

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2009 at 2:00pm

Present: Councillors Mrs M Docherty (Deputy Chairman in the Chair); G Blackwell; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; A Jacob; Mrs J Williams and D Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Councillor G Garrity; W Southward and Mrs M Woodburn.

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Control Manager; H Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; N Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP33/09 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2009 were signed by the Deputy Chairman as a correct record.

PP34/09 Declarations of Interest

All Members declared a personal interest in application **4/09/2340/0** – Change of Use from Retail Newsagent/Fancy Goods to Indian Food Takeaway at 10 Wellington Street, Millom, Cumbria, due to the Applicant being related to a Copeland Councillor. Additionally, Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest due to having discussed the application as a Millom Town Councillor.

Councillor D Wilson declared a personal interest in application **4/09/2398/0** – Two “Welcome to Millom” Signs on A5093 near Old Cross and near Castle Cottages, Millom, Cumbria due to being a Member of The Rotary Club of Millom, who were the applicants.

PP35/09 Planning Applications

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

4/09/2361/0 – Application for Demolition of 36 Properties. Various properties on Windermere Road and Fell View Avenue, Woodhouse, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

4/09/2379/0 – Application for demolition of 50 Properties (34 Houses & 16 Flats).
Keir Hardie Avenue, Ehen Place, Dent Square and Orchard Place,
Cleator Moor, Cumbria.

4/09/2408/0 – Application for Demolition of 14 Properties.
Gilgarren View & Kilnside, Distington, Cumbria.

During discussion of these items, and at the request of the Panel, representatives of Home Housing provided an overview and more detail relating to the applications.

RESOLVED – That the applications be Approved.

4/09/2273/0 – Discharge of a Section 106 Agreement Relating to the Creation of Roads to an Adoptable Standard.
Land at Churchill Drive & Pannatt Hill, Millom, Cumbria.

During discussion of this item Mr Barden and Mrs Mickelthwaite spoke in objection to the application. The Agent, Mr Sandelands, exercised his right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be Refused.

4/09/2410/0 – Change of Use From Former Bridal Shop to Restaurant.
Strand House, Strand Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

During discussion of this item Mr Schmidt spoke in objection to the application.

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 14 October 2009.

PP36/09

Development Control Performance Monitoring

Members were informed of the Development Control Performance for the first half of 2009/10 (1 April – 30 September) 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 for making Copeland one of the best performing authorities in the country

RESOLVED – That

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) the Development Control Department be thanked for making Copeland one of the best performing authorities in the country.

PP37/09 Time Limits and Amendments to Planning Permissions

Members were informed of recent changes in Planning Legislation in respect of a) extensions to the time limits for implementing existing planning permissions and b) Non-Material amendments following a grant of planning permission.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

PP38/09 Street Naming and Numbering

Consideration was given to the Naming and Numbering of a New Access Road Leading to Plateau 11, Westlakes Science and Technology Park.

RESOLVED – That the street name Lindow Avenue be adopted for the new development and all the relevant bodies be notified.

PP39/09 Planning Panel Site Visits

There were no Site Visits resulting from the meeting.

The meeting closed at 4:25pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 14 OCTOBER 2009

App no	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
4/09/2273/0	Mr A & Mrs S Elvey	Land at Churchill Drive & Pannatt Hill, Millom	Discharge of Section 106 Agreement relating to the creation of roads to an adoptable standard	Refused
4/09/2276/0	Mr P Lockhart	Tarn Bank, Braystones, Beckermest	Outline application for the demolition of existing dwellings and erection of eleven dwellings	Approve in Outline, Subject to S.106 Agreement
4/09/2340/0	Mrs M Scurrah	10 Wellington Street, Millom	Change of use from retail newsagent/fancy goods to Indian Food Takeaway	Refused
4/09/2361/0	Home North West (Mrs G Staton)	Various properties on Windermere Road & Fell View Avenue, Woodhouse, Whitehaven	Demolition of 36 properties	Approved
4/09/2374/0	Mr S Hannah	28 Main Street, Egremont	Change of use from Café to Adult Gaming Centre	Approved
4/09/2379/0	Home Group Ltd (Ms V Hannah)	Keir Hardie Avenue, Ehen Place, Dent Square & Orchard Place, Cleator Moor	Demolition of 50 properties (34 houses & 16 flats)	Approved
4/09/2398/0	Rotary Club of Millom	A5093 Near Old Cross & Near Castle Cottages, Millom	Two “Welcome to Millom” Signs	Approved
4/09/2408/0	Home Group Ltd	Gilgarran View & Kilnside, Distington	Demolition of 14 properties	Approved
4/09/2410/0	Mrs F C Wong	Strand House, Strand Street, Whitehaven	Change of use from former bridal shop to restaurant	Approved
4/09/2420/0	Mr P Edmondson	Land adjacent to Utopia Kennels, Lowca	Erection of two storey detached dwelling	Approved