

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE DATE:** 7 April 2010

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**APPLICATION REF. NO:** 10/00118/DC

**STATUTORY DECISION DATE:** 29/04/10

**WARD/PARISH:** PARK EAST

**LOCATION:** Skerne Park Community Centre  
Coleridge Gardens, Darlington

**DESCRIPTION:** Installation of pole mounted closed circuit  
television (CCTV)

**APPLICANT:** Director Of Corporate Services

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**APPLICATION AND SITE DESCRIPTION**

This is a full application under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

Planning permission is sought for the installation of a pole to be used for a closed circuit television camera. The pole would be 8m in height and would be approximately 600mm square at the base (to house the electrics etc) tapering to approximately 225mm diameter at the top. The pole would be black in colour. Planning permission is not required for the fixing of the CCTV camera itself.

The pole would be located within the car park close to the main entrance point to the site. This location is close to Number 97 Coleridge Gardens.

In the Design and Access Statement submitted with the application it is stated that vandalism around the centre is frequent and that the proposal will help counteract this vandalism.

**PLANNING HISTORY**

83/00444/DC, on 17 August 1983 planning permission was granted for the erection of a community centre.

90/00537/MISC, on 26 September 1990 planning permission was granted for the erection of an extension to the community centre.

**PLANNING POLICY BACKGROUND**

The following policies of the Borough of Darlington Local Plan are relevant: -

E29 – The Setting of New Development  
H15 – The Amenity of Residential Areas

## **RESULTS OF CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY**

Consultation Letters were sent to occupiers of neighbouring properties and a site notice was displayed. No letters of objection have been received, however the consultation period does not expire until 16 April 2010.

The Highways Officer raised no objections to the proposal.

## **PLANNING ISSUES**

The main issues to be considered in this application are the impacts of the proposal on the visual amenity of the area and impact on residential amenity.

The pole would not appear as a particularly strident feature in the area. This type of feature is often associated with community facility and would, in this respect, be in keeping with the character of its locality.

The pole would be situated relatively close to Number 97 Coleridge Gardens at a distance of some 8m. The pole, however, would not be located directly in front of 97 Coleridge Gardens and would not result in any significant detrimental impacts in terms of light and outlook. The other closest neighbouring property is located to the west (Number 1 Arkle Crescent) at a distance of 20m.

## **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposal would help reduce issues of vandalism in the area and would not cause significant harm to visual or residential amenity.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that planning permission be granted pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations, subject to no adverse comments being received. The following condition would be required if planning permission is granted:

1. A3 Implementation Limit (3 years)

## **Suggested summary of reasons for granting planning permission**

The proposed development is considered acceptable and will not cause significant harm to the character and appearance of the area. The proposal has no significant impacts in terms of residential amenity. The proposal does not adversely impact on highway safety. The proposal is considered acceptable in light of the following Policies of the Borough of Darlington Local Plan 1997:

E29 – The Setting of New Development  
H15 – The Amenity of Residential Areas