

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 19th July 2022

Present: Councillors Mrs S Johnson (in the Chair), Mrs K Woodrow and Mr A Varley.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr A Hall, Mr S Ahmed and Mrs K Overbury.

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The Committee made no comments about the 5 applications considered.

2. DECISIONS: APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS; WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

2.1 DECISION: 22/00813/FUL, 135 Darras Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9PQ. Proposed First floor (inc subsequent new roof) and ground floor extension.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 8th July 2022. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.2 DECISION: 22/00790/ADE, Waitrose, 27 Main Street, Ponteland, NE20 9NH. Proposed a number of signs on and around Waitrose building and car park.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 12th July 2022. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.3 DECISION: 22/01086/FUL, Land to the North of Eland Lane, Ponteland, NE20. Proposed full planning application for change of use of existing agricultural field for forestry and community education uses including creation of planting amphitheatre and associated infrastructure.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 12th July 2022. The Committee had made an objection about this application.

OBJECTION: The Council has concerns over access; parking on a narrow country lane; blocking a road that is used regularly by the neighbouring farm and residents; litter; safety with such a proximity to the river; vandalism; the risk of antisocial behaviour; the remoteness of this facility and the risk that it could become a 'hangout' area for youths resulting in antisocial behaviour.

2.4 DECISION: 21/04760/FUL, 70 Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9DN. Proposed removal of existing single storey conservatory and construction of two storey extension to rear of property.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 15th July 2022. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.5 DECISION: 21/04500/FUL, 84 Runnymede Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9HH. Proposed extension of dormer bungalow to a two-storey dwelling.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 22nd July 2022. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.6 DECISION: 21/03887/ADE, 19 Merton Road, Ponteland, NE20 9PY. Proposed advertisement consent for 1 no hanging sign and 2 no fascia signs.

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 22nd July 2022. The Committee had made an objection about this application.

Objection: Ponteland Town Council Planning Committee object to this proposal due what would be an excessive amount of exterior lighting. We request a modification to reduce the amount of illumination. We believe that 12 lights and two large, illuminated fascia signs is excessive. We also request timing mechanisms to be fitted to the lights to ensure that they are switched off overnight and when not needed. There are residential properties above the shops and extreme lighting would be intrusive.

The Planning Committee has also looked at the interior design and have concerns about the lack of toilets and hand washing facilities for patrons and a hand wash facility in the staff toilet, especially given that this is a food outlet.

The Committee would also raise the question of the ownership of the land outside the shop on which tables, chairs and street furniture is planned and would like to know if planning permission is needed and has been sought.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 A new map of Medburn was requested by the Committee the Assistant Clerk will source a new map.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2nd August 2022