

At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2009 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor T. Martin in the Chair

Councillors Ball, Copeland, Fletcher, M. Forbes, Francis, E. Gibson, Miller, Scaplehorn, J. Scott, Snowdon, P. Watson, Wood and A. Wright

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bell, Chamberlin, Charlton, I. Cuthbert, G. Hall, Howe, O'Connor, Tye, Wakefield and D. Wilson

Variation in the Order of Business

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to take Item 7 as the next item of business to allow relevant Members to attend another Council meeting.

Objections to the Proposed Introduction of Waiting Restrictions on Gorse Road and Ashmore Street

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of objections received to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions on Gorse Road and Ashmore Street, Ashbrooke, Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Burney Johnson, Head of Transport and Engineering presented the report which set out the reasons for the objections.

One of the objectors raised the issue that at a meeting in November 2008 the emergency services representatives had requested double yellow lines upon additional sections of road to those shown as the proposed restrictions on the plan attached to the report.

Mr Johnson advised the Committee that he had spoken to the Police and they did want the extent of the restrictions to be greater than those shown.

Mr Johnson informed the Committee that if a process of re-consultation was to take place this could delay the order by 4-6 months.

In response to Members' queries, Mr. Johnson clarified that the Committee were being asked to agree the recommendation as it stood. However the Director of Development and Regeneration would consider further meetings with statutory consultees around the additional restrictions requested.

1. RESOLVED that it be recommended to the Director of Development and Regeneration that the formal objections received during the statutory consultation process from local residents opposed to the introduction of the waiting restrictions be not upheld

Minutes of the Last meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 23rd April, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record,

Councillor Wood referred to his query regarding the Retail Park and requested a further update.

Mr. Keith Lowes, Head of Planning and Environment advised that the planning application was still being considered as part of a wider discussion on key regeneration issues in Sunderland.

Reports of the Meetings of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 12th May and 2nd June, 2009 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that the reports be received and noted.

Reports of the Meetings of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee

The reports of the meetings of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committees held on 21st April, 12th May, and 2nd June, 2009 (copies circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee

The reports of the meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committees held on 2nd June, 2009 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) T. MARTIN,
Chairman.