

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 2019 at 5.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Essl, Hodson, Jackson, Lauchlan, Porthouse, Rowntree, Scullion, Speding, P. Walker and Williams

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillor Blackett

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

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a 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)

17/022024/FUL – Land at 1 Boundary Cottages, Golf Course Road, Houghton le Spring, DH4 4PL

The representative of the Executive Director of Economy and Place presented the application advising the Committee of the key issues to consider in determining the application in relation to the principle of the development, residential and visual amenity and highways matters.

In response to a query from Councillor Porthouse, the Planning Officer advised that they used a software package to help illustrate the potential impact of neighbouring developments to existing properties and having also visited the property it was felt that the development would have a significant negative impact on the living

conditions of The Boundary for the scale, mass, height and position of the dwelling most proximate to the property's southern boundary.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Maurice Standish to the meeting who wished to speak in objection to the development. Mr. Standish advised he spoke on behalf of residents in the area who felt that the development would overshadow and encroach on their property and garden area. He commented that the development was a large tall elevation which would overshadow and destroy the amenity of his clients residence.

Members having fully considered the application and representation, it was:-:

1. RESOLVED that the application be refused for the reasons as set out within the report.

Items for Information

Members having fully considered the items for information contained within the matrix, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the items for information as set out in the matrix be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.