

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 2012 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Thompson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Lauchlan, F. Miller, Padgett, Richardson, Scaplehorn, D. Snowdon, Wakefield and Wood

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scott and Tate

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

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report and supplementary 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)

12/02339/VAR – Variation of condition 6 of 09/02328/REM to change fenestration, materials and elevations of house types (Plots 202-224 and 229-306). Amended description 11/10/12 at Elba Park, Former Lambton Coke Works, Lambton 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 condition 6 from a previous reserved matters approval (ref. 09/02328/REM), relating to 97 units within Phase 2 of the former Lambton Cokeworks, now known as Elba Park.

Councillor Wakefield sought clarification of the size of the development as it was set out at approximately 12 hectares of housing and the Officer agreed to determine the exact sizing and come back to the Member directly.

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 conditions as detailed in the Other Considerations section of the supplementary report.

12/02340/FUL – Alterations to the housing layout to involve: Substitution of housetypes affecting 11 plots and construction of an electricity substation at Elba Park, Former Lambton Coke Works, Lambton Lane, Houghton-le-Spring

Members having considered the application, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons as set out in the report and subject to the condition as detailed in the Other Considerations section of the supplementary report.

12/02767/FUL – Re-profile surround to the existing pond, creating a wetland margin for insect and bird habitats. Surplus material will be utilised to create two islands for predator free nursing at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve, Chilton Moor, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6PU

Members having fully considered the application, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons as set out in the report and subject to the two conditions therein.

Items for Information

The Chairman advised that the site visit previously arranged for Coal Bank Farm had been cancelled due to the weather on that day and asked that it be rearranged and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the following site visits be undertaken:-
 - 12/01125/OUT – Mr. Colin Ford, land at Coal Bank Farm, Weardale Street, Hetton le Hole at the request of Councillor Thompson;
 - 12/02944/FUL – Down at the Farm, Haining Law Farm, Stoneygate, Houghton le Spring at the request of Councillor Wakefield; and
 - 12/02937/FUL – Glendale House, Washington Town Centre, Washington at the request of Councillor Scaplehorn.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

5. RESOLVED that appeals received for 1st to 30th November, 2012 be received and noted.

(Signed) G. THOMPSON,
Chairman.