

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

The Environment and Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday 28th May 2024 to consider the *Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Preferred Approach for updating the plan*, and whether to recommend the Minerals and Waste Teams Preferred approach to the Executive, who would in turn then approve the preferred approach to open it up for public consultation.

Our Chairman, Cllr Glenn Fuller, put forward a case as to why they should remove SG17 from their preferred approach and to try and make them see how unsafe the methodology had been.

We managed to get the committee to engage in a thorough debate, lasting for an hour and a half, which is unheard of. The results were that the Committee decided that they couldn't recommend to the Executive that the preferred approach was sound and that they suggested to the Executive that the consultation was deferred until they had had a chance to consider the preferred plan, with all the supporting documentation in place. If the committee could have thrown SG17 out of the plan yesterday there is a high chance that they would have.

Cllr Ashley Baxter and Cllr Phil Dilks also attended the meeting and gave impassioned speeches against SG17 and mining in West Deeping.

Councillors Cooke and Spratt were especially vocal in scrutinising the officers and the plan and were backed up by questions from Councillors Boles, Hagues, Taylor, Austin, Griggs, Carrington and Murray. All of whom felt that they should have been in possession of all of the reports and information when being asked to make such an important recommendation.

The Executive meet next week to consider the preferred approach, alongside the comments and recommendations from the Scrutiny and Environment Committee from yesterday. Glenn also plans to attend this meeting and if allowed to do so, will reinforce our arguments against SG17 at that time.

A link to the meeting on youtube can be found here –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rzsXu--tWQ&t=6044s>