

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018

PLANNING APPLICATION 17/ 03745/OUT

THE DRIVING CENTRE, ENSTONE AIRFIELD, ENSTONE

**CONSTRUCTION OF MUSEUM BUILDING, SHOW LANE BUILDING,
CORPORATE HOSPITALITY BUILDING, ENERGY CENTRE/STORE BUILDING,
WORKSHOP BUILDING. FORMATION OF CAR EXERCISE ROAD.
CONSTRUCTION OF 28 HOLIDAY LODGES. FORMATION OF LANDSCAPED
GROUNDS. ASSOCIATED SITE SERVICES AND EXTERNAL WORKS. DIVERSION
OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND STRATEGIC HOUSING

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(The decision on this matter will be a resolution)

1. PURPOSE

To consider whether it would be expedient to undertake a formal site visit prior to the likely consideration of an 'issues' report at the June Sub-Committee meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Sub-Committee decide that it would be expedient to visit the site and its surroundings

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The application seeks planning approval for the development described above on both brownfield land at Enstone Airfield and on adjoining green field land to the east of the airfield. The museum complex is proposed to be accessed from the west along Green Lane and the holiday lodges will be accessed from the north along Tracey Lane. The application is in outline with all matters except for access reserved for future consideration.
- 3.2. The application site comprises that part of the site previously occupied by Vision Motorsport and includes the rally circuit and motorsport circuit constructed with planning permission in 2008. The site is bound to the north by the staff accommodation and staff car park associated with Soho Farmhouse.
- 3.3. To the east and the south the application site is bound by open countryside and to the west by the remainder of the airfield.
- 3.4. The proposal includes a minor diversion of the existing bridleway (23413) between Gagingwell and Great Tew.
- 3.5. It is anticipated that an 'issues' report in respect of the proposals for the land will be presented to the Sub-Committee for consideration in June. This report will cover in depth both the policy and technical issues pertinent to the consideration of the planning merits of the application.
- 3.6. The application has been the subject of a large body of objection and at the time of writing there are a number of technical objections which remain outstanding.

- 3.7. Prior to consideration of an 'issues' report your Officers consider that it would be valuable for Members to have visited the site and its surroundings in order to get an appreciation of the context within which the development is proposed in both landscape and local highway network terms.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage.

5. RISKS

None at this stage.

6. REASONS

See Section 3 above.

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Background Papers:
None