

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2012 AT 2:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chairman); Joan Hully (Vice Chairman); Jackie Bowman; Margarita Docherty; Alan Jacob; Michael McVeigh; John Park and Gilbert Scurrah.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Stephen Haraldsen; John Jackson and William Southward.

Officers: John Groves, Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning;
Nick Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer;
Heather Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer;
Rachel Carrol, Development Control Officer; Control Officer;
Clinton Boyce, Legal Services Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP30/12

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP31/12

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Joan Hully declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Applications 4/12/2404/OF1 – Application for Extension to Vehicle Parking and 4/12/2417/OF1 – Application for Proposed New Fence, Sterile Zone, Patrol Track & Culvert both applications at Sellafield Ltd, Sellafield, Seascale, Cumbria due to being in receipt of an income from Sellafield.

PP32/12

Planning Applications

Due to members of the public being present the following application was dealt with at this point of the meeting.

4/11/2485/OF1 – Construction and Operation of a Wind Farm consisting of 6 No Wind Turbines, Control Building, Anemometer Mast & Associated Access Tracks for an operational period of 25 Years at Land to the West of Steel Brow Road, Arlecdon, Frizington, Cumbria.

This application was considered at the 12 September 2012 meeting when the Panel was minded to refuse and brought back for final determination in accordance with paragraph 9.2 of the Council's Planning Code of Conduct.

Members were advised on the legal and financial implications of their decision.

During discussion of this item Mr J Vout spoke in objection to the application. The applicant's agent, Mr P Dyke exercised his right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be refused contrary to the Planning Officers recommendation on the grounds that the proposal would result in significant local and visual impact which would be detrimental to the character and visual amenity of the area. These adverse impacts would not be outweighed by the benefits that would result from the proposal. The remaining Planning Applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

RESOLVED – That applications for planning permission be determined as shown on the schedule hereto, subject to conditions of approval and reasons for refusal as set out in the report of the Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning dated 10 October 2012, subject to:

4/12/2407/OF1 – New Office Accommodation of 3 & 4 Storeys With Associated Access Works, Disabled Parking Provision, Landscaping & Servicing at Land to North & South of Albion Street, Whitehaven.

RESOLVED – that the application be approved subject to minor revisions to conditions 17 – 26 as listed in the report following discussions with the Highways Officer at Cumbria County Council.

PP33/12

Planning Appeal Decision

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Appeal decision in respect of a single turbine at Beck Farm, Millom, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – That the decision to DISMISS the appeal be noted in the context of the Council's Local Plan Policies and also in relation to performance monitoring.

PP34/12 Planning Appeal Decision

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Appeal decision in respect of a site at Linethwaite, St Bees, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – That the decision to DISMISS the appeal be noted in the context of the Council’s Local Plan Policies and also in relation to performance monitoring.

PP35/12 Date of Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of this Panel would be on Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 2:00pm in Egremont Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 3:45pm

Chairman

Date

List of Decisions made

At Planning Panel on

10 October 2012

Application Number	4/11/2485/0F1
Applicant	Banks Renewables (Weddicar Rigg Wind Farm) Ltd
Location	LAND TO THE WEST OF STEEL BROW ROAD, (KNOWN AS WEDDICAR RIGG), ARLECDON, FRIZINGTON
Proposal	CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A WIND FARM CONSISTING OF 6 No WIND TURBINES, CONTROL BUILDING, ANEMOMETER MAST & ASSOCIATED ACCESS TRACKS FOR AN OPERATIONAL PERIOD OF 25 YEARS
Decision	Refuse
Decision Date	17 October 2012

Application Number	4/12/2407/0F1
Applicant	NDA Properties Ltd
Location	LAND TO NORTH & SOUTH OF ALBION STREET, WHITEHAVEN
Proposal	NEW OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF 3 & 4 STOREYS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS WORKS, DISABLED PARKING PROVISION, LANDSCAPING & SERVICING
Decision	Approve (commence within 3 years)
Decision Date	23 October 2012

Application Number	4/12/2412/0F1
Applicant	Impact Housing Association
Location	UNIT 1, SNECKYEAT ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN
Proposal	CHANGE OF USE FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SPACE/OFFICES TO RETAIL USE/OFFICES
Decision	Approve
Decision Date	10 October 2012

Application Number	4/12/2417/0F1
Applicant	Sellafield Limited
Location	AREA F, SELLAFIELD, SEASCALE
Proposal	PROPOSED NEW FENCE, STERILE ZONE, PATROL TRACK & CULVERT
Decision	Approve
Decision Date	10 October 2012

Application Number	4/12/2421/0F1
Applicant	Miss C Fenwick
Location	BLUEBELL COTTAGE, MOORHOUSE FARM, CALDERBRIDGE, SEASCALE
Proposal	REMOVAL OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING APPROVAL 4/04/2429/0 (ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE) RE AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY OCCUPATION RESTRICTION
Decision	Approve removal of condition
Decision Date	11 October 2012

Application Number	4/12/2404/0F1
Applicant	Sellafield Limited
Location	FELLSIDE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT, SELLAFIELD
Proposal	EXTENSION OF VEHICLE PARKING (44 SPACES)
Decision	Approve
Decision Date	10 October 2012