

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Jeff Kahan, City Planner
SUBJECT: The Village of Ann Arbor: New Brownfield Information
DATE: September 7, 2022

On September 2, 2022, Planning Staff receive the following email correspondence from Public Services staff:

“With further review of the presence of methane on-site, Engineering cannot approve the site plan at this time. After engaging with an outside consultant, Tetra Tech, we do not have enough information yet to have a full understanding of the potential impacts to proposed utility infrastructure on site. Tetra Tech has indicated that numerous Methane sampling locations noted in the submitted Environmental Assessment report exceeds the lower explosive limit of 5%. Methane gas is not containable and has the potential to migrate through the ground, into sewer pipes, and potentially back into homes. Further review with Tetra Tech is necessary before we can complete our review.”

Additionally, the geometry of the Pontiac Trail and Dhu Varren Road approaches are under review with the City’s Transportation group.

Planning Staff recommends postponing action on the Village of Ann Arbor site plan at the September 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting until these issues have been addressed. Planning Staff does not recommend postponing to a date certain since we do not know when these issues will be resolved.

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