



Notes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Working Group
held virtually on Wednesday 22 May 2025 at 10.00 am
via Teams

In Attendance: Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Ian Giles
Cllr Pam Carlaw Cllr Nathaniel Warwick
Lisa Collins – Clerk

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1 **DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS**

a) **ESS/23/25/BTE** – Land at Rivenhall Airfield, Coggeshall Road, Braintree CO5 9DF

To consider planning applications for variations of conditions accompanied by an environmental statement

Comments by Councillors: Applicant has said the order in which they think it should be dealt with is the NMA first regarding condition 29 to deal with more types of waste, then the ESS/23/25/BTE which is material amendments to conditions of which there were numerous. Finally, ESS/24/25/BTE the application for carbon capture. All have a common set of documents. Only one planning design and access statement. It was initially thought that the application was about making space for the carbon capture plant, but this is not the case as a lot of the condition changes appear not be in relation to this. They seem to be taking the opportunity to put in a large number of condition changes of what they would like to be amended. The applicant states that they are re-wording the application and the different types of waste are alluded in original documentation, and it is being specified rather than added to. Persistent Organic Pollutants “POP” is new. New Environment Agency legislation states that large bulky household items containing POPs must be incinerated. It must be ensured that the protocols of the Environmental Agency regulations are followed to avoid POP emissions, and they are disintegrated into less harmful chemicals and are removed from the stack. Visible plume – a lot of which comes out will be invisible, but at different times depending on the temperature and air conditions the plume will become visible. Will only be visible for 33 hours per year and that will be mainly on cold windless nights. If that is the case, then our response should be that if so little then they can expend the heat to remove it. If carbon capture is in place it will reduce to 3 hours per year, in which case they can spend the heat to remove the visible plume as well.

Not happy about additional movement and see it on results. Because POP incineration is a specialist thing they can bring in the POP waste. Wary that waste coming in from outside of Essex might prompt a requirement for extra movements but provided that no extra movements now or in the future, we will remain concerned.

Unhappy that they are pushing the WWTP to only do it when they are doing the pulp and paper plant which from meetings they have said will be never. They are using potable water. Very confusing where they are going to get water from and put it back to. Wherever possible there should be a minimising of mains water and recycling. Waste Water Treatment Plant should not be reliant on the pulp and paper plant.

Woodhouse Lane – object to other than private cars. Cannot have rigid body and transit vans using Hollow Road and going through Silver End. Car park is at the end of the site near the A120.

Reduction of the Green Roof area, to allow for an open area no comment.

Stack height – second stack must match material of existing stack and not any larger

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council have considered the three applications (ESS/39/23/BTE/NMA13, ESS/23/25/BTE and ESS24/25/BTE) and this response is in relation to all three applications.

ESS/39/23/BTE/NMA13 – It is noted that this application is to remove specific reference to the types of waste which may be processed within the IWMF from the description of the ESS/39/23/BTE application to within condition 29. Section 5.11 of the Planning Design and Access Statements (“PDAS”) states that no changes are proposed to the materials processed within the IWMF. We are therefore querying the point of this Non-Material Amendment if this is the case?

ESS/23/25/BTE – Feering Parish Council originally thought that these applications were in relation to making space for the carbon capture but from analysis of the conditions, this does not appear to be the case. Whilst we acknowledge that the applicant has stated that this is a re-wording of the original application and that the different types of waste were alluded to in the original application, Feering Parish Council object to the following conditions being amended:

- Deletion of Condition 17 (requirement for no visible plume from stack) – We have noted that the applicant states that the plume will only be visible for 33 hours per year and their model of the conditions which would lead to a visible plume, mainly on cold, windless nights. We would argue that if it is going to be so little the applicant can expend the heat to remove the possibility of the plume being visible. The applicant also states that if the carbon capture site is in place the possibility of a visible plume will be further reduced to 3 hours per year, therefore we would like the applicant to spend the heat to remove the need for a visible plume.
- Deletion of Condition 39 (change of noise limit hours. Feering Parish Council are of the view that this is not in the interests of local village residents and users of the Public Rights of Way.
- Amendment to Condition 3 (HGV movements) – It has previously been stated by the applicant that the bunkers have capacity for held / delayed deliveries and we therefore object to this amendment.
- Amendment to Condition 8 (Vehicle access via Woodhouse Lane) – Feering Parish Council strongly object to this amendment. Woodhouse lane is a very narrow road with no pavements. The movement of 7.5-ton lorries and / or vans would cause unnecessary congestion on an already busy rural road and would mean additional access through the villages of Rivenhall or Kelvedon using Parkgate Road and Hollow Road both of which are already busy lanes with degraded edges / potholes. Heavier vehicles would cause even more damage on a route unsuitable for these types of vehicles. There is access from the A120 on the dedicated access road and there must be no need for an alternative route and the site car parks are all at that side of the site.
- Amendment to Condition 23 (Surface Water drainage) – East Anglia is a dry area, and precious potable water should not be used for process plant operations. The amendments to the conditions are confusing as to where they are intending to source water from and where it is going to be put back. Feering Parish Council are of the view

that they should be minimising the use of mains water and there must be recycling of water.

