

At an extraordinary meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER on MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Thornton in the Chair.

Councillors Doyle, Foster, G. Miller, Mullen, Nicholson, Scott and Warne.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Herron.

Planning Application 23/00267/LP3 – Demolition of Methodist Church and erection of 6no bungalows and covered walkway with associated staff hubs, parking and landscaping – St Cuthbert's Methodist Church, Ryhope Street South, Sunderland, SR2 0AA

The Executive Director of City Development submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The representative of the Executive Director of City Development presented the report advising the Committee of key issues to consider in determining the application.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for their report and invited questions of clarification from Members.

Councillor Doyle referred to CSDP Policy VC5 which sought to protect community assets and asked whether any other community uses of the existing building had been considered. Councillor Nicholson questioned whether the building was past repair. The representative of the Executive Director of City Development advised that there had not been any other uses proposed by any prospective applicants. The building was in a poor state of repair and additionally the internal layout of the building was not conducive to being used for other uses.

Councillor Doyle then expressed his support for the scheme having been designed to such a high standard with them meeting a higher standard for wheelchair access than the minimum standards.

There being no further questions or comments, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that Members be minded to GRANT CONSENT under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Regulations) 1992 (as amended) subject to the expiry of the consultation period on 23rd April 2023 and subject to the conditions set out in the report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions; especially Councillor Doyle as this was his last meeting of the Committee as he was standing down at the upcoming election.

(Signed) M. THORNTON
(Chairman)