

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2008 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Chamberlin, I. Cuthbert, Heron, Miller, Scaplehorn, Snowdon, Tate, Wakefield and D. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

08/03449/VAR – Turbine Business Park, Nissan Way, Washington.

The Chairman made an Open Declaration on the basis that she had attended a publicity event with the developers at Turbine Business Park and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the item.

07/05522/VAR and 07/05523/MID – Eppleton Colliery, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton le Hole; and 08/03289/FUL – Moor House, Four Lane Ends, Hetton-le-Hole.

Councillors Blackburn and Tate declared a personal interest in both applications as Members of Hetton Town Council.

08/01617/VAR – Proposed Sports Pavilion, Staddon Way, Houghton-le-Spring.

Cllr I Cuthbert declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the application and advised that he would withdraw from the meeting if any discussion was to take place on that item

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the Committee on behalf of Councillors I. Richardson, J. Scott and Wake.

Change in Order of Business

The Chairman requested that Item 3 - 08/03449/VAR be placed last on the agenda and stated that she would vacate the Chair for that item.

Items for Information

The following items were deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee: -

- (i) 07/05522/VAR – Eppleton Colliery, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring;
- (ii) 07/05523/MID – Eppleton Colliery, Downs Pit Lane, Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring;
- (iii) 08/01617/VAR – Proposed Sports Pavilion, Staddon Way, Houghton-le-Spring;
- (iv) 08/02424/LAP – North Washington, Sure Start, 34 Elliott Terrace, Concord, Washington, NE37 3AE; and
- (v) 08/03289/FUL – Moor House, Four Lane Ends, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 0AA.

Items delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration.

The Committee noted that the following items had been approved by the Director of Development and Regeneration:-

08/02337/FUL – Unit 70-75 Land at East of Windermere Crescent, Houghton-le-Spring; and

08/02368/FUL – The Galleries, Washington Town Centre, Washington.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) concerning the above for the period 1st August, 2008 to 31st August, 2008.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report and a report for circulation (copies circulated) which related to Hetton, Houghton and Washington areas, copies of which had also been forwarded to each Member of the Council upon applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts and the Regulations made thereunder.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Miller having taken the Chair for consideration of this item and Members having considered the report, and the report circulated at the meeting, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) 08/03449/VAR – Variation of Condition 3 attached to 07/03132/OUT for an outline application for mixed use development, to include 54,349 sq. mtrs. of office/industrial units (Class B1, B2 and B8), 11,149 sq. mtrs. of hotel (Class C1) and leisure (Class D2) and 929 sq. mtrs. of ancillary retail (Classes A1-A5). Creation of associated access and infrastructure, including stopping-up of footpath and change of use to industrial/commercial development, and creation of new bridle way.

The application be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration to approve subject to the thirty three conditions outlined in the report and to no representations being received by the expiry of the period of public consultation on 3rd October and which express concerns about issues not raised previously in respect of either the current or original applications. In the event that such representations are received the application will be reported to a future meeting of the sub-committee.

(Signed) J.FLETCHER,
Chairman.

(Signed) MILLER
Vice Chairman.