

**Email exchange between Chairman of Brooke Parish Council – Edward Jinks and District Councillor John Fuller**

On 19/01/2019 09:49, edward.jinks wrote:

Hi John,

At our PC meeting in August I asked you to confirm that you will be actively supporting the PC in its objection (agreed unanimously) to the FW planning application.

The overwhelming majority (over 99%) of public comments on the SNC website are objections to the proposal, which are based on a long and varied list of reasons. You will be aware that the PC's own letter of objection cited a number of arguments, all based on expert advice from our experienced and well-respected planning consultant.

At our August meeting you stated that you had not yet made up your mind, but that you would confirm your position to the PC before the planning application goes to the DMC. As the DMC meeting draws closer I have been asked by the PC to reiterate the question to you - please can you let me know your current thinking and how you intend to address the DMC meeting when this application is considered.

Edward

From: John Fuller  
Date: 19/01/2019 18:40 (GMT+00:00)  
To: "edward.jinks"  
Subject: Re: FW planning application

Hello Edward

It is still far from certain that the application as currently constructed will actually get to committee in the near future. Or even at all.

It doesn't do the objectors' case any good for me to comment publicly until there is clarity over so many of the outstanding considerations, especially relating to the 5 year land supply, which as I previously explained, could materially change when the Government finally issues its revised methodology.

I'm only going to publicly comment on an application that is capable of being determined one way or the other at Committee.

My officials are now telling me that February's committee would be the earliest possible date. But my personal view is that, given the delays in the Government issuing its figures and the consequent knock-on whilst we interpret them, a much later date is more likely.... and that presupposes that IF the land supply position changes, then the applicant might then seek an amendment or withdrawal. Which, presumably if that happened, objectors would be well satisfied with.

This is all speculation. But whilst there is the possibility of this outcome, I am not going to make public comments one way or the other. To do so could prejudice the outcome the "99pc" you refer to below are seeking. As well as being the view of the PC.

John

Councillor John Fuller  
Leader of South Norfolk District Council. Member for Brooke Ward