

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2009

Present: Councillors W Southward (Chairman); G Blackwell; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; A Jacob; Mrs J Williams; D Wilson and Mrs M Woodburn.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Jackson

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Control Manager; H Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; D James, Member Services Officer

PP 16/09 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP 17/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Hully declared a personal interest in application 2/09/2229/0 Second Reserved Matters Application for Hales Facility Extension Sellafield, Seascale due to members of her family being employed by Sellafield Ltd and left the room during its consideration.

Councillors G Blackwell and E Eastwood declared personal interests in planning application 2/09/2229/0 Second Reserved Matters Application for Hales Facility Extension Sellafield, Seascale due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

PP 18/09 Planning Applications

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

During discussion of this item Councillor Y Clarkson and Miss E Phipps spoke in objection to the application. The Agent, Mr Thomson, exercised his right to respond.

4/09/2198/0 – Erection of Industrial Building with Office Accommodation, Car Parking and Service Yard, Beckermat Industrial Estate, Haile, Egremont

RESOLVED - that the application be **Approved**.

The remaining 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 Development Control Manager dated 22 July 2009.

PP 19/09 Development Control Performance Monitoring

A report was submitted informing Members of Development Control Performance against the Best Value Performance Indicators.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**PP 20/09 Whitehaven Town Centre and High Street Conservation Areas
– Proposals to Merge and Extend the Areas**

Following a study carried out by Paul Butler Associates a number of recommendations are put to Members for changes to existing boundaries of the Whitehaven Town Centre Conservation Area. It was noted that these recommendations along with other findings of the studies had been reported and agreed at the meeting of the Executive on the 30 June, this report seeks approval of the Planning Panel to embark on a consultation exercise.

RESOLVED – That a consultation exercise, comprising a public exhibition and meeting be organised to consult on proposed changes to the Whitehaven Town Centre and High Street Conservation Areas.

The meeting closed at 4:15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 22 JULY 2009

App no	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
4/09/2198/0	Mr M Thomson	Beckermets Industrial Estate, Haile, Egremont	Erection of Industrial Building with office accommodation, car parking and service yard	Approved
4/09/2229/0	Sellafield Ltd	Sellafield, Seascale	Second reserved matters application for Hales Facility extension	Approve Reserved Matters
4/09/2240/0	Tanias Properties Ltd	12 King Street, Whitehaven	Change of use from retail (Class A1) to Class A2 financial services	Refused
4/09/2256/0	OCF Holdings Ltd	Reisswolf Ltd, Station Yard, Moor Row	Outline application for the erection of 37 dwellings	Site Visit
4/09/2261/0	Mr P Metcalf	The Dye House, Hallthwaites	Reinstatement of the Dye House (retrospective)	Approved
4/09/2267/0	Mr J Butterworth	Dove Cote Barn, High Walton, St Bees	Change of use of barn to allow the storage of scaffolding (retrospective)	Approved
4/09/2269/0	Sellafield Limited	Near Sellafield, Seascale	New ramp access across beach, cutting of a section of spit & erection of bridge over river to provide marine access	Site Visit
4/09/2282/0	Mrs B Keenan	47 High Street, Cleator Moor	Change of use from Class A1 to Classes A3 & A5 (café & hot pie takeaway)	Approved
4/09/2277/0	Ms J Betteridge	Mount Pleasant, West Strand, Whitehaven	Public realm improvements including new street furniture, signage, landscaping and lighting, improvements & resurfacing of the footpaths, the creation of a new public right of way and the creation of a vantage point on the headland	Site Visit