

**At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS (WEST) COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Thornton in the Chair.

Councillors Blackett, Fagan, G. Miller, Lauchlan, Peacock, Price and Warne.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Donaghy

**Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

The Executive Director of City Development submitted a report (copy circulated), which related to the West area of the City, copies of which had also 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)

**20/01309/FUL – Erection of 2no. commercial units including new vehicular access and associated parking/service areas. 4 Turbine Way, Sunderland, SR5 3NZ**

The Planning Officer representing the Executive Director of City Development outlined the proposal to Members of the Committee and the relevant material planning considerations against which the application had been assessed.

2. RESOLVED that the application be approved subject to the 15 draft conditions contained within the report

**21/02716/LP3 – Change of use of former club buildings to a community run garden centre and plant nursery with associated café, meeting, heritage interpretation and training facilities. Erection of 4no poly tunnels for plant nursery and plant sales and associated infrastructure/landscaping. Elemore Golf Club, Elemore Golf Course, Lorne Street, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring**

The Planning Officer representing the Executive Director of City Development outlined the proposal to Members of the Committee and the relevant material planning considerations against which the application had been assessed.

In response to Councillor Lauchlan's query over the closeness of this proposal to the Cragdale Gardens development which had recently been granted approval upon appeal and if this would have an affect upon this proposal, the Chairman advised that access to this site was completely different to the Cragdale Gardens development, despite backing onto each other.

The Chairman also commented that she believed this proposal was an absolutely fantastic development which cut across all the Wards and highlighted the investment being made across the whole of the City. It was a community run project and could only be encouraged.

3. RESOLVED that consent be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Regulations) 1992 (as amended), subject to the 16 conditions contained within the report.

**21/02736/LP3 – Replacement of 1.2m high concrete railings and metal hand rail to the parapet walls of the building with 1.2 metre high metal stud wall, finished with cement smooth cladding which will extend to cover the render panelling below the parapet wall. Also replacement of existing metal windows overlooking the library roof with double glazed metal windows. Washington Town Centre Library, Independence Square, Washington Town Centre, Washington, NE38 7RZ**

The Planning Officer representing the Executive Director of City Development outlined the proposal to Members of the Committee and the relevant material planning considerations against which the application had been assessed.

Councillor G. Miller commented that the refurbishment of the externals to the Library were long overdue. The library was well used and he absolutely welcomed work being done to this building.

4. RESOLVED that Members be minded to grant consent under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Regulations) 1992 (as amended), subject to confirmation of the colour of the cladding and the 3 draft conditions contained within the report.

## **Items for Information**

Members gave consideration to the items for information contained within the matrix (agenda pages 65-70).

The Councillor as indicated requested that a site visit be undertaken in respect of the following application,

- i) 21/02898/FU4 Land West of Moorway and South of Havannagh Road, Washington – Esh Construction Limited – Extra Care Housing Development (Councillor Warne)

5. RESOLVED that the items for information as set out in the matrix be received and noted and that a site visit be undertaken in respect of the application as detailed above.

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

(Signed) M. THORNTON,  
(Chairman)