

At a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 2012 at 4.45 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

Councillors Charlton, Lauchlan, Padgett, Scaplehorn, Tate, Thompson, Tye and Wakefield

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tate declared a personal interest in the items for information 11/02362/OUT – Land at North Road, Hetton and the Appeals Determined 11/00008/REF – 42 Airedale Gardens, Hetton and 11/00010/REF – Post Office, Front Street, Hetton as a Member of Hetton Town Council which was a consultee on these applications.

Councillor Scaplehorn declared a personal interest on items 11/01980/FUL and 11/02076/FUL as a Member of Washington West Ward which was where the application site was located.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fletcher, Morrissey and Scott

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

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report and 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)

11/01980/FUL – redevelopment of existing Household Waste and Recycling Centre, including raised access platforms, roof over household waste and recycling area and erection of building to accommodate Waste Electrical and

Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and provide staff facilities and associated access and infrastructure.

11/02076/FUL – Redevelopment of Campground Waste Transfer Station including: waste reception building, storage facilities, staff site office, visitors centre, wind turbine, car parking and associated infrastructure and landscaping.

The representative of the Deputy Chief Executive, Ms Danielle Pearson, advised that both of these applications were linked given that they were on adjoining sites, shared one access and were part of the wider waste management proposals for the area. Representations had been received made on the basis of objections to both proposals. On its own the application by Gateshead Council for the Household waste and recycling centre would not be classed as strategic however given its role as part of the wider development of the site and the need for Members in their consideration to be aware of the relationship between both developments it was felt that it needed be determined at the same meeting as the application by SITA for the waste transfer station.

It was felt that the application by SITA was of strategic importance given its role as part of the wider South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership. The proposed development being intended to handle Municipal Solid Waste from the Washington and Gateshead areas as these applications were therefore deemed to be of significant strategic importance it was recommended that the applications be referred to Planning and Highways Committee for determination.

It was then:-

1. RESOLVED that applications 11/01980/FUL and 11/02076/FUL be referred to Planning and Highways Committee due to the strategic significance of the applications and the need for both to be determined at the same meeting.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeals

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) concerning the appeals received and determined for the period 1st to 30th November, 2011.

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2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.