

CLlr Dermot Bambridge Report to Silverstone Parish Council 14th Oct 2024

Planning Responses

I have submitted my comments related to 2024/3612/PIP Application for permission in principle for a residential development of 7-9 dwellings to the south of Brackley Road. I have highlighted the policies that this application appears to be contrary to under the adopted South Northamptonshire Plan (Part 2) and Policy SS2: General Development and Design Principles.

The reasons being that -

1 – It is in open countryside and outside the village confines.

2 – The application is on an area previously identified as a Special Landscape Area being part of a swathe of land that remained between the properties on the south of the A413 Brackley and Towcester Roads and the A43 Silverstone bypass, when that road was built.

3 – The development would coalesce the two settlements of Silverstone and Olney contrary to Policy SS2: General Development and Design Principles.

DHL

On September 10th, the Strategic Planning Committee refused to give planning consent for the DHL planning application on the site north of Bell Plantation, Towcester.

The meeting lasted about four hours, and the vote would have been unanimous had it not been for one of the committee members who would not vote against it as he stated that in his opinion Towcester is not a rural area.

I understand that the applicant is in the process of appealing and WNC is preparing the ground to fight the appeal.

were quite complicated. The final wording of the grounds for refusal will appear in the minutes, which should be available on line this week and I suggest you keep an eye open for them if you are interested in full details but the main reasons given are: Adverse impacts on local landscape character, views and visual amenity as well as severe residual cumulative impact on the strategic roads network, particularly in the future.

Syresham Truck Stop

WNC Southern Area Planning Committee refused planning consent for the Syresham truck stop application on 3rd October. The recommendation was for refusal and this was upheld unanimously. The reasons for refusal in brief were –

- 1 – Within an area of open countryside
- 2 – Result in harmful impact on the character & appearance of the site
- 3 – Unacceptable impact on highway safety
- 4 – Impact on protected species
- 5 – Drainage issues
- 6 – Loss of Agricultural land

Northampton Market

On Saturday between 11.00am and 8.00pm and Sunday between 11.00am and 7.30pm, the newly completely revitalized Northampton Market will see its opening celebration event, with the opening ceremony taking place on Saturday at 12.15. The opening of the Market Square starts a new chapter in its long history as the traders return to their new fixed permanent stalls and high-quality pop-up stalls. The project, which started in in 2022, is costing £10.4 million, and sees the old cobbled market square transformed with the now paved market itself, stepped seating, new street furniture and an amazing water feature that sits alongside the market. I watched the amazing water feature being tested on Friday. This includes numerous water jets and has more than 30 computer-controlled patterns to be used on special days – such as St George's Day - with lighting inside the jets to add another dimension after dark. This is one of many initiatives being under taken by WNC to bring Northampton back to the attractive town it once was and somewhere to enjoy.