



Chair - Councillor B McKeown

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

F Beatty	P W Jones
A P Edgeller	A R McNaughton
P C Edgeller	A J Sandiford
J Hood	S N Spencer

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor
R Wood	-	Development Lead
T Cannon	-	Principal Planning Officer
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

PC16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors B M Cross (substituted by Councillor F Beatty), R A James (substituted by Councillor A P Edgeller), A D Hobbs and D M McNaughton.

PC17 Declarations of Member's Interests / Lobbying

Councillor S N Spencer declared that he was employed by Severn Trent Water but has no influence on planning application consultations.

PC18 Application 24/38719/FUL - Stallington Sprink, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge

(Recommend: Approve, subject to conditions and no intervention by the Secretary of State)

The meeting was reconvened following the deferred meeting on 23 June 2026 where further information was required for Members to consider the application.

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter. An addendum had been added to the original report providing clarification of the designation of the land.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

Parish Councillor J Crossley spoke in objection to the application.

C Chamberlain, S Rocks and B Thomas spoke in support of the application.

The Ward Member was unable to attend the meeting but had prepared a statement, read aloud by the Principal Planning Officer.

Councillor S N Spencer proposed that the application be refused as the proposal would lead to the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas contrary to paragraph 143(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework and as such would not constitute grey belt land. Consequently, the renewable energy proposal would represent inappropriate development in the North Staffordshire green belt, which by definition is harmful, and by reason of its extensive scale would result in harm to openness for which the very special circumstances from the modest contribution of the scheme to the overall need for renewable and low carbon energy developments at a national level would not outweigh such harm by reason of its inappropriateness. The proposal is therefore contrary to paragraphs 143, 153, 154 and 160 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2024.

This was seconded by Councillor A J Sandiford.

On being put to the vote the proposal to refuse application 24/38719/FUL was carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 24/38719/FUL be refused as the proposal would lead to the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas contrary to paragraph 143(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework and as such would not constitute grey belt land. Consequently, the renewable energy proposal would represent inappropriate development in the North Staffordshire green belt, which by definition is harmful, and by reason of its extensive scale would result in harm to openness for which the very special circumstances from the modest contribution of the scheme to the overall need for renewable and low carbon energy developments at a national level would not outweigh such harm by reason of its inappropriateness. The proposal is therefore contrary to paragraphs 143, 153, 154 and 160 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2024.

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