

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 29 July 2026

PRESENT – Councillors Haszeldine (Chair), Ali, Allen, Anderson, Bartch, Beckett, Holroyd, Kane, Laing, Lawley, McCollom and Tostevin

APOLOGIES – Councillors Cossins and Durham.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Lisa Hutchinson (Interim Head of Planning Development Management), Arthur Howson (Engineer (Traffic Management)), Andrew Errington (Lawyer (Planning)), Nikita Josan (Legal and Land Charges Assistant) and James McAllister (Democratic Officer).

PA17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

PA18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 JULY 2026

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of this Committee held on 1 July be approved as a correct record.

(1) 4 GLANTON COURT, DARLINGTON, DL3 0NY

The Chair moved a Motion that the Committee defer this item on the grounds that additional information in relation to disabled access was required in order to make an informed decision on this Planning Application.

After discussion, Members took a vote on the Motion, which was carried.

RESOLVED – That this application be deferred to a future meeting of the Planning Applications Committee.

PA19 NOTIFICATION OF DECISION ON APPEALS -

The Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection reported that the Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment have dismissed the appeal by Gary Cockerill of Alight Media against this Authority's decision to refuse permission for the Display of 1 No. freestanding internally illuminated LED advertising display unit at Car Park Adjacent To 28 West Auckland Road, Darlington, DL3 9EP (25/01374/ADV).

PA20 NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS -

The Executive Director, Economy and Public Protection reported that appeals had been received against this Authority's decision to refuse permission for :-

- (a) The Installation of external roller shutters to 2 No. windows and replacement external roller shutter to entrance door (Retrospective Application) at 115 North

Road, Darlington (Ref No 25/01388/FUL).

- (b) The Erection of 1 no. three bed self-build dwelling with a detached garage/store, hard standing, landscaping and provision of a new vehicular access with entrance gates and wall at Land At Mole End, Neasham Road, Hurworth, Darlington, DL2 2AZ (Ref No 25/01004/FUL).
- (c) Prior Approval Notification for the installation of telecommunication equipment comprising of a 20m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 2 no. transmission dishes, along with 2 no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto including 3 no. Ericsson Radio Systems (ERSs) at Grassed Verge Of Carmel Road North, Cockerton, Darlington, DL3 8NN (25/01353/PA).
- (d) Outline application for erection of 5 No. 4 bed self-build dwellings, associated landscaping and external works with all matters reserved except for means of access at Land Off Sockburn Lane, Sockburn Lane, Neasham, Darlington (24/01208/OUT)

RESOLVED – That the report is received.

PA21 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.

PA22 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND BEING CONSIDERED UNDER THE COUNCIL'S APPROVED CODE OF PRACTICE AS OF 17 JULY 2026 (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH NO. 7)

Pursuant to Minute PA16, the Executive Director, Economy and Public Protection submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing breaches of planning regulations investigated by this Council, as at 17 July 2026.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.