

WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – 10th DECEMBER 2009
Pre-Committee Amendment Sheet

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CIRCULATION: First

ITEM: APPLICATION REF: 09/0648/FUL

Location: Cambridge Tennis Club, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge

Target Date: 28th September 2009

To Note:

An email was received via Councillor Cantrill from Mr Lunt. The points raised can be summarised as follows;

- The case officer's report is very superficial not addressing several of the objections submitted;
- Interested parties have not been notified of this application being heard at the Area Committee;
- Residents are not opposed to any extension of lights but the height of the masts and the use of sodium luminaries. The requirements of the tennis club can be accommodated with 6 metre masts;
- The Ecological scoping report is exceedingly superficial;
- The application is for use until 10pm every night, an extension of time upon those agreed for the existing and the neighbouring University Athletics ground;
- Contrary to the officer's report the proposal does not minimise the impact upon wildlife and visual amenity; and
- The essence of the report is 'The West Cambridge area has changed and will change so much that another industrialisation element is of little consequence'.

An email was also copied to the City Council between Paul Aslin (The Institute of Astronomy) and Mrs Meeks (on behalf of the North Newnham Residents Association). The points raised can be summarised as follows;

- The Institute of Astronomy, to their knowledge have not been consulted;
- There is a restriction on the use of the floodlights at the neighbouring University athletics track and hockey pitches on certain nights of the week but this is an internal agreement between university departments and was not imposed by the planning authority;
- The existing lighting of the two courts at the tennis club has little impact upon astronomical observation and doubt that lighting three further courts in the same manner would. However, higher columns and the angle of the lightning

may cause considerable light damage.

Amendments To Text:

Paragraph 7.1: The address '11, Clarkson Close', should read '11, Clarkson **Road**'.

Pre-Committee Amendments to Recommendation:

DECISION:
