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Sent: 07 January 2015 09:55
To: Valerie Dobson; Birdham Parish Council
Cc: Wardlaw, James
Subject: RE: Publication of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Valerie Dobson,

Publication of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your e-mail dated 11th December 2014, informing SGN on the Publication of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan and the subsequent consultation event for same new publication which feeds into the wider Chichester District Council Local Plan.

SGN have assessed the impact of your proposed future development period 2014-2029 (Strategic Land Allocations Assessment) for the sites Rowan Nursery, Bell Lane - 25 new homes, Tawny Nursery, Bell Lane - 30 new homes, Site off Crooked Lane - 15 new social/affordable homes and Chichester Marina (Opal Building) - 9 new homes converted from commercial premises. We can conclude that on the whole, SGN Gas infrastructure at the above locations would not be significantly impacted by the level of projected development.

While information obtained through the provision of Local Authority Development Plans is important to our analysis, it only acts to identify potential development areas. Our principle statutory obligations relevant to the development of our gas network, arise from the Gas Act 1986 (as amended), an extract of which is given below:-

Section 9 (1) and (2) which provides that:

9. General powers and duties

(1) It shall be the duty of a gas transporter as respects each authorised area of his:-

(a) to develop and maintain an efficient and economical pipe-line system for the conveyance of gas; and

(b) subject to paragraph (a) above, to comply, so far as it is economical to do so, with any reasonable request for him -

- (i.) to connect to that system, and convey gas by means of that system to, any premises; or**
- (ii.) to connect to that system a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter.**

(1A) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to facilitate competition in the supply of gas.

(2) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to avoid any undue preference or undue discrimination -

(a) in the connection of premises or a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter to any pipe-line system operated by him; and in the terms of which he undertakes the conveyance of gas by means of such a system.

We would not, therefore, develop firm extension or reinforcement proposals until we are in receipt of confirmed developer requests.

As SGN is the owner and operator of significant gas infrastructure within the Chichester District Council Plan area and due to the nature of our licence holder obligations;

Should alterations to existing assets be required to allow development to proceed, such alterations will require to be funded by a developer.

Should major alterations or diversions to such infrastructure be required to allow development to proceed, this could have a significant time constraint on development and, as such, any diversion requirements should be established early in the detailed planning process.

We would, therefore, request, that where the Council are in discussions with developers, via the Local Plan, there early notification requirements are highlighted.

Additionally, SGN are aware of the advances being made in renewable technologies, especially those related to the production of biomethane. Should any developer be proposing to include such technology within their development, then we would highlight the benefits of locating these facilities near existing gas infrastructure.

Again, where the Council are in discussions with developers via the Local Plan, we would hope that these early notifications requirements are highlighted.

We hope that the above information is sufficient for your requirements at present. If, however, you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards.

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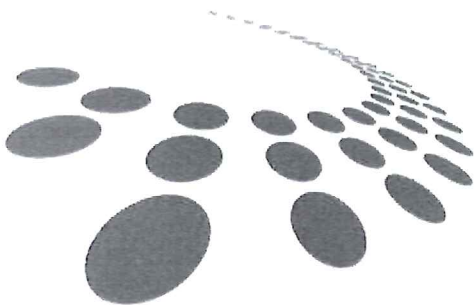
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From: Valerie Dobson [<mailto:vdobson@chichester.gov.uk>]
Sent: 11 December 2014 08:19
Subject: Publication of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Publication of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 16)

Birdham Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared a neighbourhood development plan, entitled Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan, for their parish with the help of the local community. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Copies of the Birdham Parish Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on the District Council's website <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Hard copies are available for inspection at:

Chichester District Council

East Pallant House,

1 East Pallant

Chichester

PO19 1TY

(08:45 – 17:10 Mon – Thurs/ 08:45 – 17:00 Fri) *(NB Please note that the Council will be closed for the Christmas period from 4pm on Wednesday 24th December 2014 until 8.45am on Friday 2nd January 2015).*

By contacting the Clerk, Birdham Parish Council:

28 Langdale Avenue,

Chichester PO19 8JQ

clerk@birdhamparishcouncil.org.uk 01243 790402)

The period for submission of representations will run for six weeks from Thursday 11th December 2014 until Thursday 12th February 2014. Representations should arrive no later than 5.00pm on 12th February 2014. All representations received will be available to view publicly.

To make representations:

Printed response forms are available from the locations listed above or can be downloaded and filled in electronically by visiting <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Completed response forms should be sent to:

- Neighbourhood Planning, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester PO19 1TY
- Or emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@chichester.gov.uk

Please note that any representations may include a request to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under regulation 19 in relation to the neighbourhood development plan.

Valerie Dobson

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Chichester District Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

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