

**MINUTES OF WEST DEREHAM EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT WEST DEREHAM VILLAGE HALL at 6.00 pm**  
**MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT (4 Councillors)**:- Claire Cann (CC) – Chairman, Lorraine Hunt (LH), Claire Page (CP) & Pam Walker (PW)  
Clerk: - Sarah Thorpe

8 members of the public were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received and accepted from Pam Bullas & Paula Kellingray.

2. **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations were made.

3. **Planning Applications.**

3.1 **Ref No: 14/01284/CM Erection of building to house a replacement waste baler and generator with associated improvements to bunding and landscaping arrangements along the southern site boundary at Glazewing Ltd, Station Road, West Dereham**

The application was discussed at length and with all members of the public present rejecting the application it was agreed that the response of the Parish Council would be OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

1 **Impact on community life**

The design and access statement claims that there will be limited impact on the village however the new building will be nine meters high which will be visible over a great distance due to the flat surrounding landscape.

West Dereham is an ancient, rural and residential village, which is already affected by the operations of Glazewing with numerous HGVs travelling along Station Road every day. This proposal would further ruin this ancient village. This new building to house a larger waste baler and generator will clearly represent an increase in operations if a broader range of waste can be handled, despite the applicant saying that this will not increase the amount of vehicles travelling to and from the site.

Complaints have been made by residents regarding the impact of lighting at the site and concerns were expressed that this application could increase the problem with lighting left on all day and it being very invasive in this rural setting.

2 **Impact on access/road safety**

It is inevitable that in the future this expansion will result in an increase in numbers of HGV vehicles travelling along Station Road to the Glazewing site. The current level of vehicles is already an issue for pedestrians as it is dangerous to walk along the road, especially for children walking to catch a school bus. Several issues of damage to the road surface have been reported in the past.

Countless requests have been made to Glazewing to supply the Parish Council with details of the number of HGVs travelling to and from their site as residents feel that traffic is increasing on bank holidays and Sundays however we have been told that this information is not available as they do not count vehicles that travel along Station Road, which is the route that all vehicles should travel to their site. If they do not keep figures then how can Glazewing quote, in this application, numbers of vehicles currently using the site and say that this would not increase?

3 **Visual impact**

The planned screening is in the wrong place. It will simply screen the site from open fields and will do nothing to help reduce the view of the site from the village.

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The height of the proposed building, nine meters, will mean that it is clearly visible to the village.

It appears that the proposed roller doors will also face in the direction of the village.

4 Noise/smell

The generator will cause an increase in noise. This noise will travel to the village as the prevailing wind is in this direction. This increased level of noise will clearly be heard by residents.

The proposed screening will not block the noise as it is in the wrong place; it will be situated to the South, however noise will increase to the North West.

The roller doors will face the village and levels of noise will be increased to the village.

5 Planning site history

The proposal to put any screening up cannot be believed as the village is still waiting for screening to be installed that was agreed by Glazewing at a meeting chaired by Elizabeth Truss MP on 1 April 2011.

Previous MP, Christopher Fraser; current MP, Elizabeth Truss; and previous Borough Councillor Richard Rockcliff, all accepted the negative impact that this site has on village life for residents and undertook to support the village, particularly in relation to planning.

6 Further points

The application does not say what they will bale or how long the generator will run.

Doubts were expressed to the Parish Council that the previous baler was ever in a working condition.

There appear to be several contradictions in the application regarding number of vehicles travelling to and from the site and in Annex B – the noise impact assessment, page 11 point 4.2.7 appears to contradict page 14 point 4.5.1 regarding the positioning of the roller doors.

The village does not have a good relationship with Glazewing because of the amount of upheaval this site causes to the village. It has been reported that they said they would not cooperate with the village if complaints continued to be made.

Given the technical nature of an application like this, and the amount of time and expertise that the applicants have been able to employ, the impracticality of giving the Parish Council in real terms two weeks and no resources to understand and respond, makes a mockery of the process.

Photos to be included with the reply and copied to Elizabeth Truss MP.

**Closure.** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.00pm.

**Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 2 October at 7.30pm with Open Surgery from 7.00pm.**

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Chairman’s signature .....

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