At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 25TH MAY, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Charlton, Cuthbert, Padgett, Miller, D. Richardson, I. Richardson, J. Scott, Snowdon, Tate and Wakefield.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tate declared personal interests in applications 09/03649/MID – Hetton Moor Farm Quarry, Murton Lane, Easington Lane and 10/00848/FUL – Former NCB Workshops, Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate, Hetton-le-Hole and under Items for Information on applications 07/05523/MID – Eppleton Quarry, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton-le-Hole and 07/05522/VAR – Eppleton Quarry, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton-le-Hole as a Member of Hetton Town Council, which is a consultee and that in such capacity, he had not taken part in any consideration or discussion of their response.

Councillor Wakefield declared a personal interest in application 09/03649/MID – Hetton Moor Farm, Murton Lane, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring as the applicant was an acquaintance.

The Chairman declared a personal interest in application 10/00010/FUL – Land North of Blackthorn Way, Sedgeletch Industrial Estate, Houghton-le-Spring as an employee of the applicant was an acquaintance.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chamberlin and Scaplehorn.

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

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report, supplementary report and a circulatory report (copies circulated) which related to Hetton, Houghton and Washington areas, copies of which had also been forwarded to each Member of the Cabinet upon applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations made thereunder.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Change in Order of Business

The Chairman proposed that application 10/01179/FUL be considered first on the agenda as Members of the public were present for the item.

10/01179/FUL – Demolition of existing vicarage and outbuildings and erection of 7 no. two-storey dwellings with car parking to rear and associated landscaping, Saint Oswald's Vicarage, Mill Pit, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4JU

Councillor John Scott requested that a site visit be undertaken, therefore, it being proposed and seconded it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the item be deferred pending a site visit.

09/03649/MID – Removal of residual reserves of sand and gravel and the recycling of inert construction and demolition waste at Hetton Moor Farm Quarry, Murton Lane, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 0JG

2. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons set out in the report and subject to the 45 conditions set out therein.

10/00010/FUL – Erection of a new industrial unit with boundary fencing, associated servicing facilities, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and creation of new access to Blackthorn Way – Land North of Blackthorn Way, Sedgeletch Industrial Estate, Houghton-le-Spring

3. RESOLVED that the application be approved for the reasons set out in the supplementary report and subject to the 13 conditions set out therein.

10/00812/SUB – Erection of an extra care facility comprising of 40 no. 2 bed apartments, staff and communal areas with associated parking and landscaping, including stopping up and realignment of existing highway. (Revised scheme as per Schedule of Minor Amendments received 26.02.10) – Land to the East of Hall Lane, Houghton-le-Spring

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

10/00848/FUL – Change of use from vehicle storage and repair workshop to plant hire yard (sui generis) with maintenance and repair facility and ancillary office accommodation. Construction of new vehicular access point from park gate and erection of boundary fence and gates – Former NCB Workshops, Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate, Hetton-Ie-Hole, Houghton-Ie-Spring, DH5 0RH

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

10/01063/FUL – Change of use from warehouse to materials recycling facility – Vol. 7, Bentall Business Park, Glover, Washington, NE37 3JD

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) concerning the above for the period 1st April, 2010 to 30th April, 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) J. FLETCHER, Chairman.