

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (NORTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2011 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Copeland in the Chair

Councillors Curran, Fletcher, T. Foster, E. Gibson and L. Walton.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Charlton, Francis, D. Richardson and Tye.

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

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) relating to the North Sunderland area, copies of which had also been forwarded to each Member of the Council upon applications made thereunder.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

11/03065/FUL – Proposed flexible mixed use development consisting of A1 (retail), A3 (restaurant and café), A4 (drinking establishment), A5 (hot food take-away) B1 (Offices) and D1 (Assembly, Arts and Leisure), refurbishment of existing Shelter building capable of providing up to 10 Retail/Leisure. Units at promenade level, ground floor relocation of male and female public toilet facilities, ground floor changing places facility, ground floor RNLI/office (B1), erection of 2 shell only facilities above existing building with level access onto Whitburn Road. Change of Use and Stopping Up of 2 public footpaths stairs to A1, A3, A4, A5, B1, D1 uses and provision of new ambulant public staircase to the centre of development (AMENDED DESCRIPTION 2.11.2011) – Kiosk 14 Whitburn Road, Sunderland, SR6 8AA

Mike Mattok, Technical Manager, Development Control presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

In response to Councillor T. Foster's enquiry, Mr. Mattok advised that the area was too steep for a ramp, rather than stairs. Peter Graham, Technician also advised that this was financially prohibitive to install.

Councillor E. Gibson welcomed the application and commented that facilities to attract tourism to the seafront had been needed for a long time.

Councillor Curran commented that he thought the proposal was a great idea but raised concerns over potential risks of flooding to the building due to it being at sea level.

Mr. Mattok advised that the Environment Agency had been consulted and they were satisfied with the safeguards that were to be put in place to guard against flooding.

In response to Councillor Walton's concerns over potential parking issues, Mr. Mattok advised that Engineers had deemed the parking provision in the area as adequate. Eric Henderson, Engineer advised that the demand for parking would fall within the day to day usage.

Councillor Fletcher commented that her only concern was in relation to the operating times of the public toilets, and believed they should be closed after a certain time to prevent anti-social behaviour and gangs gathering to use them as a shelter.

Mr. Mattok advised that this could be looked at and a suitably worded condition could be considered.

1. RESOLVED that the decision be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive subject to no further representations being received.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

There were no appeals submitted or determined during the period of 1 October 2011 to 31 October 2011.

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

(Signed) R. COPELAND,
Chairman.