

Members were grateful of the opportunity to comment following receipt of the information, and in particular clarification regarding the disposal of the waste.

Members confirmed their view that they had no objections to the proposals, but would ask that the LPA take into consideration any comments they receive from neighbours to the site.

**TWC/2025/0077 Barnes Farm, Rowton
4 Poultry Units – environmental statement received**

Once again, the LPA had requested further information, especially relating to the disposal of the waste from the site and its close proximity to the watercourse.

Members were grateful of the opportunity to consider the Environmental Statement provided and considered the concerns that continue to be raised by local residents.

Concerns remain regarding:

The close proximity to the watercourse and despite mitigation, river pollution and the risks to the nearby clear water fishing lakes remain. The site appears on the flood risk map with the N/S track going through the farm directly to the river.

The access to the site, which is along narrow country lanes, raises further concerns particularly for those living in Rowton village.

The area is in a flood zone.

There is a fear that the site is becoming congested and questions have been raised regarding over-development – especially relating to the combined waste from the 3 business elements of a dairy farm anaerobic digester and (if granted) 4 poultry units. This is an area already prone to flooding.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would call-in the application for determination by Planning Committee.

Members also considered the access to the site. If TWC, at any point in the future, is minded to approve such an application, it is vitally important that a condition is added to ensure that all tractors / trailer and HGVs only access the site from the A442 and that none should be allowed to travel through the narrow lanes through the village, for the lifetime of the application. This matter will be raised with the Planning Committee, and with the officers should a recommendation for approval come forward in the future.

**TWC/2026/0067 The Vicarage, High Ercall
Felling of Hedgerow (H2) to be replaced with Hornbeam, felling of (T14) Silver Birch and reduction of limbs of Ash Tree (T22)**

This application addresses many of the concerns raised by residents over a period of time.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support this application

P26/045

Other Matters

a) Planning Committee Vacancy

This will be raised at the Full Council meeting to ascertain if there are any volunteers.

b) Housing Needs Survey

The survey will be launched on Monday, 16th February 2026. There is a QR for direct access electronically, hard copies will also be available with freepost envelopes. Posters will be available for displaying across the Parish. A further article will appear in the next newsletter. Thanks were recorded to Craig Bethel from Community Resource for his work on this and for agreeing to attend some events in the Parish to discuss this with local residents. The survey is aimed at people and families with a housing need – so it is hoped that all Members will discuss this with local residents to ensure that they are aware and have an opportunity to ‘have their say’.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed.....Date.....