

At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 2 on WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Ball, Beck, Chequer, Cummings, M. Dixon, Francis, I. Galbraith, Jackson, Lauchlan, Mordey, Porthouse, Scaplehorn, P. Walker and D. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors English, Kay, Middleton, Taylor, G. Walker and P. Watson.

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7th June, 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on 31st May, 2016.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June, 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on 31st May, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of the Meetings of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub Committee held on 31st May (extraordinary), 15th June and 13th July, 2016.

The report of the meetings of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 31st May (extraordinary), 15th June and 13th July, 2016 (copies circulated) were submitted.

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2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the meetings of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub Committee held on 24th May (Extraordinary), 16th June, 29th June (Extraordinary) and 14th July, 2016.

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4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

South Tyneside MBC Strategic Land Review: City Council Response to Consultation

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members of the Planning and Highways Committee with an opportunity to consider the Strategic Land Review of South Tyneside MBC and to agree an appropriate response to the consultation.

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Gary Clasper, Principal Policy Officer for Planning, and Clive Greenwood, Senior Policy Officer, presented the report and were on hand to answer any Member's queries.

Councillor D. Wilson referred to Sites FG25 and BC18 and enquired as to the impact these would have on the stream that runs through Hylton Dene.

Mr Greenwood commented that he would have to take advice from the Flood and Coastal Group Engineer and report back on the issue.

Councillor Scaplehorn raised concerns over the 24% reduction of the green corridor. Mr Greenwood advised that Officers had also expressed this concern as had their counterparts in Gateshead.

Councillor Porthouse referred to the fact that the IAMP had not been taken into consideration by South Tyneside, which he found incredible considering the amount of work undertaken between the two authorities. Councillor Porthouse also felt that there was insufficient information supplied within the report for Members to make a considered representation.

Mr Clasper advised that the report included all the information provided by South Tyneside.

The Chairman enquired if further detail could be provided on the proposed builds at the sites of FG22 and BC18.

Councillor Mordey commented that as part of the planning process, the authority would have a chance to comment on new applications that came forward, and the purpose of the report was just to comment on the information within the Review at the moment.

Councillor Francis referred to sites BC30 and BC 44 and commented that Seaburn Dene suffered flooding from time to time which Officers needed to make note of when considering these developments and also suggested that a better scale map be provided of the plans with more information.

Mr Clasper advised that he would send a copy of the amended response to the Chairman, Councillor Mordey and Councillor Speding before its submission to South Tyneside, and would return to a future meeting with feedback and a more detailed map.

Councillor Cummings suggested that it would have been advantageous to have had an officer with knowledge of the area and Review findings from South Tyneside present.

5. RESOLVED that the Committee's comments and concerns on the document be included in the response to South Tyneside Council and that a further update be provided at a future meeting of the Committee.

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

(Signed) R. BELL
(Chairman)