

From: The Clerk to COMBE HAY PARISH COUNCIL
To: Development Control Committee
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THE FORMER FULLERS EARTH WORKS SITE, COMBE HAY.

I am Peter Duppa-Miller – I am speaking today as the Clerk to Combe Hay Parish Council.

I wish to pose a number of questions regarding the many matters concerning the Former Fullers Earth Works – which I request are answered in the next report made to this Committee

- 1. Is it true that the Local Planning Authority’s intention is to determine application 13/02141/CLEU by the end of August 2013? Is the Local Planning Authority fully aware that the area depicted in that application is larger than “the buildings and the existing hard-standing” identified by the Inspector during his site visit in October 2002? Will this highly controversial application be determined by the Development Control Committee or by officers?**
- 2. Is it significant that Mr Barry Williams, who is a party to the two appeals against the Second Bite Enforcement Notice, is not mentioned in Mr Kendrick’s paper?**
- 3. What pre-application discussions have taken place between the Local Planning Authority and the potential applicant for a Residual Waste Treatment Facility on the FFEW site? What is the degree of confidence that an application will be submitted “no later than October 2013”? Is the Local Planning Authority fully aware that the Joint Waste Core Strategy Inspector ruled that if the site were to be so used no other activity might take place on the site?**
- 4. Exactly how is the Council’s position protected “for the next four years”?**

I remind the Committee that Combe Hay Parish Council has consistently advocated, since the June 2004 meeting of this Committee’s predecessor, that appropriate Planning Enforcement action should not only be authorised but also actively pursued.

I remind the Committee of the Local Government Ombudsman’s recommendation in March 2008 that B&NES Council “determine the remaining Planning Enforcement issues without further delay”.

So, I most strongly urge the Committee to insist on progressing the Planning Enforcement process which it resolved to pursue at its meeting on 9 May 2012 - in order to remedy, as soon as possible, the numerous long-term breaches of planning control on this site.