

**At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2013 at 4.45 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Thompson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Heron, Lauchlan, Padgett, D. Snowdon, Tate, Wakefield and Wood

**Declarations of Interest**

Items for Information

11/02362/OUT – Eppington Ltd, Land at North Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring

12/03140/FUL – Site of Former Broomhill Estate, Hetton-le-Hole

12/03142/FUL – Land to the East of Former Broomhill Estate, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring

12/01125/OUT – Coal Bank Farm, Weardale Street, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring

Councillors Blackburn, Heron and Tate made open declarations in the above applications as members of Hetton Town Council who were a consultee in the applications.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F. Miller, Richardson, Scaplehorn and Scott

**Applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies circulated), which related to Hetton, Houghton and Washington areas, copies of which had also been forwarded

to each Member of the Council, upon applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

**12/02705/VAR – Variation of wording of conditions 4 and 5 attached to planning application 06/02209/FUL at land at Murton Lane, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring**

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive presented the application as set out in the body of the supplementary report, advising that it was proposed to vary the wording of conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission 06/02209/FUL to allow the relocation of a stretch of footpath from one location to another.

Councillor Blackburn asked if residents had been consulted as the relocation of the footpath may have an impact upon them and was advised that full consultation had been undertaken as it would have been for the initial application, and that no representations had been received.

The application having been fully considered, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons as set out in the report and subject to the three conditions amended therein.

**12/02937/FUL – Change of use of officers (B1) into a mixed use development comprising offices and financial / professional services (B1 and A2) at basement and lower ground floor and a mix of retail / restaurant / bar / hot food take away (A1, A3, A4 and A5) at ground floor, first floor and roof terrace, with associated external alterations to include balconies, roof terrace and external stairs (AMENDED DESCRIPTION) at Glendale House, Washington Town Centre, Washington, NE38 7SW**

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive presented the application as set out, highlighting that an amendment was required under condition five to read that 'no music shall be played from the roof top terrace outside the following hours Monday to Sunday 06:00 to 22:00' and not the hours of '06:00 to 01:00' as stated.

The representative also advised that following Members site visit it had been requested that a further condition be added in relation to installing a barrier or boundary treatment to prevent access from the site on to the Washington Highway which ran alongside.

Councillor Snowden referred to the 15 parking spaces and asked if there would be any time limit restrictions as were in place in other parts of neighbouring car parks, and if 15 spaces would be ample for the use of the development. The representative advised that the highways section were satisfied with the level of parking and that it corresponded with guidance. It was expected that the leisure facilities would be mainly accessed on an evening or weekend which would not coincide with the office use of the development.

Members having considered the application, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons as set out in the report, subject to the six conditions therein, including the amendment to condition five and a further condition regarding boundary treatment at the site.

### **Items Delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive**

The following item was delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive:-

- Approval of reserved matters for 158 dwellings at SIG Combibloc Ltd, Blackthorn Way, Sedgely Industrial Estate, Houghton-le-Spring;
3. RESOLVED that the item delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive be received and noted.

### **Items for Information**

Councillor Heron referred to application 11/02018/FUL – Land adjacent to 9 Grange View, Newbottle and asked for an update on what was happening with the application as it had been included in the matrix for information for some time now. The Chairman agreed to take the matter up with the Head of Planning to share Members concerns and report back with an update on the issues around the development.

The Chairman advised that he had been requested by a Member of the Committee to undertake a site visit to Dean Croft, Warden Law which was not included in the matrix but would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the following site visits be undertaken:-
  - 12/03723/FUL – Dean Croft, Warden Law; and
  - 12/03140/FUL – Site of Former Broomhill Estate, Hetton-le-Hole and 12/03142/FUL – Land to the East of Former Broomhill Estate, Hetton-le-Hole.

(Signed) G. THOMPSON,  
Chairman.