

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2008 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Heron, Scaplehorn, J. Scott, Snowdon and D. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the Committee on behalf of Councillors Blackburn, Chamberlin, Miller, Tate, Wake and Wakefield.

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

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report together with a 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).

08/03391/FUL – Change of use of existing terraced house to ground floor café/hot food takeaway with self-contained residential flat at first floor level and installation of shop front, 89 High Street, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 0JR

The representative of the Director of Development and Regeneration presented the item highlighting the proposal, relevant planning policies and considerations and an analysis of objections received with particular reference to concerns over odour, residential amenity noise, parking issues and traffic congestion.

Mr. Finnigan, objector spoke with regard to the planning application highlighting the:-

- noise levels would be disturbing due to vibrations emitted from the machinery and customers coming and going into the evening;
- his and his family's personal lives would be effected due to such close proximity to their home; and
- an increase in car parking to the front.

Consideration having been given to the application as detailed in the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that Application No. 08/0339/FUL – Change of use of existing terraced house to ground floor café/hot food takeaway with self-contained residential flat at first floor level and installation of shop front, 89 High Street, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-spring be refused due to the reasons outlined in the supplementary report.

Items for Information

08/03582/OUT – Plot 2. Mandarin Way, Pattinson Industrial Estate, Washington

That a site visit be undertaken to the site of the above application (as requested by CouncillorSnowdon), and

08/03879/OUT – Dunlop Tyres Factory Site, Birtley Road, Washington

That a site visit be undertaken to the site of the above application (as requested by CouncillorChamberlin).

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 September, 2008 to 30th September, 2008.

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2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) J. FLETCHER,
Chairman.