

SITE INSPECTION HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2016 -10.00 am

00583/2015 Erection of kennel building and cattery buildings – Holly Berry Thorndon Cross Okehampton Devon EX20 4NE

Present: Cllrs Sellis, Benson, Cann OBE, Hockridge (ward member), Mott (ward member), Moyse and Roberts

Apologies: Cllrs Baldwin, Parker and Pearce

Officers in Attendance:

Planning Community of Practice Lead (Pat Whymer (PW));

Planning Case Officer (Tom French (TF));

Environmental Health Specialist (James Kershaw));

Senior Case Manager (Kathy Hoare (KH)); and

DCC Highways Officer (Phil Townsend (PT)).

During the introductions, Cllrs Benson, Mott & Moyse each declared a personal interest by virtue of knowing one of the protesters personally.

The Members attended the site and the Highways Officers (PT) explained the alterations that were planned to improve visibility to the entrance of the site. With the aid of plans and photographs, the case officer (TF) outlined the application.

Cllr Hockridge explained the parish council's concerns regarding visibility.

The Environmental Health Specialist (JK) explained the noise report.

Members also viewed from the adjoining bridle path and the property opposite the site (Wayside) by permission of the owner.

The ward members shared concerns regarding noise and the spoiling of the local amenity to residents.

The Parish Council representative (SE) spoke at the end of the meeting to draw attention in regard to the relevance of the Neighbourhood Plan.

At this point, the Chairman formally concluded the site inspection.

(Meeting ended 11.15am).