- Amendment to Condition 27 (origin of waste) – Feering Parish Council is concerned that should waste be transferred from outside of Essex and Southend this would prompt a requirement for extra movement of vehicles.
- Amendment to Condition 35 (out of hours construction works). Feering Parish Council object to this change to overnight working. This is not in the interests of local villages and users of the Public Rights of Way.
- Amendment to Condition 36 (Waste delivery hours) - This is not in the interests of local villages and users of the Public Rights of Way.
- Amendment to condition 38 – (noise limits) - This is not in the interests of local villages and users of the Public Rights of Way.
- Amendment to Condition 40 (noise limits to allow assessment period change from 5 to 15 minutes) – we seek clarification as to whether this is an error as page 107 of the Planning Design and Access Statement refers to distance from surface of measurement not time.
- Amendment to Condition 44 (lighting details) – This amendment refers to the proposed extended hours in condition 36 which we have objected to. We would also like clarification as to why PIR lighting should be permitted to exceed 5 LUX.
- Amendment to Condition 56 (Stack) – We would like clarification as to why this is necessary.

Feering Parish Council have comments on the following amendments:

- Amendment to Condition 15 – Feering Parish Council do not object to this amendment but there must be an agreed phasing timetable, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant must not be delayed or dependant on or connected with the Pulp and Paper Plant which it has been stated at Site Liaison meetings will not be delivered.
- Amendment to Condition 19 – Feering Parish Council do not object to this amendment but there must be an agreed phasing timetable, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant must not be delayed or dependant on or connected with the Pulp and Paper Plant which it has been stated at Site Liaison meetings will not be delivered.
- Amendment to Condition 23 – We would like clarification as to why the Waste Water Treatment Plant installation is delayed. As stated in our objection, potable water must not be used for process plant operations.
- Amendment to Condition 29 – Feering Parish Council do not object to the further amendment to this condition subject to compliance with the Environment Agency regulations and confirmation that the protocols will be followed to avoid any harmful emissions from the incineration of POP containing waste.
- Amendment to Condition 41 – We would like clarification as to why this does not include all locations included in condition 38?
- Amendment to Condition 51 – This must have a phasing timetable.
- Amendment to Condition 52 – This must have a phasing timetable

ESS/24/25/BTE – Feering Parish Council have the following comment on this application:

- Whilst we do not, in principle, object to the additional stack, it must be covered with the same reflective material as the existing stack and must not be any higher.

- b) **ESS/24/25/BTE** – Land at Rivenhall Airfield, Coggeshall Road, Braintree CO5 9DF

Outline Planning permission with all matters reserved (except for access) for the construction of a Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage Plant and Heat Offtake and associated stack, external pipelines, electrical cables and landscaping works

Comments by Councillors: See ESS/23/25/BTE

Delegated response: This application was discussed during the ESS/23/25/BTE discussion and relevant comments on this application made within that delegated response

- c) **ESS/39/23/BTE/NMA13**– Land at Rivenhall Airfield, Coggeshall Road, Braintree CO5 9DF

Non-Material Amendment to the Description of Development of planning permission ESS/39/23/BTE to remove reference to materials processed within the IWMF, together with the re-wording of Condition 29 to include reference to materials processed within the IWMF. ESS/39/23/BTE is an amended planning permission for the Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility.

Comments by Councillors: See ESS/23/25/BTE

Delegated response: This application was discussed during the ESS/23/25/BTE discussion and relevant comments on this application made within that delegated response

- d) **25/01065/TPOCON** – Rivers House, Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 33/88:

T13 – Common Yew – Crown lift over car park to achieve a height clearance of 3m from ground level.

G6 – Ivy – Prune back to clear structure/wires/buildings. Remove Ivy from along entire length of northern side of the fence and from the ground to clear access to cycle racks.

Comment by Councillors: Comments received from Tree Warden, Yew trees can take a fair amount of pruning, so no issue. Better for the branches to be removed professionally rather than suffer damage from car movements, particularly given the comment in the application about existing decay on the trunk. Pruning can be done anytime over the summer months. Agree with comments and submit. Removal of ivy ok.

Delegated Response: Following consultation with our Tree Warden, Feering Parish Council have no objection to the proposed crown lift to the Common Yew. Yew trees are known to tolerate pruning well, and the proposed works are considered appropriate to prevent potential mechanical damage from vehicle movements. This is particularly prudent given the applicant's reference to existing decay in the trunk. Professional execution of the pruning is recommended, in line with best arboricultural practices, and the works can appropriately be scheduled during the summer months.

The proposed removal of the pruning of ivy is also supported. The clearance of ivy to maintain access to infrastructure and to prevent damage to structures is considered justified and poses no harm to protected trees.

- e) **25/01055/HH** – 1 Hall Farm Close, Feering

Proposed single storey rear extension.

Comment by Councillors: If neighbours no objection, then no comment to make. Even though only a small extension we would like to see the inclusion of energy efficiency and sustainability measures to minimise the environmental impact on the community and reduce the carbon footprint.

Delegated Response: Feering Parish Council have no comment to make on this application. Feering Parish Council have declared a climate emergency within the parish and although this is only a small extension, we would like to see the inclusion of energy efficiency and sustainability measures to minimise the environmental impact on the community and reduce the carbon footprint.

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UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS APPROVED / REFUSED

Nothing to update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22 May 2025 at 10 am

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