

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 6th June 2023

Present: Councillors Mrs S Johnson (in the chair), Mrs K Woodrow, Mr A Hall & Mr A Varley.

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Application No: 23/01785/VARYCO

Location: 132 Runnymede Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland. NE20 9HN

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 4 (Landscaping) on approved application 21/03787/FUL in order to add a 2.9m extension to the rear of property, remove trees and replace with new trees.

Comment: The Planning Committee are concerned that this larger extension will compromise the stipulation of condition 11 of the original planning decision (*All trees shown to be retained on site shall be protected during the demolition/construction works on site, in accordance with current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction -Recommendations'. Reason: To protect the trees and the visual amenity of the area, in accordance with the provisions of policy H15 of the Castle Morpeth District Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework*).

They feel that the additional 2.9m extension to the approved plans will have an impact, causing the landscaping to be pushed back. They have been unable to ascertain exactly which trees are being removed in this variation, but they believe that there will be 7 trees which need to be removed for this proposal to proceed.

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

2. DECISIONS: APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS; WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

2.1 **DECISION: 23/01073FUL, 14 The Green, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9UX**

Proposed Single storey rear extension; proposed two storey side extension.

Comment The application was **GRANTED** on 25th May 2023.

The Committee made no comment about this application.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed Planning Application **22/01909/CCMEIA Proposed extraction of 4 million tonnes of dolerite, importation of inert infill material and associated highway and landscape works at land at Northside, Harle, Kirkwhelpington**. New documents had been uploaded for this application including an Environmental Statement. The Committee reviewed the latest documents and responded to NCC with the following statement:

Ponteland Town Council Planning Committee have reviewed the latest documents that have been provided by the applicant for the above application. They feel that the additional documentation does not demonstrate that the plans have fundamentally changed, and they see no material changes in relation to their concerns regarding the volume of traffic movements and the proposed routes. They also still have concerns about the environmental impact of these proposals. The Committee note the high number of objections to this proposal, including 31 residents from the Ponteland area who amongst other things, feel strongly that this will affect them directly due to the increased volume of HGVs that will be passing their properties if this application is approved.

Ponteland Town Council therefore wish to maintain their objection to the application for the proposed extraction of 4 million tonnes of dolerite, importation of inert infill material and associated highway and landscape works at land at Northside, Harle, Kirkwhelpington as submitted on 3rd August 2022.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th June 2023