

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 15th October 2019

Present: Councillor Mrs K Woodrow (in the Chair), Mr A Hall, Mr S Ahmed, Mrs K Overbury and Councillor Mr T Edwards-Clay

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S Johnson.

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of planning applications received since the previous Committee meeting had been circulated

1.1 Application No: 19/02754/FUL, Location: land north of 7 Ladywell Way, Ponteland, NE20 9TE. Proposal: One no 3-bedroom dwelling, with associated parking and garage; new access to the proposed development will need to be created off Ladywell Way (amended plans received 30/9/19)

Comment: The Planning Committee would like the neighbours comments and objections to be taken into consideration and the matter of the trees to be raised with the relevant department at Northumberland County Council.

1.2 Application No: 19/03947/VARYCO. Location: Land North West of 8 West Road, Ponteland. Proposal: Variation of condition 2 pursuant to planning application 18/01796/FUL in order to accommodate changes made during the design process,

Comment: The Planning Committee would like the neighbours comments and concerns taken into consideration.

1.3 Application No: 19/03853/FUL (deferred from last meeting), Location: Land North of Dobbies, Garden Centre, Street Houses, Ponteland. Proposal: Development of extension of existing Car Park and associated works.

OBJECTION - The Planning Committee strongly objects to this proposal the main reason being that the proposed extension is in the Green belt. Ponteland Town Council feel it is vitally important to ensure the protection of Green belt land.

The other reasons for the objection relate to the roundabout at Dobbies on the A696 which a well-known blackspot for accidents is, due to what is believed to be an adverse camber on the roundabout. It is the scene of several serious road traffic accidents; a number of minor accidents have also been recorded on the roundabout and on the approach road. This roundabout has a rural aspect and is the Gateway to Northumberland on the A696. There are concerns for the wildlife in this area which will be affected by the loss of Green belt land.

The Planning Committee also query if there is a need for the proposed large number of additional spaces at this location which will take the total number available to 345. They are also concerned about the possible additional traffic congestion these extra spaces will produce along with pollution and noise within the Green Belt.

They feel this proposal within the Green Belt is unacceptable and ask that the proposal be refused.

1.4 Application No: 19/02295/OUT

Location: Holly Lodge, The Avenue, Medburn, NE20 0JD

Proposal: Outline Permission to replace existing dwelling with single dwelling house and 1.5 storeys (some matters reserved including access, appearance, landscaping and scale)

COMMENT – The Planning Committee has no objections to the proposed replacement dwelling. They do however ask that appropriate conditions are imposed in relation to

construction traffic and times of working to lessen the impact on other residents on the Avenue and also to ensure that any damage caused to this road by sustained use of heavy plant, be made good following completion of the development works.

1.5 Application No: 19/04039/FUL, Location: 20 Moor Lane Darras Hall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE20 9AD, Proposal: Demolition of existing house and construction of a new dwelling.

The Application was deferred to the next meeting on the 29th October 2019.

The Committee made no comments about the other 5 applications considered.

2. DECISIONS: APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS; WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

2.1 DECISION: 19/01955/FUL, Land West of Dyke House, The Avenue, Medburn NE20 0JD. Proposed Erection of a 2.1m high double slatted fence panel and a 207m high close board fence and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden to 'plot one' in relation to 16/03777/FUL

Permission **REFUSED** under delegated powers on 7th October 2019. The Committee had made an objection about this application.

2.2 DECISION: 19/02428/FUL, 4 Larchlea, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9LG. Proposed single storey bedroom extension to side and erection of hallway extension to front.

Permission **GRANTED** under delegated powers on 7th October 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.3 DECISION: 19/03462/FUL, 18 Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9DH. Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and replace with two storey dwelling.

Permission **GRANTED** under delegated powers on 7th October 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4. PLANNING ENFORCMENT UPDATES

4.1 Stonebridge Interiors (old HSBC bank) Illuminated Signage. Ongoing with the Planning Officer.

4.2 Bridgfords Estate Agents Illuminated signage was reported to Planning Enforcement on the 16th September 2019, 1st October and the 10th October 2019. No response.

4.3 Finnerans electricians illuminated signage reported to Planning enforcement on 25th April 2019 and chased up on 23rd May 2019, 12th September 2019, 1st October 2019 and the 10th October 2019. No response.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 29th October 2019