At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on Monday 2nd February 2015

**Present:** Cllrs R Callender (Chair), T Green, I Thomas and H Wilkinson.

The Parish Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown

Member of the Public was in attendance

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| **69. Apologies for absence –** Cllr K Graham – The apologies were accepted.  **70. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda -** None.  **71. Public Questions –** Cllr Callender explained that a maximum of 15 minutes was permitted for public questions with a maximum of 5 minutes person before inviting questions/comments.  **L Stephens – NE65 0JS –** Had viewed the plans and endorsed the letter of objection that had been submitted to NCC from L Thomas. Agrees that increased traffic will be a concern on a C class narrow road; particularly on the sharp bend in the road. Lack of grit bin on the bend. Suggested a petition be started.  **K Gray – NE65 0JW** – Reiterated traffic concerns on an inadequate road infrastructure, noting the work to the Nature Reserve, which will attract more visitors, will also increase traffic flow through the village. From a visual perspective it will be at a detriment to the village. The ecological report was noted as being inadequate; no barn owl survey and no mammal report. No details of lighting and the impact to bats on the site. The footpath is non existent and the application claims there are 3 bus shelters in the village which is incorrect.  **M Beswick – NE65 0JW** – Commented on noise pollution issues as a result of the proposed development which was too close in proximity to the village. He also noted the red squirrels in the area.  **J Hardy – The Orchard** – Concerns of the increase in people per day travelling through the village and the potential for increased litter, dog fouling etc.  **A Hume – NE65 0JW** – Expressed concern over the type of people attracted to such sites, stating that static sites have much more control over their customers.  **T Jones – Fairway** – The drainage proposals are confusing; if pitching into the main sewer it needs to be adequate. A full traffic survey should be urged.  **A Burn – High Hauxley** – Noted inaccuracies in the site study. Noted the reference to Amble 2020 which is irrelevant to the site.  **B Hardy – NE65 0JW** – Noted the distance between the proposed caravan pitches and existing properties, 19m distance from his own property.  **H Gardiner – NE65 0JW** – The storage building on site, it doesn’t state what is to be stored and the volumes of storage.  **J Pringle – NE65 0JS** – Queried whether the proposed development is within the village envelope.  **72. Co-opted Vacancy –**.Cllr Thomas was officially welcomed to the Council. The Clerk gave details of the Co-opted vacancy for the benefit of all present.  **73. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015** were agreed as a true record.  **74. Planning:**  **a) To report on any planning decisions:** None.  **b) Planning matters pending:** None.  **c) To consider any planning matters:**  15/00040/FUL - Land West Of Beacon Hill Farm High Hauxley - Development of small caravan park to include 30 touring pitches, approximately 5 tent pitches, office/coffee shop and toilet/shower block. Proposed change of use of existing agricultural building to storage (Use Class B8).  The Clerk detailed the comments Cllr Graham had submitted in writing which covered all that had been raised in the public session.  The Clerk informed of Policy T3 of the Alnwick DC Local Plan which was still relevant regarding areas of High Landscape Value, also noting that in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan which could be considered as it had already passed ne stage of consultation, Policy 26 was also relevant. Comments should be made on the Local Plan before 11th February requesting area 40a (Druridge Bay including Hauxley) should be classified as being protected rather than ‘managed’.  Cllr Green raised concern on the wider costs to the village the proposed development would have, i.e. cost of added litter, fouling, road use, car parking, noted that as there was no footpath between the proposed development, this would result in an increase in traffic and/or an increase is pedestrians walking on the road, in both instances the danger was noted. The Links Road to Amble was a regular circuit for cyclists and wheelchair users who would be put at danger due to increased traffic. The potential for an increase in crime was also noted.  Cllr Callender reiterated concerns already raised, commenting that this was an overdevelopment for the settlement size. The proposed development was the equivalent of increasing the village by a third. There was no detail in the plans as to whether the site would be open 12 months of the year, and do details regarding the disposal of chemical toilets.  Cllr Wilkinson proposed objecting to the application. This was second by Cllr Green and agreed on the following grounds:   * The application is in violation of Policy T3 in the Alnwick Local Plan regarding Areas of High Landscape Value (Landscape Character Area 40a) * Northumberland Local Plan Policy 26 ‘the possibility that small-scale developments can have a major adverse impact on the landscape in sensitive rural settings’ – Hauxley Parish Council believe that in the context of the village size, this proposed development constitutes a major development. If the proposed development is fully occupied this will increase the numbers in the village by a third. * The Design and access statements claims there are ‘3 bus stops in the village providing access to into larger town centres without the use of a car’ – this is incorrect. There are 2 bus shelters in Hauxley but no public bus service. Users of the proposed development would be forced to access larger town centre via car or walking along roads which are narrow with no verges or footpaths. * Concerns of increased traffic generation on inadequate roads. * Concern of highway safety; existing pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users who already use the inadequate roads. * Concern of loss of privacy for existing residents in the village. * Concern of layout; proximity of caravan pitches to existing residential properties * Concern of the lack of detail of hours of operation, arrival times of users should be restricted and the caravan park should not be for use 12 months of the year * Concern of noise pollution from holiday makers * Concern that the ecological survey is inadequate; no reference to barn owls or the amphibians in the area.   **75. Items for next agenda –** None.  **76. Date and time of next meting:** Monday 9th March 2015 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley  The meeting closed at 7.45pm |  |
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