

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
12TH DECEMBER 2022**

AP/2022

1st December 2022

AGENDA ITEM 8 - 22/03021/REF - Footbridge Farm

AIM

1. To review the Footbridge Farm planning application before the appeal hearing.
2. To nominate a member to represent Bridgnorth Town Council at the appeal hearing on Wednesday 11th January 2023, 10am at Shirehall.

BACKGROUND

3. The initial application for the erection of four poultry buildings with feed bins, one gate house, one boiler house and circular water tank; and associated infrastructure and landscaping scheme was submitted on 6th March 2017.
4. A summary timeline of the application is as follows;

06/03/2017	Application for the erection of four poultry buildings with feed bins, one gate house, one boiler house and circular water tank; and associated infrastructure and landscaping scheme received.
	Multiple objection comments received from residents, local businesses, and community organisations. The main issues arising are animal welfare, odour, dust, proximity to residential properties, air quality, noise, traffic movements, ammonia, and manure management.
24/08/2017	Bridgnorth Town Council submit a unanimous objection comment. (Appendix 1)
29/08/2017	Southern planning committee meeting held at Shropshire Council. Cllr David Cooper (BTC), Cllr David Ball (Tasley PC), Cllr Elliot Lynch (SC) and Cllr Les Winwood (SC) all spoke against the proposal. It was resolved that delegated authority be granted to the planning services manager to grant permission subject to certain conditions. (Appendix 2)
12/10/2017	Application received for the discharge of conditions 4, 5, and 6.
24/11/2017	Discharge granted.
04/2018	Shropshire Council issued new interim guidance for livestock units. "Assessing the impact of ammonia and nitrogen on designated sites and Natural Assets from new and expanding livestock units"
06/07/2018	Planning decision challenged at the Appeal Court by Ms Squire, a neighbour and member of Tasley Action Group. Claim is dismissed.

24/05/2019	Planning decision challenged again at Appeal Court by Ms Squire. Appeal is allowed and planning decision is quashed.
06/06/2019	Application amended to remove the proposal to store and spread manure on site.
	Again, multiple objections received for the same issues as before. Many residents do not seem satisfied with the solution to the manure spreading.
19/07/2019	Bridgnorth Town Council submit another objection comment top the amendments. (Appendix 3)
05/03/2021	The application was amended to include the use of air scrubbers to reduce the levels of ammonia.
30/11/2021	Southern Planning Committee meeting held at Shropshire Council. Cllr George Edwards (Tasley PC), Cllr Les Winwood (SC), Cllr Julia Buckley (SC) spoke against the application. A statement against from BTC was read out by a committee solicitor. It was resolved that planning permission is refused on the grounds of the proximity to a future development set out in the local plan and the impact of additional ammonia on local sites of special scientific interest.
07/06/2022	Application received to appeal the planning authorities decision.
	Many representation comments received for the same reasons as previously.
11/01/2023	Appeal hearing organised at Shirehall for this date.

SUMMARY

5. The case has now been ongoing for over 5 years.
6. The prevailing opinion from residents, businesses and organisations is to object to the application on the grounds of animal welfare, odour, dust, proximity to residential properties, air quality, noise, traffic movements, ammonia, and manure management.

RECOMMENDATION(s)

7. It is **RECOMMENDED**: to nominate a Planning Committee member to attend the appeal hearing for this case on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 10am in Shirehall and to compile a statement regarding the case to take with them.

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