

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chair); Jackie Bowman; Margarita Docherty; Joan Hully; John Jackson; Alan Jacob; John Park and William Southward.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Stephen Haraldsen; Ian Hill and Michael McVeigh.

Officers: John Groves, Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager; Heather Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; Nick Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP48/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP49/14 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Joan Hully declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 4/14/2375/OF1 – Application for the erection of One Wind Turbine (Maximum Hub Height of 30.52m and a Maximum tip height of 48.01m) with Control Box and all associated works at Land near Cobra Castle, Egremont due to being a Cleator Moor Town Councillor.

Councillor John Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 4/14/2507/OF1 – Application for the extension to Accident & Repair Centre and associated Parking and Hardstanding (Revised scheme for original approval 4/14/2091/OF1) at Whitehaven Accident & Repair, Unit 4 Joe McBain Avenue, Moresby Parks, Whitehaven due to a family member being employed there.

PP50/13 Arrangement of the agenda

Members were advised that Application numbers 4/14/2487/OF1 (Cobble Hall Farm, Cleator) and 4/14/2502/OF1 (Land south of Boonwood Farm, Distington) listed as numbers 3 and 5 had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

Planning Applications

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

4/15/2005/0F1 – Application for the proposed existing permitted use of the Civic Hall building be extended to include Office Accommodation (Class B1) and provision of Ancillary Café facilities (Class A3). The considered permitted use of the building is considered to be within use Classes D1/D2 at The Civic Hall, Lowther Street, Whitehaven.

RESOLVED – That the application be Approved, subject to the following additional condition:

“This permission permits either an office use (B1), a café use (A3), a use falling within the non-residential institution use class (D1), or an assembly and leisure (D2), or a combination of those uses, within any part of the Civic Hall building with the exception of the Solway Room (main hall) which shall remain in D1/D2 usage.”

4/14/2375/0F1 – Application for the proposed erection One Wind Turbine (Maximum Hub height of 30.52m and a maximum Tip Height of 48.01m with Control Box and all associated works at Land near Cobra Castle, Egremont.

During discussion of this item Ms E Rudd, Mr I McIntyre and Mr N Ford (representing Cleator Moor Town Council) spoke in objection to the application. The applicant, Mr T Dixon then exercised his right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be Refused.

4/14/2463/0F1 – Application for the proposed erection of a First Floor Bedroom Extension at 19 Rowantree Close, Whitehaven.

During discussion of this item Mr Crone spoke in objection to the application and the applicants, Mr & Mrs Myers then exercised their right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be Approved.

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 Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager dated 25 February 2015.

PP52/14 Planning Panel Site Visit

There were three Site Visit resulting from the meeting, being at Home Farm, Gilgarran; Land south of Bell House Farm, Sandwith and Low Road, Whitehaven.

RESOLVED – that the Site Visits be arranged (together with the site visits previously abandoned due to poor visibility on 18 February 2015 at Land to south of Green Lonning, St Bees; Land near Cobble Hall, Cleator and Land South of Boonwood Farm, Distington) for Wednesday 11 March 2015, departing the Copeland Centre at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 4:10pm

