PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010 at 2:00pm

Present: Councillors W Southward (Chairman); Mrs M Docherty (Deputy Chairman); G Blackwell; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; A Jacob and Mrs J Williams.

Apologies for absence: Councillor D Wilson.

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Control Manager; N Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP58/09 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP59/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillors G Blackwell and Mrs J Hully declared personal interests in applications relating to the Nuclear industry due to being either employed by or having relations employed by the nuclear industry. Councillor Mrs Hully left the room during discussion of application 4/10/2004/OF1 Erection of a Three Storey Modular Building to serve as office accommodation at Sellafield, Cumbria.

PP60/09 Planning Applications

The 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 Development Control Manager dated 3 February 2010 and subject to:

4/09/2508/0 Housing Development for 64 No Units, Including Associated Required Infrastructure at Land Adjacent to High Road and Windermere Road, Woodhouse, Whitehaven, Cumbria

RESOLVED – That the application be Approved subject to

a) the addition of the following condition:-

"The footpath/cycleway shall be lit in accordance with a scheme that has been submitted to and approved in writing

by the Local Planning Authority. The approved lighting shall be installed before any part of the footway/cycleway is first brought into use and shall be maintained at all times thereafter"

Reason for the additional condition:-

"In the interests of highway safety"

- b) the amendment of Condition 17 as listed on the agenda so that it has to be met before the first occupation of any dwelling rather than before any development commences on the site, and
- c) the deletion of Condition 20 as listed on the agenda, following agreement with the Highways Control Officer.

PP61/09 <u>Development Control Performance Monitoring</u>

Members were informed of the Development Control Performance for the period April – December 2009 against Best Value Performance Indicators.

The Panel were delighted that top quartile performance had again been achieved in respect of all three categories of planning applications.

Members requested that their thanks be passed on to the Development Control Department.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) the Development Control Department be thanked for their hard work .

PP62/09 Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 4 – Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth

Members were informed of the Government's recently published new planning policy statement (PPS) 4 "Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

PP63/09 Planning Panel Site Visits

It was noted that there were two joint Site Visits with Cumbria County Council resulting from the meeting, being at West Lakes Academy, Main Street, Egremont, Cumbria and Keekle Head, Pica, Workington, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – that the joint Site Visits be arranged with Cumbria County Council and Members advised.

The meeting closed at 2:40pm

Chairman	 	 	 	 	 	
Date						

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

App no	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
4/09/2508/0	Story Homes	Land adjacent to High Road and Windermere Road, Woodhouse	Housing Development for 64 No. Units including associated required infrastructure	Approve
4/10/2004/0 CCC	Sellafield Limited	Sellafield, Seascale CA20 1PG	Erection of a Three Storey Modular Building to serve as office accommodation	Approve
Applications				
4/10/2010/0	Cumbria County Council	West Lakes Academy, Main Street, Egremont CA22 2DQ	Redevelopment of West Lakes Academy to Provide New Teaching Accommodation to Include Demolition of Existing School Buildings, Public Library and Youth Centre	Joint Site Visit
4/9014/0	Cumbria County Council	Drigg Low Level Waste Disposal Site, Drigg	Application to Vary Condition 1 of Planning Permission 4/04/9018/0 to extend the time period for Higher Stacking in Vault 8 from August 2010 until 31 December 2013 & Detacking Completed by 31 December 2015	Recommend approval
4/9001/0	Cumbria County Council	Keekle Head former Opencast Site, Pica	Development of a Waste Management Facility for the Disposal of Low and Very Low Level Radioactive Waste including Site Restoration & Ancillary Development	Joint Site Visit