

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(Site Inspections)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013**

Present: Mrs G Hayward (Chair)  
Mr A Archer, Councillor JA Brinsden, Ms C Gwyther, Councillor P Harries, Councillor M James, Councillor Mrs L Jenkins, Councillor R Kilmister, Councillor Mrs A Lee, Councillor PJ Morgan, Councillor R Owens, Councillor D Rees, Mr EA Sangster and Councillor M Williams.

(Site Inspection: 10.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Ellis, Councillor ST Hudson and Mrs M Thomas. Councillor RM Lewis was not present as he had disclosed an interest in the application at the meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.

**2. Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting and reminded them that the purpose of the visit that day was purely to enable Members to acquaint themselves with the application site. No decision would be made until the planning application was considered by a future meeting of the Development Management Committee.

**3. NP/13/0093 – Construction of Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre, incorporating an internal access road, site access improvements, erection of a compactor shed, canopy shed & welfare office, provision of containers, skips & igloos, staff & visitor parking, weighbridge area and quarantine area, lighting & site signage, fencing & landscaping works; Land adjoining Brooklands, Saundersfoot**

The Planning Officer outlined the proposals for a Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre on the site which was comparable to that at Waterloo Road in Pembroke Dock. The main facility would be located on the part of the site furthest away from Brooklands Nursing Home, however the impact on this property needed to be carefully considered. The facility would be open 7 days a week from 8am to 6pm between April and September and 8am to 4pm between October and March. Staff hours would be between 6.30am and 7.30pm.

The proposals included provision of a bottle bank, and concern had been expressed about the potential noise associated with this; therefore a noise assessment had been submitted and an acoustic scheme had been



incorporated to lessen the noise. Bunding would be provided around the site to enhance the existing hedgerows – this would take the form of a 1m bund with 4-5m of planting on top, however this would take up to 15 years to mature. All existing landscaping surrounding the site would be retained.

Members asked about lighting of the site, and were informed that nine columns of approximately 8m in height would be located around the site together with four floodlights on the compactor shed, and Mr Brown from Pembrokeshire County Council clarified that the lights would be in use during operational hours only. The main lights would be downlighters and so should not shine onto Brooklands.

One Member asked whether the site would need to close when the skips were emptied, as happened currently in Tenby, and was informed that this would not be necessary as the layout allowed for a separation of the public and operational areas. Mr Brown clarified that the layout of the site was constrained in terms of its width and a desire to locate the operational area away from Brooklands; however a lot of the site would be retained as grassland. The current access into the site would be widened and the existing levels would be modified.

Another Member queried whether it would be possible to relocate the operational area further into the site itself and away from the Nursing Home. Mr Brown stated that this option had not been considered.

Members also asked about the previous use of the site, and were told that it had been used for agriculture or camping under the 28 day rule. It was anticipated that the proposed facility would serve the Tenby, Saundersfoot, Amroth and Kilgetty areas.

Members then visited the Brooklands Nursing Home to view the application site from there.