

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

14 AUGUST 2025

PRESENT: [REDACTED] (Chairman), [REDACTED], [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Committee met at County Hall, Beverley.

Officers Present: [REDACTED] - Strategic Development Services Manager,
[REDACTED] - Principal Planning Officer, [REDACTED] - Highways Development
Management Team Leader, [REDACTED] - Solicitor and [REDACTED] - Senior Committee
Manager.

Councillor [REDACTED] also attended the meeting via Zoom.

Members of the public speaking via Zoom - 0

Also in attendance: Public - 0
Press - 0

23/25 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS - The following declaration was made:

Application

Member/Interest

24/01813/NSIP - Peartree Hill
Plantation, Meaux Lane, Meaux
(Minute 27/25 refers)

Councillor [REDACTED] made a
declaration under the Planning Code of
Practice in Minute 27/25 insofar as she had
attended consultation meetings about the
proposal as well as having been approached
by members of the public.

24/25 MINUTES - Resolved - That the minutes of the Committee held on 17 July 2025 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

25/25 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEES - Resolved - That the minutes of the under-mentioned Sub-Committees be received:

- (i) Eastern Area Planning on 7 July 2025.
- (ii) Western Area Planning on 8 July 2025.

26/25 WITHDRAWALS - The Director of Planning and Development Management advised the Committee that no applications had been withdrawn from the Schedule of Planning Applications.

27/25 PEARTREE HILL PLANTATION, MEAUX LANE, MEAUX - The Director of Planning and Development Management submitted a report on an application by DWD Ltd for consultation on a Development Consent Order for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of solar photovoltaic electricity generating and storage

facility with an export capacity of 320 megawatts and associated infrastructure at Peartree Hill Plantation, Meaux Lane, Meaux (Application 24/01813/NSIP).

At the meeting, the Director advised the Committee that no additional information had been received on the application following publication of the report.

Resolved - (a) That the Committee notes the contents of the Local Impact Report and that it be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration but that it be noted by the Inspectorate that the Committee would have been minded to refuse the application had it had the opportunity to determine it in its own right as opposed to being a consultee due to the concerns arising about the industrialisation of the countryside and its scale and visual impact which will be detrimental to the rural aspect of the area and out of keeping, the impact of the sprawl of panels on residents and their amenity in terms of their enjoyment of the locale and the creation of a swathe of panels that will stretch from Meaux to Holderness which is not in keeping with the rural nature of the area;

(b) that the following additional points be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as representing this Committee's further comments on the proposal:

- (i) the scale and cumulative impact of the proposal is inappropriate for the open countryside;
- (ii) the loss of 35% of good quality agricultural land in the area of the proposal which goes against efforts to make the country food secure;
- (iii) concern that the use of farmland for the hosting of solar panels is not necessarily a good or the best option available, and
- (iv) the need to maximise/secure levels of food production in the area, and

(c) that the Director of Planning and Development Management in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee be delegated to make any further alterations to the Local Impact Report before the report is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration.

28/25 FUTURE PLANNING APPLICATIONS - The Committee considered details of planning applications that were currently under consideration or were likely to be submitted to the next or subsequent meetings of the Committee.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

29/25 APPEAL DECISION - The Committee received details of the latest planning appeal:

Carr Farm, Carr Lane, Tickton - Appeal allowed.