

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY, 28 MARCH, 2013 at 5.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Thompson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Lauchlan, Padgett, Richardson, D. Snowden and Tate

Declarations of Interest

Items for Information

11/02362/OUT – Land at North Road, Hetton le Hole, Houghton-le-Spring

Councillor Tate made an open declaration in the above item as a member of Hetton Town Council who were a consultee on the application.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Heron, Scaplehorn, Scott, Wakefield and Wood

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)

12/00014/SUB – Erection of two storey detached property (resubmission) (additional drawings showing section through development site received 06/02/2013) at 2 Woodbine Cottages, Springwell, Gateshead, NE9 7PR

The Chairman referred to the recent site visit the Committee had undertaken to the site and the request for a further condition to be included with regards to a structural engineering report on the embankment at the site.

Members heard from Mr. Simpson, applicant, who advised that they had worked closely with the planning department to alleviate any concerns that had been raised over the development and it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons as set out in the report and subject to the fifteen conditions therein and a further condition regarding a structural engineering report on the embankment.

13/00135/VAR – Variation of Condition 6 (type of waste) of previously approved application 12/00057/FUL (Demolition of recovery facility with associated bays, weigh bridge and proposed perimeter fencing). Condition 6 to read:- All activities to be undertaken within the confines of the site shall only involve soil, brick, concrete, clay, wood and other inert material including municipal wastes (household, commercial, industrial and institutional wastes) and shall not include any organic waste material as per the permitted waste operations in permit number EPR/BB3332RK at Hanson Aggregates, Wilden Road, Pattinson South, Washington, NE38 8QA

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive presented the application as set out in the body of the report, summarising the issues around the principle of the development.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John Smiles to the meeting who had requested to speak in objection to the application. Mr. Smith raised the following issues in objection to the application:-

- there was no way of knowing what types of waste would be in the skips returning to the site so household waste could be included;
- what monitoring of the waste would be undertaken to ensure household waste was not on site;
- the site was already being prepared for the development, prior to the decision on the application being made;
- there were currently five other waste disposal sites on the estate;
- there was no consideration being given to the quality of living for people in the surrounding area;
- the level of traffic was already high in the area and this would only add to those problems; and
- roads into the estate would not support the vehicles into the development.

Members asked that the conditions be altered to ensure that no organic, food or household waste was permitted on the site. The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that this could be done and explained that the waste on the site would be heavily controlled and regulated by the permit that was issued for the site by the Environment Agency.

Members having fully 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 twelve conditions therein and the amendment to condition 6 as set out.

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3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) 12/02310/HYB – Land at Philadelphia Complex / Philadelphia Lane, Houghton-le-Spring – that the item be referred to Planning and Highways Committee;
- (ii) 11/02362/OUT – Land at North Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring; and
- (iii) 12/03389/FUL – Thornton Cottage, Redburn Row, Houghton-le-Spring – that a site visit be undertaken.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

4. RESOLVED that appeals received and determined for 1st to 28th February, 2013 be received and noted.

(Signed) G. THOMPSON,
Chairman.