

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

**PRESENT** – The Mayor, Councillors Haszeldine (Chair), Anderson, Bartch, Kane, Laing, Lawley, Lee, McCollom, Robinson and Tostevin.

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Ali, Allen and Wallis.

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Dave Coates (Head of Planning, Development and Environmental Health), Andrew Errington (Lawyer (Planning)) and Paul Dalton (Democratic and Elections Officer).

### **PA42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### **PA43 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of this Committee held on 6 September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### **PA44 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND OTHER CONSENTS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION**

#### **(1) 17B THE GREEN, HIGH CONISCLIFFE**

**23/00593/FUL** – Replacement of uPVC windows and door on front elevation (Retrospective Application).

(In making its decision, the Committee took into consideration the Planning Officer's report (previously circulated), four letters of objection received, two letters of support received, the views of the High Coniscliffe Parish Council, and the views of the Applicant, whom the Committee heard).

**RESOLVED** – That Planning Permission be granted.

### **PA45 OBJECTION TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 2023 NO. 04 YMCA, MIDDLETON COURT, MIDDLETON ROAD, DARLINGTON, DL1 1SL**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) to advise Members that an objection had been received in respect of Tree Preservation Order Number 2023 No. 04, and that the objection related an Order which covered one early/mature Sycamore Tree, which was growing close to the northern boundary of the site at the YMCA, Middleton Court, Middleton Road, Darlington, DL1 1SL.

The submitted report stated that Tree Preservation Order Number 2023 No. 04 was made on 14 April 2023, and protected one early/mature Sycamore Tree growing along the northern boundary of the YMCA, Middleton Court, Middleton Road, Darlington, under powers derived

from Section 198(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It was highlighted that the Tree Preservation Order was made due to the possibility that the tree might be removed if not protected.

Members were informed that the Local Planning Authority considered it expedient to protect the tree by the making of a Tree Preservation Order due to its reasonable form and condition, as it was visible from a public place and contributed significantly to the visual amenity of the surrounding residential area.

(In making its decision the Committee took into consideration the Chief Executive's report, an objection received from the Chief Executive Officer of Tees Valley YMCA, the response of the Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer, and the further views of the Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA, whom the Committee heard).

**RESOLVED** – That the Tree Preservation Order not be confirmed.

**REASON** – That, in the view of the Committee, the tree had no intrinsic beauty; did not add to the amenity of the area; and its removal would not have any significant impact on the local environment.

#### **PA46 NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS**

The Chief Executive reported that Mr. Geoff Wood had appealed against this Authority's decision to refuse permission for the erection of a 1.83m high timber fence to side and rear boundary at 2 Fox Close, Hurworth Place, Darlington, DL2 2HG (23/00311/FUL).

**RESOLVED** – That the report be received.

#### **PA47 TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** - That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (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.

#### **PA48 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND BEING CONSIDERED UNDER THE COUNCIL'S APPROVED CODE OF PRACTICE AS OF 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH NO. 7)**

Pursuant to Minute PA41/Sept/2023, the Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing breaches of planning regulations investigated by this Council, as at 29 September 2023.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.