
- They state that the proposed container that is supposed to keep wood dry, does not.
- They cannot see why the burner is necessary as other heat sources are available.

Officer comments:

1.1 The public comments received do not raise any further material planning issues that have not already been addressed within the committee report. A condition has been suggested with regards mitigation and management of the Biomass boiler, this would enable the Local Planning Authority to ensure that the mitigation measures as set out in the management plan are adhered to. These mitigation measures are considered to be adequate to ensure a high standard of amenity for nearby residents.

Recommendation:

The above update does not alter the original recommendation. Recommendation is to grant as per the recommendation at section 12 of the committee report.