

At a Meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SOUTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 28th JANUARY, 2014 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor E. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Dixon, Ellis, Price, Turton and Wood

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Atkinson, Ball, Copeland, T. Martin, Thompson, P. Watson and S. Watson.

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) relating to the South Sunderland area, copies of which had been forwarded to each Member of the Council, upon applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder.

(For copy reports – see original minutes).

**13/03897/FUL – Change of use of Doxford House to single dwelling house and various external alterations and extensions, including replacement of existing conservatory to east elevation, extension to north elevation to provide swimming pool and roof terrace, creation of external water feature, insertion of new access gates in Warden Law Lane boundary and provision of driveway to serve new detached garage. Change of use of northern range to single dwelling house and various external alterations and extensions, to include adaptation of roof to provide accommodation in roof space and erection of extension to south elevation to provide garage (amended description 16/12/2013)
Doxford House, Warden Law Lane, Sunderland, SR3 2PD**

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive advised that this application was to renovate the building and restore the building back to its original use as a single family dwelling; this was considered to be acceptable in policy and residential amenity terms as it was likely that there would be a positive impact on the amenity of

the neighbouring properties given the poor physical condition the property was currently in. The building was grade 2* listed and as such there the application had been prepared in conjunction with English Heritage who were fully supportive of the application. There was a related application for Listed Building Consent for the scheme and this was being considered separately by officers under the Council's delegation scheme.

There were a number of trees on site which were covered by Tree Preservation Orders; a number of these trees required maintenance and when the work was to be carried out there would be applications submitted for consent under the relevant TPOs to carry out the works on the relevant trees.

Councillor Price commented that it was good to see the proposals to restore the building and bring it back to use as a single family dwelling and he fully welcomed the application. Councillor Dixon also expressed his support for the application and stated that it was pleasing to see that the building was to be renovated. Councillor Ellis echoed these comments and welcomed the application which would help to protect the building which had been at risk for a long time.

1. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons set out in the report and supplementary report and subject to the 20 conditions set out therein.

**13/04051/LAP – Erection of 19.2 metres length of 2.7 metre high steel palisade fence to enclose part of the northwest school boundary
Valley Road Community Primary School, Corporation Road, Sunderland, SR2 8PL**

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive explained that the application was to extend the current boundary fence. The style and size of the proposed fence were considered to be appropriate. There would be no impact on the play areas and there were no highways implications.

It was explained that the final deadline for the receipt of representations was not after the meeting. Currently there had not been any representations received however should any objections be received prior to the close of business on 28th January 2014 then the application would be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Price stated that he had no objection to the proposal but he felt that it was disappointing that schools needed to have such high fences to ensure their security.

2. RESOLVED that Members be minded to grant consent in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (as amended) for the reasons set out in the report, subject to no objections being received prior to the expiry of the consultation period and subject to the 3 conditions set out therein.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) concerning the appeals received and determined for the period 1st December, 2013 to 31st December, 2013.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

In relation to application number 13/00024/REF Councillor Wood queried which aspects of the appeal had been upheld and which had been rejected. The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive agreed to provide Members with the determination for this appeal.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Chairman.