

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (NORTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in Committee Room 2 on Tuesday 4th
February 2020 at 3.45 p.m.**

Membership

Cllrs Butler, Doyle, Fagan, Foster, Jackson, McKeith, Scaplehorn, Stewart and D.
Wilson

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1.	Receipt of Declarations of Interest (if any)	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
3.	Applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder	1
	Report of the Executive Director of City Development (copy herewith).	

**E. WAUGH,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance.**

Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

27th January, 2020

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Development Control North Sub-Committee

4th February 2020

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report includes recommendations on all applications other than those that are delegated to the Executive Director of City Development for determination. Further relevant information on some of these applications may be received and in these circumstances either a supplementary report will be circulated a few days before the meeting or if appropriate a report will be circulated at the meeting.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS

Applications for the following sites are included in this report.

1. 19/02022/FUL
Land Adjacent St Benets Causeway Whitburn Street Sunderland

COMMITTEE ROLE

The Sub Committee has full delegated powers to determine applications on this list. Members of the Council who have queries or observations on any application should, in advance of the above date, contact the Sub Committee Chairman or the Development Control Manager (0191 561 8755) or email dc@sunderland.gov.uk .

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that “where in making any determination under the planning Acts, regard is to be had to the development plan, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless material consideration indicates otherwise.

Unitary Development Plan - current status

The Unitary Development Plan for Sunderland was adopted on 7th September 1998. In the report on each application specific reference will be made to those policies and proposals, which are particularly relevant to the application site and proposal. The UDP also includes a number of city wide and strategic policies and objectives, which when appropriate will be identified.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 require that any planning application which is granted either full or outline planning permission shall include a condition, which limits its duration.

SITE PLANS

The site plans included in each report are illustrative only.

PUBLICITY/CONSULTATIONS

The reports identify if site notices, press notices and/or neighbour notification have been undertaken. In all cases the consultations and publicity have been carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The background papers material to the reports included on this agenda are:

- The application and supporting reports and information;
- Responses from consultees;
- Representations received;
- Correspondence between the applicant and/or their agent and the Local Planning Authority;
- Correspondence between objectors and the Local Planning Authority;
- Minutes of relevant meetings between interested parties and the Local Planning Authority;
- Reports and advice by specialist consultants employed by the Local Planning Authority;
- Other relevant reports.

Please note that not all of the reports will include background papers in every category and that the background papers will exclude any documents containing exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act.

These reports are held on the relevant application file and are available for inspection during normal office hours at the City Development Directorate at the Customer Service Centre or via the internet at www.sunderland.gov.uk/online-applications/

Peter McIntyre

Executive Director City Development

Reference No.: 19/02022/FUL Full Application

Proposal: **Erection of boundary fence and gates (amended plans received 20/1/2020)**

Location: Land Adjacent St Benets Causeway Whitburn Street Sunderland

Ward: St Peters
Applicant: Leah Properties
Date Valid: 27 November 2019
Target Date: 22 January 2020

PROPOSAL:

APPLICATION SITE

The site relates to a roughly triangular area of land to the front of St Benet's RC Church and Monastery. The land is separated by an access lane known as the Causeway and formerly provided a garden area. The shrubbery, trees and planting has been removed and the land is now a bare earth cleared site.

PROPOSAL

The proposal as originally submitted was for the erection of 1.8m high metal rod fencing with gates around the perimeter of the site to the south, but also enclosing part of the Causeway to the front of the Monastery to the north. After a request for further information about the proposal, it transpired that the positioning of the proposed boundary enclosure had been drawn in error, following the land ownership line rather than the perimeter of the garden land. Amended drawings have been submitted showing the fence to be positioned around the perimeter of the site, abutting the existing garages, with two vehicular access gates.

No change is proposed to the existing gates at the Causeway. The proposal does not involve a change of use of the land. The land was previously enclosed by fencing and hedgerow shrubbery; the proposal seeks merely to erect a new fence to secure the site.

TYPE OF PUBLICITY:

Site Notice Posted
Neighbour Notifications

CONSULTEES:

Network Management
St Peters - Ward Councillors Consultation

Final Date for Receipt of Representations: **05.02.2020**

REPRESENTATIONS:

Five letters of objection and a petition containing 10 signatures have been received to date. The objectors' main concerns are in response to the original plans and relate to restricted access and parking along the Causeway, which the amended drawings negate. Concern is also expressed about the proposed use of the land, particularly if part of the Causeway was to be enclosed.

Neighbours have been reconsulted in response to the amended drawings. The date for the receipt of representations will expire 5 February 2020. Any representations received before the meeting will be reported.

