

# **Development Control (Sunderland North) Sub-Committee**

2 February 2010

# REPORTS FOR CIRCULATION

## REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is circulated to the Sub Committee Meeting. It includes additional information received after the preparation of both the report on applications and the supplement. This information may allow a revised recommendation to be made.

## LIST OF CIRCULATED ITEMS

Applications for the following sites are included in this report.

#### **North Area**

2. Land adjacent Sunderland Aquatics Centre/Stadium of Light, Vaux Brewery Way, Sunderland

Number: 1

Application Number: 10/00155/LAP

Proposal: Creation of hard landscaping around two gas vent

sculptures at Stadium Park

Location: Land adjacent Sunderland Aquatics

Centre/Stadium of Light, Vaux Brewery Way,

Sunderland

Further to the report on the main agenda, additional consideration has been given to the principle of development, design and layout of the site and highway considerations.

To date no representations have been received.

# Principle of Development

Stadium Park is identified as a leisure-led mixed-use site that will accommodate a range of large-footprint leisure-related uses. As part of the redevelopment of the site there is a requirement for extensive public realm provision. It is considered that the proposal complies with Unitary Development Plan (UDP) Alteration No. 2 Policy NA3A.1, as it will improve and enhance the public realm of Stadium Park. Furthermore, the proposed hardstanding will enhance the setting of the existing sculptures and as such is considered to comply with UDP Policy EN10 of the UDP, as the existing land use will be retained.

# Design and Layout of the site

The application site is at a prominent location, situated adjacent to the public highway on route to the Aquatic Centre and the Stadium of Light. It is considered that the hardsurfacing of the over grown and unkempt land immediately surrounding the sculptures will be significantly enhanced, complementing the setting of the Aquatic Centre and the Stadium of Light. Therefore the proposed works will add a greater degree of interest to the public realm and contribute to the continued redevelopment of Stadium Park. Therefore the proposal is considered to comply with UDP Policy B2 and UDP Alteration No. 2 Policy NA3A.1.

## Highway considerations

The hardstanding will immediately abut the public footpath, whilst two low

level bollards restrict and deter vehicular access. There are no other forms of boundary proposed. It is considered that the works will not cause traffic congestion or highway safety problems; and does not impact access and egress to the Aquatic Centre for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. Consequently the proposal is not considered to be detrimental to pedestrian or highway safety and is in accord with UDP Policy T14.

#### Conclusion

For the reasons set out above the proposal is considered acceptable in that it complies with the relevant UDP and UDP Alteration No. 2 policies in respect of principle of development, design and highway considerations. The period for the receipt of representation does not expire until 19 February 2010. In the event that any objections are received, the application and the objections will be reported at a future meeting of the Sub Committee. Consequently Members are recommended to be minded to grant consent for the proposal subject to the conditions set out below.

RECOMMENDATION: MINDED TO GRANT CONSENT in accordance with Regulation 3 of Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, subject to no objections being received by 19 February 2010 and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than three years beginning with the date on which permission is granted, as required by section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to ensure that the development is carried out within a reasonable period of time.
- 2. Unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, the development hereby granted permission shall be carried out in full accordance with the following approved plans:

Location Plan received 18 January 2010 PO 76B\_381/003 Construction Details Rev A received 18 January 2010

PO 76B\_381/002 Proposed Layout Rev A received 18 January 2010 PO 76B\_381/001 Existing Conditions received 19 January 2010.

In order to ensure that the completed development accords with the scheme approved and to comply with policy B2 of the adopted Unitary Development Plan.

3. The construction works required for the development hereby approved shall only be carried out between the hours of 07.00 and 19.00 Monday to Friday and between the hours of 07.30 and 14.00 on Saturdays and

at no time on Sundays or Bank Holidays in order to protect the amenities of the area and to comply with policy B2 of the UDP.