

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 29th JULY, 2008 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Chamberlin, Miller, Scaplehorn, J. Scott, and Wakefield

Declarations of Interest

Items for Information

07/05522/VAR and 07/05523/MID – Eppleton Colliery, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton le Hole

08/02623/LAP – Hetton Sports Hall, Welfare Road, Hetton le Hole, Houghton le Spring

Councillor Blackburn declared a personal interest in the above applications as a member of Hetton Town Council.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted to the Committee on behalf of Councillors I. Cuthbert, I. Richardson, Tate and Wake

Application made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report, supplementary report and report for circulation (copies circulated) which related to the 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 the Regulations made thereunder.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

08/02245/LAP – Installation of 2 CCTV cameras fixed to 8 metre columns at Barnwell Primary School. Whitefield Crescent, Sunderland

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr. Geoff Walker, objector, to the Committee who spoke in relation to the application highlighting the following issues:-

- That he was resident at no 23 Avondale Avenue and although did not object to the overall scheme, he did object to it being located 12 feet from his back garden;
- Security lighting from the sports centre already illuminates the rooms of residents houses and this would further encroach on privacy;
- The cameras being fixed to an 8 metre column would cause further intrusion on residents privacy and space;
- Resiting of the camera to other areas of the school would still give full coverage.

Members were then given the opportunity of asking Mr. Walker any questions.

The representatives of the Director of Development and Regeneration responded to the issues raised by Mr. Walker.

Members having considered the report, supplementary report and report for circulation at the meeting, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) 08/01641/LAP – Erection of 1.8m high fence at land to the rear of 54-56 Dunelm Drive, Houghton le Spring

The application be approved, for the reasons set out in the report and subject to the two conditions as outlined in the report.

- (ii) 08/01617/VAR – Variation of condition 27 of permission 04/02864/FUL at the proposed sports pavilion at Staddon Way, Houghton le Spring

The item be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

- (iii) 08/02245/LAP – Installation of 2 CCTV cameras fixed to 8 metre columns at Barnwell Primary School. Whitefield Crescent, Sunderland

The application be granted approval under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for the reasons set out in the report and subject to the three conditions as outlined in the report.

- (iv) 08/02282/LAP – Erection of single storey extension at Oxclose Community School, Dilston Close, Oxclose, Washington

The application be granted approval under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for the reasons set out in the report and subject to the two conditions as outlined in the report.

- (v) 08/02751/LAP – Erection of a three-storey school building at Biddick School Sports College, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington

The application be granted approval under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for the reasons set out in the report and subject to the sixteen conditions as outlined in the report for circulation.

Items for Information

- (vi) 08/02623/LAP – Hetton Sports Hall, Welfare Road, Hetton le Hole

That a site visit be undertaken to the site of the above application; and

- (vii) 08/02368/FUL – The Galleries, Washington Town Centre, Washington

That a site visit be undertaken to the site of the above application.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) concerning the above for the period 1st July, 2008 to 31st July, 2008.

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2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) FLETCHER,
Chairman.