Consultees

Council's Highways team
No objections

POLICIES:

In the Unitary Development Plan the site is subject to the following policies;

T14
T22

COMMENTS:

ISSUES

The main issues to consider in the determination of the planning application are:

- Design and amenity issues
- Highway considerations

Design and amenity issues

Policy B2 of the Council's adopted UDP relates to new developments and extensions to existing buildings and states that their scale, massing, layout or setting should respect and enhance the best qualities of nearby properties and the locality and retain acceptable levels of privacy.

As mentioned above, the proposal relates only to the erection of a fence around the perimeter of the site. The proposed fence type is a simple metal rod fencing of a design that would be appropriate to this type of location. It is proposed at a standard height of 1.8m, although no proposed colour is indicated. Subject to the submission of this detail, the proposal represents a standard form of development of a scale and design that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding properties and the street scene in general.

Given the above, the proposal is unlikely to result in any serious detriment to the visual amenities of area and is in compliance with policy B2 of the UDP.

Highway Considerations

UDP Policy T14 aims to ensure that new developments are easily accessible to both vehicles and pedestrians, should not cause traffic problems, should make appropriate provision for safe access by vehicles and pedestrians and indicate how parking requirements will be met. In addition, policy T22 seeks to ensure that the necessary levels of car parking will be provided.

The proposal will not alter the existing parking and access arrangements to the front of the church, and two vehicular accesses are proposed onto the site. The Network Management Team has offered no objections to the proposal.

Given the above, it is considered that the proposed development is unlikely to lead to any significant increase in on-street parking in the vicinity of the site or highway and pedestrian safety concerns, in accordance with the requirements of policies T14 and T22.

CONCLUSION

As detailed above, the proposal is unlikely to result in any adverse impacts upon the visual amenities of the area or highway safety and is in accordance with policies B2, T14 and T22 of the UDP.

However, the statutory period for the receipt of representations does not expire until 5 February 2020. It is therefore recommended that Members resolve to delegate the application for determination by the Executive Director of City Development, who is minded to approve the application subject to agreement of the colour of the fence, and subject to no further representations being received. Should any representations be received which raise any issue which is material to the planning merits of the application and not addressed by this report, the application will be referred to a subsequent meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Recommendation: Delegate to the Executive Director of City Development who is minded to approve the application on expiry of the date for the receipt of representations.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

LIST OF OTHER APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY ON HAND BUT NOT REPORTED ON THIS AGENDA WHICH WILL BE REPORTED WITH A RECOMMENDATION AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

Application Ref and Ward	Applicant and Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Determination Date
19/01834/FUL	Stirling Investment Properti	Development of 14no. residential units	14/11/2019	13/02/2020
Castle	Land At Castletown Way/Riverside RoadSunderland			
19/01750/LR4	Avant Homes (North East)	Reserved Matters application pursuant to 16/02056/HY4 for the erection of 82 homes. Amended Description.	06/11/2019	05/02/2020
Fulwell	Land At Lowry RoadSunderland			

Application Ref and Ward	Applicant and Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Determination Date
19/02038/LB3	Sunderland City Council	Installation of temporary lighting on Wearmouth Bridge (Extension of period to display lighting granted under 19/01305/LB3) RESUBMISSION	02/12/2019	27/01/2020
Hendon	Wearmouth Bridge A1018Sunderland SR1 3AH			
19/02037/LP3	Sunderland City Council	Installation of temporary lighting on Wearmouth Bridge (Extension of period to display lighting granted under 19/01304/LP3) RESUBMISSION	02/12/2019	27/01/2020
Hendon	Wearmouth Bridge A1018/Bridge StreetSunderland SR1 3AH			
18/00527/FUL	Gentoo Homes	Erection of 71 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and landscaping (additional HRA information received).	16/04/2018	16/07/2018
Redhill	Land West OfHylton LaneDownhillSunderland			

Application Ref and Ward	Applicant and Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Determination Date
19/02044/LP3	Sunderland City Council	Erection of new school building, together with new hard and soft landscaping, sustainable drainage features, car parking, access arrangements and boundary treatments.	06/12/2019	06/03/2020
Southwick	Former Maplewood School Redcar Road Sunderland			
19/01740/FU4	Anthony Watson Chartered	Residential development comprising of 37no. units with associated access and landscaping and the stopping up of existing footpaths to the north of the site. (Amended Description 14/11/19)	30/10/2019	29/01/2020
Southwick	Land At Former Southwick Primary School Clarence Street Sunderland SR5 2HD			
19/01697/FUL	Stoneacre Motor Group	Erection of a two storey car showroom with associated access and vehicle parking	28/11/2019	27/02/2020
Southwick	Land At Castletown Way Sunderland			