

**Present:** Cllrs Bell, Chambers, Lankester, Legg, Lowther, St Joseph

**In the Chair:** Cllr Plater

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**Also Present:** District Councillors Bamford and Thompson  
2 Members of the Public

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Cole.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

**3. Public Forum**

There were no comments from the members of the public.

**4. District Councillors**

Councillor Bamford reported:

- Thanked the Parish Council for allowing her to attend the meeting with BANNG on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- Maldon District Council had discussed the Bradwell B Stage 1 Consultation that day and Officers assured all items concerned in relation to Tollesbury will be raised in discussions with Bradwell.

**5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting subject to a minor amendment. Proposed Cllr Lankester, seconded Cllr Lowther. Unanimously agreed.

The Minutes would be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible.

**6. Bradwell B**

The Chairman explained that following the last meeting, some Members had attended a meeting with the Blackwater Against New Nuclear Group (BANNG) and gave an overview of the meeting.

Councillors had a lengthy discussion regarding the propose Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell B.

To summarise Councillors agreed the following:

- The Consultation should be delayed to allow interactive discussions and local meetings when circumstances permit, so that residents can have their say on this crucial part of the consultation.

- Given the location of Bradwell, being at the lowest point in the South, it is not the correct location for a Power Station due to flood risk potential and climate change.
- Bradwell B will be at least five times larger than Bradwell A and will have a detrimental effect on the landscape.
- The environmental impact on the river.
- The impact on the fishing and sailing leisure pastimes.
- There is not enough information included within the documentation.

**Resolved:** The Chairman and Clerk to prepare a response to the Consultation which will be circulated to Councillors for approval before submission.

A copy of the response would be included as an appendix to the Minutes (Appendix A).

**7. Date of the Next Meeting**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020** – Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee Meeting (7.30 pm)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020** - Recreation Ground Committee (6.30 pm)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020** – Full Council Meeting - (7.30 pm)

All Meetings are virtual and will be held via Zoom.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed.....

Date .....



## **Bradwell B Pre-Application Stage One Consultation**

### **Introduction: Setting of Tollesbury Parish**

Tollesbury Parish is situated on the north shore of the river Blackwater, to the north of Bradwell A power station. It is approximately 3.8km (2.3 miles) from the centre of Bradwell A to the start of the populated area of Tollesbury (industrial area/marina and berthing). The 2011 Census states that Tollesbury had a population of 2,620, and in 2020 the population has grown to over 3000 and continues to grow. It is classified in the Maldon Local Development Plan (LDP) as being of medium sustainability and ranked third after Southminster and Mayland on the sustainability table. It is the second closest village to the new proposed power station site after Bradwell itself.

Tollesbury is a thriving and significant rural and maritime community, with a maritime history dating back to the Romans. It lies to the south-west of West Mersea. The two remaining sarcophagi at A still dominate the skyline to the south and will do so for their remaining life. The peninsula to the south of the village along the Blackwater has now been designated as a National Coastal Footpath, and Tollesbury is a hub point for entry onto the path. It is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a RAMSAR site, an MSAC site, a SPA site and an MCZ site. It is a class A area for shellfish cultivation and is used by the village and surrounding Districts for walking, access to boats, and farming.

The development of Bradwell B, which will be at least five times larger than Bradwell A, will undoubtedly change the current open and rural panorama such that we will be facing a huge industrial landscape. The proximity and scale are worrying, and extremely scary, to local residents.

### **Consultation Process**

Tollesbury Parish Council is extremely concerned about the nature of the consultation process given the current Coronavirus pandemic. Whilst efforts have been made to engage digitally across the District, we do not believe this can replace the need for direct consultation, with person to person discussions and full local meetings. Following the proposed cancelled exhibition in Tollesbury, we would have arranged for our annual Village Assembly to discuss the matter fully and would have anticipated an audience of at least 200 people. The Assembly could not take place and as a consequence, we believe that the current



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consultation process is flawed as there has not been the opportunity for everyone to take part, nor to ask full questions.

Given our location and size, and the significant impact the construction will make upon the village, we believe it is imperative that the Stage 1 Consultation period should be extended to allow residents to meet the project teams and have their concerns addressed face to face.

Whilst we are responding to the consultation within the allotted time period to preserve our position, we do so stating that the pushing through of the consultation in a time of national emergency will substantially damage the democratic process. With this position, we endorse the remarks made by Maldon Town Council and other interested parties, including BANNG, and would request that a new full consultation should be undertaken (post-COVID-19) before any further actions are taken.

