

**At a Meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SOUTH SUNDERLAND)
SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY 29th JANUARY, 2018
at 4.45 p.m.**

Present:-

Councillor Porthouse in the Chair

Councillors Bell, M. Dixon, English, I. Galbraith, Jackson, Kay, Mordey, Scaplehorn, P. Smith, Waller and S. Watson

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ball, D. Dixon and Hodson.

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

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report and circulatory 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)

**17/02315/FUL – Demolition of former paper mill and various buildings.
Edward Thompson Group, Sunderland Paper Mill, Ocean Road, Sunderland,
SR2 9RY**

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. There was a circulatory report for this item which detailed revisions to the wording of conditions 4, 5, and 6.

Councillor Mordey commented that there had been concerns raised by local residents that vermin living on the site could be disturbed by the demolition works and asked whether any consideration had been given to this and also asked whether

residents could be provided with contact details for the demolition contractor. The applicant's agent Mr Ian Lyle advised that Thompsons of Prudhoe had been contracted to carry out the demolition works and that they were an experienced company who would put in place best practice methods to ensure that there was minimal impact on residents.

Councillor Kay questioned whether there had been any consideration given to preserving any of the more historically important parts of the buildings; there had been a lot of industry lost in the city and the site now bore no legacy of their former use. The Chairman agreed that it would be good if something could be retained in a similar way to the retention of aspects of the former shipyards where the new bridge was being built. The representative of the Executive Director of Economy and Place advised that the buildings were not listed and it was considered acceptable for a photographic record of the buildings to be taken, Mr Lyle added that there had been assessments carried out and it had been considered that the architecture was not as interesting as the social history of the site; there would be a report produced which would then be kept in the local archives; if anything of historic significance was found then it would be preserved; once the contaminants were removed from the site an investigation would be able to be carried out.

1. RESOLVED that the decision be delegated to the Executive Director of Economy and Place who was minded to approve the application for the reasons set out in the report, subject to the 9 conditions set out therein and the 3 amended conditions set out in the circulatory report and subject to no representations which raised issues not considered in the report being received by the end of the consultation period.

Items for Information

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - a. Site visits be undertaken in respect of the following sites at the request of the Chairman:-
 - i. 17/02469/LP3 – 3 Oakwood Street, Sunderland, SR2 7LT
 - ii. 17/02430/OU4 – Former Groves Cranes Site, Woodbine Terrace, Pallion, Sunderland
 - iii. 17/02136/FUL – 17 Alnwick Road, Farringdon, Sunderland, SR3 3BU
 - b. 17/02426/LP3 – Ford Quarry Recreation Area, Keelmans Lane, Sunderland be referred to Planning and Highways Committee as the matter was of citywide, strategic importance.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the outcome of the most recent appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

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3. RESOLVED that the appeal decision be noted.

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

(Signed) S. PORTHOUSE,
Chairman.