

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ASHINGTON AND BLYTH LOCAL AREA COUNCIL**

At a virtual meeting of the **Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council** held on **Wednesday, 9 December at 5:00 pm.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor G Webb (Chair, in the chair for items 1-4 and 7)

Councillor J Lang (Planning Vice-Chair, in the chair for items 5 and 6)

**MEMBERS**

Davey, G  
Davey, S  
Gallacher, B  
Gobin, J J  
Grimshaw, L  
Parry, K

Purvis, M  
Reid, J  
Rickerby, L J  
Simpson, E  
Wilson, TS

**OFFICERS**

Ali, A  
Blenkinsopp, J  
Murphy J  
Norris K

Planning Officer  
Solicitor  
Principal Planning Officer  
Democratic Services Officer

**100. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT A VIRTUAL LOCAL AREA COUNCIL (PLANNING)**

The Chair outlined the procedure which would be followed at the virtual meeting and of the changes to the public speaking protocol.

**101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Campbell, Cartie and Nisbet.

**102. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council held on Wednesday, 11 November 2020, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**103. DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee was requested to decide the planning applications attached to the report using the powers delegated to it. Members were reminded of the principles which should govern their consideration of the applications, the procedure for handling representations, the requirement of conditions and the need for justifiable reasons for the granting of permission or refusal of planning applications.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**104. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2020 NO 01 OF 2020  
LAND AT LENNEP WAY, JUBILEE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ASHINGTON,  
NORTHUMBERLAND**

There were no questions arising from the site visit videos which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Adam Ali, Planning Officer, introduced the report with the aid of a slide presentation. The purpose of the report was to seek a decision from the Local Area Council as to whether it wished the County Council to confirm the provisional Northumberland County Council (Land at Lennep Way, Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington, Northumberland) Tree Preservation Order 2020 No 01 of 2020.

This was before the committee because an objection had been received from the landowner.

In response to questions from Members the following information was provided:

- The land was not owned by Advance Northumberland.
- When the land was purchased by the new developer several different types of tree had been removed.
- Following concerns raised by residents that the material being used on the ground presently was not suitable for the tree to grow and seemed to be contaminated, it was confirmed that this would be followed up to ascertain if it was factual.
- If any maintenance or trimming of the tree was required, permission would be needed from Northumberland County Council.
- Regarding other trees on the site, if they were not protected, the landowner would not need permission to remove them.

Councillor Gallacher moved that Tree Preservation Order 2020 No 01 of 2020 be confirmed and this was seconded by Councillor Davey.

Councillor Davey provided some background information about the species of the tree which he had researched. He said the tree in question was in the corner of the site and would not affect industrial development. He urged the Council to take some cuttings from the tree and propagate them as there were only around 2,000 of these trees in the UK. This was an opportunity to put

some in local parks and perhaps through time supply some back to their homeland.

Councillor Gallacher emphasised that the tree was well loved by residents who had seen it grow from a young tree and were very protective of it. He suggested that the Tree Officer should review this in a year's time to see if the tree was adapting to the new soil around it.

A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the Northumberland County Council (Land at Lennep Way, Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington, Northumberland) Tree Preservation Order 2020 No 01 of 2020 be confirmed.

#### **105. APPEAL UPDATE REPORT**

The purpose of the above report was to advise Members on the progress of planning appeals.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

The meeting closed at 5:25 pm.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_