

From: Mike Ellison
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Friends Poynton Pool <friends@poyntonpool@gmail.com>
Subject: Deferral of planning application 23/4152M

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Cheshire East Council
Delamere House
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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Friends of Poynton Pool community group, I write to you as applicant for planning application 23/4152M registered on 3 November 2023.

Further to the Strategic Planning Board meeting of 24 April 2024 when the decision on the application was deferred subject to:

1. A review of the data including, but not limited to:
 - Flood Study input parameters
 - Geotechnical investigation of the embankment
 - The volume of the pool
2. Review mitigation of impacts from the proposal
3. Review the proposal with technical experts from Friends of Poynton Pool (FoPP)

To achieve this, we suggest that a meeting of non-technical representatives of Cheshire East Council, FoPP and Poynton Town Council would be helpful in establishing objectives, lines of communication, and which experts from each party would be involved and their terms of reference.

From our perspective, the key issue is to review the proposed solution against alternative, less damaging options to both regulate reservoir overflow and raise the crest of the dam.

We would ask that the review includes but is not limited to:

1. A review of the Jacobs flood study data that was omitted from the application. If the overriding justification for this work is 'need' then we would expect the flood study results to be considered
2. Detailed topographical survey of the embankment and outfall
3. Geotechnical investigation of the embankment to determine its composition and establish whether it is a clay-core dam or a clay-lined lake, and to enable an assessment of the effects of removing vegetation from it
4. A review of the current risk from the dam, and the risk when different solutions are applied
5. Consideration of further options for regulating both reservoir overflow and regulation of the dam crest
6. Options that avoid the removal of or damage to trees
7. Engagement of an Arboricultural Clerk of Works for the duration of construction operations and pre-design ground investigations or exploratory works having potential to damage trees
8. Enabling access to the work site by an arboriculturist engaged on behalf of the community to check compliance with any tree-related planning conditions

We look forward to an opportunity to work with you to achieve an outcome that will satisfy your obligations as duty holder and the communities desire to retain the asset with the minimum possible impact.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Ellison
For Friends of Poynton Pool

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 8:50 AM
To: Mike Ellison; [REDACTED]; Friends Poynton Pool <friends@poyntonpool@gmail.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Deferral of planning application 23/4152M

Dear Mr. Ellison,

Thank you for your recent email on the above,

As the current named applicant representing the Council in its duties as the 'undertaker' with responsibilities for Poynton Pool, I am happy to work collaboratively and engage with the Friends of Poynton Pool, Poynton Town Council, and other interested parties to develop and agree a way forward.

My understanding is however, that the Council, in its duties as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) will take the lead on resolving matters and the approach and process for addressing the various reasons for deferral will be determined by Planning Officers.

Initial contact has been made with the Council's (as applicant) existing project team to request additional supporting information and I understand similar requests are to be made from all other interested parties and the process will continue from there.

In the interim, the Council's appointed Supervising Panel Engineers, Mott MacDonalds have advised that following the deferral decision made by the planning committee, that an early s10 Inspection of the existing reservoir will be requested.

Look forward to working with you and wider colleagues in due course,

Kind regards,

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From: Mike Ellison
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Deferral of planning application 23/4152M

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, it is the most positive communication we have had from the council since becoming involved with the Friends of Poynton Pool community group more than 18 months ago. Whilst we have some difficulty with the concept of a local planning authority leading on the development of an application that it will itself determine, we look forward to working collaboratively with you as applicant, to develop and agree a way forward.

We are in receipt of an email from the planning case officer Mr Wakefield, which is hopefully the beginning of a meaningful collaboration.

Regarding the Supervising Engineer's request to bring forward the next Section 10 inspection, we respectfully request that your chosen Inspecting Engineer (IE) be entirely independent of both Jacobs and Cheshire East Council and that once appointed, a meeting be arranged between your IE and our Engineer Stewart Tennant to discuss the material inaccuracies that we have identified in the input data used to prepare the 2019 Flood Study and the alternative solutions for reservoir flood routing and crest regulation. This should include our alternatives which we believe are viable but have hitherto been dismissed without providing any explanation as to why.

Regards,

Mike Ellison
For Friends of Poynton Pool

From: Mike Ellison
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 8:59 PM
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Dear [REDACTED]

Just checking in with you as I'm working abroad from tomorrow for the rest of the week. Did you manage to look at my last email? I know how quickly the inbox can fill up but it would be great to hear that you were supportive of a meeting of the professionals.

Regards,

Mike Ellison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 May, 2024 8:14 AM
To: Mike Ellison; [REDACTED]; Friends Poynton Pool <friends@poyntonpool@gmail.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Deferral of planning application 23/4152M

Dear Mr. Ellison,

Thank you for further comments and feedback on the above.

My apologies for the delay in responding, but there is very little to update on currently.

The Council has yet to receive the formal written notice from the appointed Supervising Engineers, Mott MacDonalds in relation to the request for an early inspection of the dam. Additional fee proposals have however been requested from them, to appoint an alternative panel engineer to undertake the formal reinspection and provide a level of separation between the various duties of Supervising and Inspecting Engineers involved.

I am happy to update on progress of the above in due course.

Kind regards,

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Deferral of planning application 23/4152M

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for the clarification. This is helpful.

Regards,

Mike Ellison