### **Bradwell B Proposals:**

#### ***Question 1: What are your overall views on our proposals to build a new nuclear power station and associated development?***

We consider that the context for this development has radically changed in the last fifteen years. Firstly, the renewable industry has developed and is developing far more quickly than anticipated at the time, and it can and will continue to contribute a considerable energy supply. This was not what was anticipated. Secondly, it is clear now that climate patterns are changing, with flooding becoming an increasing risk. In the case of our coastline, this follows both tidal and weather patterns. In light of these, we request that you reconsider the site, which is one of the lowest points in England and at flood risk. Whilst we appreciate that you can build a nuclear island and ensure that the built site is high, this seems both an unnecessary cost when other sites would be more suitable, but more for Tollesbury it increases the scale of the whole development and the damage to our environment. Thirdly, the context of world politics has changed and the proposed ownership and long term structure for managing the facility has altered. We are not comfortable with the prospect of management being in the hands of a single national conglomerate. Fourthly, the population growth of the District and the area is such that 4,500 more houses will be built in the Maldon District within the proposed construction period. This is in addition to large growth in Chelmsford as it develops as a city, and in Colchester. This makes for a very different setting than the one originally proposed and on which the decision was made.



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**Question 2: *What are your views on our proposals for the power station including our approach to landscaping and managing environmental effects?***

There is no landscaping of note at this point, and in any event, the scale of the project is so enormous that there is no way that any significant landscaping proposals would mitigate the scale. The two indirect cooling towers, which are a new feature, are so huge and so different from any previous proposal, that we cannot see any possible mitigation. Given the scale, this project is going to change the District socially and environmentally in a way that will be permanent, and will not just affect the Dengie. We request that you reassess the viability of this whole project.

**Question 3:**

***What are your views on our approach to people and jobs, including education, training and local supply opportunities.***

Whilst we welcome the possibility of jobs and training in the District, and note that there might be supply opportunities, we are unlikely to benefit from any of these and we consider the long term environmental cost to Tollesbury is too great to welcome them.

**Question 4:**

***What are your views on our emerging accommodation strategy?***

Given our location, it is highly unlikely that we will benefit from your proposals.

**Question 5:**

***Please provide comments on our proposed approach to providing temporary accommodation.***

The accommodation of approximately 4,500 people on site will radically change the socio-economic character of the District.

**Question 6:**

***What are your views on our emerging transport strategy?***

The effect on Tollesbury will be minimal. Maldon, Chelmsford, and the A12 infrastructure are all important to us as links for school, jobs etc. so we would expect to see a lot more detailed information on these areas.



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**Question 7:**

***What are your views on our proposed use of sea transport for moving freight?***

Tollesbury is a maritime village, with both fishing and sailing as leisure pastimes. We have extensive mud berth moorings and a marina, and we have oyster beds out in the North channel. The estuary sailing based from Tollesbury is protected enough for small dinghies as well as providing a centre for yachts of all sizes - for racing as well as leisure sailing. We are concerned about the lack of detail on all aspects of the impact of the proposals on the maritime environment and ecology. We cannot make any significant comment without this detail, but our concerns are in the following areas: the ingesting and discharging of water as part of the cooling process and the impact on the marine ecology - particularly the effect on the Colchester Native oyster beds; the atmospheric effects of the heat discharge from the towers; the impact on the marine leisure industry - the frequency of the large vessels arriving and departing and whether there will be any restricted channels; and the major change visually on the estuary environment particularly because of the scale and size, which could affect our economy as a tourist centre for sailing. All these things could damage our reputation as the premier sailing area on the east coast.

**Question 8:**

***What are your view on Route 1, including in relation to the specific bypass options?***

No comment.

**Question 9:**

***What are your views on the western section of Strategic Route 3 including in relation to the Green Lane options?***

No comment.

**Question 10:**

***What are your views on the eastern section of Strategic Route 2 including in relation to the Green Lane options?***

No comment.



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**Question 11:**

*What are your views on the Bradwell section of Strategic Routes 1 and 2?*

No comment.

**Question 12:**

*What are your views on our proposals for using a freight management facility including in relation to our site search areas?*

No comment.

**Question 13:**

*What are your views on our proposals for park and ride facilities including in relation to our site search areas?*

Any park and ride facility developed during the construction period must become permanent. If this were to be in Maldon on the Hatfield Peverel side of the town, this would benefit Tollesbury in the long run and reduce car use in the northwestern part of the District.

**Question 14:**

*Comments and suggestions about the consultation process.*

See above.