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cc Rosie Elms  
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Subject: HARP Planning application

Dear Steven

You will be aware that Waddington Parish Council have requested that The Secretary of State call-in the HARP planning applications and that this decision is still pending. Despite this, the Planning Committee voted on March 16<sup>th</sup> to approve in principle and delegate The Director of Economic Development & Planning to agree conditions with United Utilities.

The matter was discussed at our recent meeting and we wish to make it clear that Waddington Parish Council does not have confidence in The Director of Economic Development & Planning to negotiate these conditions in the best interests of the residents of the parish or the wider AONB.

We would like to know what oversight and consultation process is to be put in place to ensure that in advance of any agreements, the conditions negotiated, and the legal remedies put in place adequately address the concerns of residents, and protect the AONB?

We believe that the Parish Council Liaison meeting is the correct place for this question to be raised and answered. We believe that the information given by RVBC is that can only raise it under 'matters brought by parish councils.' In our opinion this shows a lack of understanding of the serious concerns that many residents have regarding this scheme and the ongoing way in which it is being handled by RVBC.

We request that HARP is added to the agenda and that the question above is addressed by an appropriate officer. In addition, we would like to request a meeting to be set up with The Director of Economic Development and Planning, affected parishes and the AONB so that all affected parties are given the opportunity to scrutinise, in advance, any proposed agreements to be made with United Utilities.

Best regards

John Rattigan

Chair, Waddington Parish Council