PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2007

Councillors M McVeigh (Chairman); W Southward; E Brenan (Item 1); A Carroll; Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; D Wilson; H Wormstrup

Also Present: Councillor N Clarkson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Jacob

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Services Manager; H Morrison, Senior Planning Officer; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; L Taylor, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP04 Order of Agenda Items

The Chairman agreed to consider an additional item – Proposed Tree Preservation Order at Rose Gardens Gilgarran PP09 refers on grounds of urgency due to the need for a decision to be made before the Panel's next meeting.

PP05 Schedule of Planning Applications

Due to members of the public being present (some of whom exercised their right to speak) the following applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting

4/07/2140/0 – Replacement of Plot 14 with 4 No. Apartments (2 Storey in Height) and Provision of Public Car Park (17 spaces public, 3 for adjacent apartments) Land Adjacent to Plot 14 and, Public Car Park, Fairladies, St Bees, Cumbria – Refuse contrary to officer recommendation on grounds that

> 'By virtue of its scale and location the proposed development would result in demonstrable harm to the amenity interests of neighbouring residents in particular, whilst being served by an unsatisfactory on-site car parking arrangement at variance with Policy Dev 6 of the adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001- 2016 and guidance contained in Planning Policy Statement 3 "Housing"

4/07/2301/0 – Redevelopment of Former Garage Site to Provide 27 Apartments and Associated Parking 12/13 Irish Street Whitehaven, Cumbria – Approve, subject to an amendment to the following condition

2. This permission relates only to the following plans and documents, as amended on the respective dates :-

Location plan 05104-04D	received 25 May 2007
Floor Plans 05014-04E	received 21 June 2007
Elevations 05104-05C	received 21 June 2007
Design and Access Statement	received 1 May 2007

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 Services Manager dated 27 June 2007 and subject to

4/07/2115/0 – Loft Conversion 26 Manesty Rise, Low Moresby, Whitehaven, Cumbria – Approve

(Note: Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest due to knowing the applicant)

4/07/2256/0 – Outline Application for a single Dwelling Land Adjoining, Stonehow, Low Moresby, Whitehaven, Cumbria – Refuse

(Note: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, left the room during consideration of this item due to being a near neighbour of the applicant.)

4/07/2300/0 – Residential Development for 10 Units (Phase 2) & Associated Infrastructure Woodstock Lane, Off Coach Road, Whitehaven, Cumbria – Approve, subject to the addition of the following condition

9. Notwithstanding the submitted site layout plans, full details of the access and parking arrangements shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before development commences on site.

4/07/2314/0 – External improvements to elevations, New Pitched Roof and change of use of 1st and 2nd Floor Accommodation to Offices from Residential 13, 14 and 15 Market Place, Egremont, Cumbria – Approve

(Note: Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest due to being a Board Member of Age Concern NW Cumbria)

4/07/9007/0 – Pile Fuel Cladding Silo Waste Retrieval Facility Sellafield, Seascale, Cumbria – Permission be Granted

(Note: Councillors A Carroll; J Hully and H Wormstrup declared personal interests in this item due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry. Councillors J Hully and H Wormstrup left the room during consideration of this item).

PP06 Planning Appeal Decisions

Members were informed of the Planning Inspectors decision to Dismiss an appeal in respect of a dwelling on land adjacent to Steel Green House, Millom

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

PP07 Development Control Quality Review

Consideration was given to a report seeking Member's approval to carry out a review of recent development control decisions in the Borough in accordance with best practice

RESOLVED – That the review be undertaken on Wednesday 11 July 2007 to look at recent/ongoing developments

PP08 Planning Summer School – Swansea 2007

A report was submitted on Member attendance at the Planning Summer School to be held in Swansea from 31 August – 4 September 2007.

RESOLVED – That (a) any two of Councillors A Carroll, A Jacob, D Wilson be authorised to attend the Planning Summer School; and

(b) in accordance with agreed procedures Members attending submit a report to the Panel.

PP09 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PP09 Proposed Tree Preservation Order

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A report was submitted seeking agreement to designate an emergency Tree Preservation Order at Rose Gardens, Gilgarran

RESOLVED – That an emergency tree preservation order be designated at Rose Gardens, Gilgarran

The Meeting Closed at 4:10pm

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 27/06/07

App no	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
4/07/2115/0	Mr and Mrs R Rowell	26 Manesty Rise, Low Moresby, Whitehaven	Loft conversion	Approve
4/07/2140/0	Story Homes	Land adjacent to Plot 14 & Public Car Park, Fairladies, St Bees	Replacement of Plot 14 with 4 No. apartments (2 storey in height) and provision of public car park (17 spaces public, 3 for adjacent apartments)	Refuse
4/07/2174/0	Mrs Reta Wicks	Duddon Bridge Farm, Duddon Bridge, Millom	Agricultural dwelling with sewage treatment unit	Withdrawn
4/07/2245/0	Gilgarran Estates Ltd	Land adjacent to Brandle Howe, Gilgarran, Distington	Erection of two dwellings	Approve Reserved Matters
4/07/2256/0	Mr & Mrs C Johnston	Land adjoining Stonehow, Low Moresby, Whitehaven	Outline application for a single dwelling	Refuse
4/07/2266/0	Mr A Ostle	Land adjacent to 12 Asby Road, Asby, Workington	New dwelling	Approve
4/07/2276/0	James Murray	2 Meadow Cottages, The Green, Millom	Garage	Approved
4/07/2297/0	Messrs Cook	High House Farm, Holmrook	Erect cubicle and loose housing building extension	Refuse
4/07/2299/0	Mr T West	Field Nos 7851 & part of 7976, Sandwith, Whitehaven	Maize Maze	Site Visit
4/07/2300/0	High Grange Developments Ltd	Woodstock Lane, off Coach Road, Whitehaven	Residential development for 10 units (Phase 2) & associated infrastructure	Approve
4/07/2301/0	W R Richardson Limited	12/13 Irish Street, Whitehaven	Redevelopment of former garage site to provide 27 apartments and associated parking	Approve
4/07/2302/0	Messrs Whitton	Land at Sandwith, Whitehaven	Outline application for agricultural workers dwelling	Refuse
4/07/2305/0	Mr P Grimshaw	Fairfield Farm, Pica, Distington	Wind Monitoring (Met) Mast 40m high	Approved

4/07/2314/0	Age Concern Northwest Cumbria	13, 14 & 15 Market Place, Egremont	External improvements to elevations, new pitched roof & change of use of 1 st & 2 nd floor accommodation to offices from residential	Approve
4/07/2319/0	The Lighthouse Centre	The Lighthouse Centre, c/o Haverigg Primary School, Haverigg, Millom	Relocate Haverigg Nursery School and new Community Centre	Site Visit
4/07/2325/0	I.G.P. Investments	Westlakes Science & Technology Park, Herdus House, adjacent to Ingwell Drive, Moor Row	Office development on vacant site	Approve
4/07/2337/0	OS UK Limited	Furness & South Cumberland Supply, Chapel Street, Egremont	17.1m lattice tower incorporating 3 number 2G antennas, 3 number equipment cabinets & ancillary development	Approve
4/07/2362/0	Mr D Friend	Duddon Youth Hostel, Borwick Rails, Millom	Replacement private dwelling on Youth Hostel site	Site Visit
4/07/9007/0	British Nuclear Group	Sellafield, Seascale	Pile fuel cladding silo waste retrieval facility	Permission be granted