

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SOUTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 2019 at 4.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Essl in the Chair

Councillors D. Dixon, M. Dixon, Mordey, Porthouse, Scaplehorn, Scullion, P. Smith, Waller, Watson and A. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

18/00255/FU4 – Land Adjacent to Chester Road/Former Pennywell Estate, Pennywell, Sunderland.

Councillor M. Dixon made an open declaration that he had been critical of Gentoo over the time taken for this site to be redeveloped however he had not expressed any opinion on this application and would be considering the application with an open mind.

Councillor Porthouse declared that he had attended a photoshoot with Gentoo officers; he had not expressed any opinions on this application and would be considering this matter with an open mind.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bell, English, Galbraith, Jackson and Mullen.

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

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report (copy 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 report – see original minutes)

18/00255/FU4 – Construction of 118 dwelling houses, including drainage infrastructure, landscaping, public open space and stopping up of public

highway – Land Adjacent to Chester Road/Former Pennywell Estate, Pennywell, Sunderland

The representative of the Executive Director of Economy and Place outlined the development proposal to Members of the Sub Committee and the relevant material planning considerations against which the application had been assessed.

Councillor M. Dixon commented on the fact that this site had previously been a large number of council/Gentoo houses which had been for social rent however there would be no affordable housing within this development, he queried whether future phases for the redevelopment of the estate would include affordable housing. The representative of the Executive Director of Economy and Place advised that there were no details of the future phases yet however there was a policy requirement for affordable housing to be provided; Gentoo appreciated that there was a need for affordable housing and had applied for grant funding.

Councillor Mordey queried access into the development and the Highways Engineer advised that there were proposals for a new junction with Chester Road which would be traffic light controlled and would include a new pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Porthouse commented that it was an exciting time for the redevelopment of this area with this development being brought and also the works for the redevelopment of the Dewhurst site taking place.

The Chairman commented that he hoped that there would be social housing provided on future phases of the redevelopment.

1. RESOLVED that Members be minded to grant consent under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (as amended) for the reasons set out in the report, subject to the 25 conditions set out therein and subject to the completion of a legal agreement in respect of ecology matters.

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

(Signed) M. ESSL,
Chairman.