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Sent: 04 June 2015 15:29
To: Valerie Dobson
Cc: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: RE: Publication of the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Publication of the Wisborough Green Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your e-mail dated 30th April 2015, seeking our view on the publication of the Wisborough Green Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

SGN have assessed the impact of your proposed future development areas or site allocations which includes; Land South Meadow, Petworth (25 dwellings), Land South of the Greenways Nursery (Stationing of Caravans -10), Clark's Yard, Billingshurst Road (11 dwellings) and Winterfold Fields, Durbans Road (22 dwellings) covering between 2015-2020. We can conclude that on the whole, SGN Gas infrastructure at the above locations would not be significantly impacted by the level of the identified plots for future development, as the nearest gas mains supply is in Billingshurst.

While information obtained through these consultation or engagement on Local Development Plans is important to our analysis, it only acts to identify potential development areas. Our principle statutory obligations relevant to the development of our gas network, arise from the Gas Act 1986 (as amended), an extract of which is given below:-

Section 9 (1) and (2) which provides that:

9. General powers and duties

(1) It shall be the duty of a gas transporter as respects each authorised area of his:-

(a) to develop and maintain an efficient and economical pipe-line system for the conveyance of gas; and
(b) subject to paragraph (a) above, to comply, so far as it is economical to do so, with any reasonable request for him -

- (i.) to connect to that system, and convey gas by means of that system to, any premises; or***
- (ii.) to connect to that system a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter.***

(1A) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to facilitate competition in the supply of gas.

(2) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to avoid any undue preference or undue discrimination -

(a) in the connection of premises or a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter to any pipe-line system operated by him; and in the terms of which he undertakes the conveyance of gas by means of such a system.

While information obtained through these consultation or engagement on Local Development Plans is important to our analysis, it only acts to identify potential development areas. We can surmise that this is a high level assessment and response, the information provided should be used as a guide in your proposed review.

We would not, therefore, develop firm extension or reinforcement proposals until we are in receipt of confirmed developer requests.

As SGN is the owner and operator of significant gas infrastructure within the Chichester District Council area and due to the nature of our licence holder obligations;

Should alterations to existing assets be required to allow development to proceed, such alterations will require to be funded by a developer.

Should major alterations or diversions to such infrastructure be required to allow development to proceed, this could have a significant time constraint on development and, as such, any diversion requirements should be established early in the detailed planning process. We would, therefore, request, that where the Council are in discussions with developers, via the Local Plan, that early notification requirements are highlighted.

Additionally, SGN are aware of the advances being made in renewable technologies, especially those related to the production of biomethane. Should any developer be proposing to include such technology within their development, then we would highlight the benefits of locating these facilities near existing gas infrastructure. Again, where the Council are in discussions with developers via the Local Plan, we would hope that these early notifications requirements are highlighted.

Please let me know if the above information is sufficient for your requirements at present. If, however, you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards.

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From: Valerie Dobson [<mailto:vdobson@chichester.gov.uk>] **On Behalf Of** Neighbourhood Planning

Sent: 30 April 2015 11:12

Subject: Publication of the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan

Publication of the Wisborough Green Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 16)

Wisborough Green Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared a neighbourhood development plan, entitled Wisborough Green Parish Neighbourhood Plan, for their parish with the help of the local

community. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on the District Council's website <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Hard copies are available for inspection at:

Chichester District Council

East Pallant House,
1 East Pallant
Chichester
PO19 1TY
(08:45 – 17:10 Mon – Thurs/ 08:45 – 17:00 Fri).

The period for submission of representations will run for six weeks from **Thursday 30th April until Thursday 11th June 2015**. Representations should arrive no later than **5.00pm on 11th June 2015**. All representations received will be available to view publicly.

To make representations:

Printed response forms are available from the locations listed above or can be downloaded and filled in electronically by visiting <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Completed response forms should be sent to:

- Neighbourhood Planning, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester PO19 1TY
- Or emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@chichester.gov.uk

Please note that any representations may include a request to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under regulation 19 in relation to the neighbourhood development plan.

Kind regards

Neighbourhood Planning

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