

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor J. Scott in the Chair

Councillors Chamberlin, Charlton, Copeland, I. Cuthbert, Heron, T. Martin, Morrissey, Snowdon and Wakefield

Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Heron nominated Councillor J. Scott as Chairman. Having being seconded by Councillor Snowdon and agreed by the Committee, Councillor J. Scott was appointed as Chairman.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Heron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item for information application 09/03649/MID – Removal of residual sand and gravel at Hetton Moor Farm and agreed to leave the room in the event there was to be any discussion in relation to this item.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fletcher, Miller, I. Richardson and Scaplehorn

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a supplementary report and a report for circulation (copies circulated) which related to Hetton, Houghton and Washington areas, copies of which had also been forwarded to each Member of the Cabinet upon applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

09/04780/FUL – Erection of building to house a battery manufacturing process to include detached plant room and associated mechanical, electrical installations and external works at Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd, Washington Road, Usworth, Sunderland

Councillor Chamberlin queried if there would be sufficient car parking on the site after the development, bearing in mind the extra jobs it would create and was advised that parking facilities on and around the car plant were extensive and because of the shift patterns staff worked to they were never full so there would be adequate parking to facilitate any new staff.

In response to a query from Councillor Chamberlin regarding the height of the new building in relation to those around it, the representative of the Deputy Chief Executive advised that it would not be the highest building on site with the sheds adjacent to the A19 being higher.

With regard to queries from Councillor Cuthbert in relation to the appropriate assessments of the surrounding road infrastructures having been undertaken and the introduction of a travel plan for staff, he was advised that one of the fundamental starting points for Nissan had been for them to approach the Highways Agency to see how they would impact on surrounding roads such as the A19 and A1290. One of the conditions was also for Nissan to undertake an employment travel survey within the three months following the new development coming into operation in order to ensure that the Workplace Travel Plan targets are being met.

Those Members which had arrived late to the meeting were advised by the legal representative that they should abstain from the decision, having not been party to the full discussions on the application and it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the application be approved, subject to the nineteen conditions as set out in the report for circulation, and for the reasons set out in the report.

10/00191/SUB - Erection of 10 bed residential care unit with associated access and parking at the Land to the North of All Saints Church, Church Road, Hetton-le-Hole

Councillor Heron fully welcomed the application and advised Members that the unit would be used to help young children with autism.

In response to a query from Councillor Cuthbert regarding car parking, he was advised that additional information would be provided but adequate parking for staff, visitors and a minibus were planned so as not to overspill would effect the neighbouring properties.

It was:-

2. RESOLVED that the application be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive to either:-

- i) APPROVE subject to receipt of satisfactory amended drawings and withdrawal of Natural England objection; or
- ii) REFUSE should satisfactorily amended drawings not be submitted and/or the objection of Natural England is not withdrawn.

Items for Information

- 3. RESOLVED that the items for information be received and noted.

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 January, 2010 to 31st January, 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

- 4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) J. SCOTT,
Chairman.