Chairman

Date

DECISIONS MADE AT

PLANNING PANEL

ON 25 FEBRUARY 2015

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| Application Number | 4/15/2007/OF1 |
| Applicant | Astime Properties Ltd |
| Location | LAND AT LOW ROAD, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (110 DWELLINGS) |
| Decision | Site Visit |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2375/OF1 |
| Applicant | Mr T Dixon |
| Location | LAND NEAR COBRA CASTLE, EGREMONT (GRID REF: 302718, 511897) |
| Proposal | ERECTION OF ONE WIND TURBINE (MAXIMUM HUB HEIGHT OF 30.52M AND A MAXIMUM TIP HEIGHT OF 48.01M) WITH CONTROL BOX AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS |
| Decision | Refuse |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2463/OF1 |
| Applicant | Mr P Myers |
| Location | 19 ROWANTREE CLOSE, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM EXTENSION |
| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 21 January 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2510/OF1 |
| Applicant | W Gate and Son |
| Location | HOME FARM, GILGARRAN |
| Proposal | ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT TO COMPRISE 3 STORAGE CLAMPS, DIGESTER TANK, DIGESTATE STORAGE LAGOON, OPERATING BUILDING, SUBSTATION. SEPARATOR AND DRIER AND FLARE STACK |
| Decision | Site visit |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2511/OF1 |
| Applicant | Mr G Barwise |
| Location | LAND TO SOUTH OF BELL HOUSE FARM, SANDWITH, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | INSTALLATION OF ONE WIND TURBINE (MAXIMUM TIP HEIGHT 36.6M) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE |
| Decision | Site visit |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2498/OL1 |
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| Applicant | Copeland Borough Council |
| Location | MARKET HALL, MARKET PLACE, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ECOPAD DEFIBRILLATOR BOX |
| Decision | Approve Listed Building Consent (start within 3yr) |
| Decision Date | 2 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2508/0F1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HOMEWOOD ROAD, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STAIR TOWER TO BLOCK F; RECLADDING OF EXTERNAL FACES OF BLOCKS E & F; GENERAL REFURBISHMENT OF BLOCKS E & F |
| Decision | Approve (commence within 3 years) |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2507/0F1 |
| Applicant | Whitehaven Accident and Repair |
| Location | UNIT 4 JOE MCBAIN AVENUE, MORESBY PARKS, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | EXTENSION TO ACCIDENT AND REPAIR CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AND HARDSTANDING (REVISED SCHEME FOR ORIGINAL APPROVAL 4/14/2091/0F1) |
| Decision | Approve (commence within 3 years) |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2506/0F1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HOMEWOOD ROAD, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY CONTRACTORS COMPOUND AND SITE ACCESS ROAD |
| Decision | Delegated to Officer |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2525/0F1 |
| Applicant | Copeland Borough Council |
| Location | THE BEACON MUSEUM, WEST STRAND, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | NEW SINGLE STOREY CONFERENCE CENTRE WITH ACCESS DECKING TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE EXISTING UPPER CAR PARK |
| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2527/0F1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONS 2, 3, 4 & 6 OF PLANNING APPROVAL 4/13/2086/0F1 R.E. ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS |

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| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/14/2526/OF1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | AMENDMENT OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING APPROVAL 4/13/2004/OF1 TO ALLOW THE RETENTION OF THE OLD ENERGY CENTRE FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF 4 YEARS |
| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/15/2001/OF1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | LAND AT WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY CAR PARK (APPROX 4 YEARS) FOR USE BY NHS TRUST STAFF DURING THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL |
| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/15/2005/OF1 |
| Applicant | Copeland Borough Council |
| Location | CIVIC CENTRE, LOWTHER STREET, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE EXISTING PERMITTED USE OF THE CIVIC HALL BUILDING BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION (CLASS B1) AND PROVISION OF ANCILLARY CAFE FACILITIES (CLASS A3). THE CONSIDERED PERMITTED USE OF THE BUILDING IS CONSIDERED TO BE WITHIN USE CLASSES D1/D2 |
| Decision | Approve (commence within 3 years) |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/15/2010/OF1 |
| Applicant | North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust |
| Location | WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | VARIATION OF CONDITION 5 OF PLANNING APPROVAL 4/13/2086/OF1 R.E. TIMING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKING AREAS AT HOSPITAL |
| Decision | Approve |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/15/9002/OF2 |
| Applicant | Highways and Transport |
| Location | LAND ADJACENT TO THE GARDENS, COACH ROAD, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | CONSTRUCTION OF 70 SPACE CAR PARK WITH NEW ROAD ACCESS; CREATION OF NEW DISABLED PARKING FACILITIES AND PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE LINKS TO CORKICKLE STATION; NEW HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING |

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| Decision | No Objection |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |

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| Application Number | 4/15/9001/0F2 |
| Applicant | Marshalls Stancliffe Stone Ltd |
| Location | BIRKHAM'S QUARRY, SANDWICH, WHITEHAVEN |
| Proposal | SECTION 73 APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 4/02/9022 IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIMESCALE FOR MINERAL WORKING BY 15 YEARS TO 31 JULY 2030 |
| Decision | No Objection |
| Decision Date | 25 February 2015 |