

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

15th December, 2010

PRESENT - Councillor Baldwin (in the Chair); Councillors M. Cartwright, Dunstone, L. Haszeldine, Johnson, D.A. Lyonette, Regan, Stenson and Walker. (9)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Freitag, Hartley, Lee and Robson. (4)

OFFICERS – Andrew Errington, Planning Law Assistant, within the Corporate Services Department, Roy Merrett, Development Manager and Dave Coates, Principal Planning Officer within the Chief Executive’s Department; and Harry Alderton, Highways Engineer, within the Community Services Department.

PA64. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declaration of interests reported at the meeting.

PA65. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Committee held on 10th and 17th November, 2010.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

PA66. PROCEDURE – The Borough Solicitor’s representative gave a short presentation which outlined the procedure to be followed during consideration of the applications for planning permission before this Committee.

RESOLVED – That the procedure be noted.

PA67. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND OTHER CONSENTS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

(1) Planning Permission Refused

10/00733/FUL - 63 Middleton Lane. Middleton St George. Modification of planning permission 08/00216/FUL granted on appeal APP/N1350/A/09/2097805 for the erection of two detached dwelling houses with associated garaging, parking and access –to permit alterations to door and window positions on the side and front elevations.

(In reaching its decision, the Committee took into consideration the Planning Officer’s report (previously circulated), four letters of objection and the objection from Middleton St. George Parish Council that had been received and the views of Councillor D. Jones, Ward Member, whom members heard).

RESOLVED – That planning permission be refused for the following reasons :-The first floor windows to the southern elevation would be detrimental to the amenities of No 3 and No 4 Cedar Mews due to overlooking and loss of privacy and would thereby conflict with policy H12 [Criteria 4 and 5] of the Borough of Darlington Local Plan.

(2) Application withdrawn from Committee

10/00630/FUL - The Barn Hilltop House, Neasham. Erection of a dormer bungalow.

RESOLVED – That the application be withdrawn.

PA68. NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS – The Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration) reported that :-

- (a) Miss. Wilkinson had appealed against this Authority's decision to refuse planning permission for installation of replacement front windows and 2 No. side windows at 1 North Lodge Terrace, Darlington (Reference Number 10/00463/FUL); and
- (b) Mr. Hutchinson had appealed against this Authority's decision to refuse planning permission for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of detached dwelling house at 58 Beaumont Hill, Darlington (Reference Number 10/00509/FUL).

PA69. NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS ON APPEALS – The Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration) reported that the Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment had :-

- (a) Dismissed the appeal by Mrs. Hird against this Authority's decision for refusal of planning permission for erection of boundary wall around front garden at 9 Grassholme, Darlington (Reference Number 10/00336/FUL); and
- (b) Dismissed the appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas against this Authority's decision for refusal of planning permission for loft conversion to form en-suite bedrooms incorporating 2 No. roof dormers (revised scheme) at 12 Lauriston Close, Darlington (Reference Number 10/00272/FUL).

RESOLVED - That the report be received.

PA70. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC - RESOLVED - That, pursuant to Sections 100B(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PA71. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION (EXCLUSION NO. 7) - Pursuant to Minute PA63/Nov/10, the Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration) submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing breaches of planning regulations investigated by this Council, as at 26th November 2010.

RESOLVED - That the report be received.