



Northumberland

County Council

ASHINGTON & BLYTH LOCAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2024

DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Report of the Director of Housing & Planning (Chief Planning Officer)

Cabinet Member: Councillor C Horncastle

Purpose of report

To request the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Planning Committee to decide the planning applications attached to this report using the powers delegated to it.

Recommendations

The Ashington & Blyth Local Area Planning Committee is recommended to consider the attached planning applications and decide them in accordance with the individual recommendations, also taking into account the advice contained in the covering report.

Key issues

Each application has its own particular set of individual issues and considerations that must be taken into account when determining the application. These are set out in the individual reports contained in the next section of this agenda.

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Introduction

1. The following section of the agenda consists of planning applications to be determined by the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Planning Committee in accordance with the current delegation arrangements. Any further information, observations or letters relating to any of the applications contained in this agenda and received after the date of publication of this report will be reported at the meeting.

The Determination of Planning and Other Applications

2. In considering the planning and other applications, members are advised to take into account the following general principles:
 - Decision makers are to have regard to the development plan, so far as it is material to the application
 - Applications are to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise
 - Applications should always be determined on their planning merits in the light of all material considerations
 - Members are reminded that recommendations in favour of giving permission must be accompanied by suitable conditions and a justification for giving permission, and that refusals of permission must be supported by clear planning reasons both of which are defensible on appeal
 - Where the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Planning Committee is minded to determine an application other than in accordance with the Officer's recommendation, clear reasons should be given that can be minuted, and appropriate conditions or refusal reasons put forward
3. Planning conditions must meet the tests that are set down in paragraph 56 of the NPPF and meet the tests set out in Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. Conditions must be:
 - a. necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
 - b. directly related to the development; and
 - c. fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
4. Where councillors are contemplating moving a decision contrary to officer advice, they are recommended to consider seeking advice from senior officers as to what constitute material planning considerations, and as to what might be appropriate conditions or reasons for refusal.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

These are listed at the end of the individual application reports.

Implications

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| Policy | Procedures and individual recommendations are in line with policy unless otherwise stated |
| Finance and value for money | None unless stated |
| Legal | None unless stated |
| Procurement | None |
| Human Resources | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning applications are considered having regard to the Equality Act 2010 |
| Risk Assessment | None |
| Crime & Disorder | As set out in the individual reports |
| Customer Consideration | None |
| Carbon reduction | Each application will have an impact on the local environment, and it has been assessed accordingly |
| Wards | All |

PROCEDURE AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. Chairman welcomes members and members of the public

Welcome to also include reference:

- (i) Members are asked to keep microphones on mute unless speaking
- (ii) To switch all mobile phones off.
- (iii) Reminder that if a member leaves the Chamber whilst an application is being considered then they may take no further part in that application.

B. Record attendance of members

- (i) Democratic Services Officer (DSO) to announce and record any apologies received.

C. Minutes of previous meeting and Disclosure of Members' Interests

D. Development Management: -

Application

Chair Introduces application
Site Visit Video (previously circulated)-invite members questions

Planning Officer Updates – Changes to recommendations – present report

Public Speaking Objector(s) (up to 5 mins)
Local member (up to 5 mins)/ parish councillor (up to 5 mins)
Applicant/Supporter (up to 5 mins)

NO QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING

Committee members' questions to Planning Officers

Chairman to respond to raised hands of members as to whether they have any questions of the Planning Officers

Debate (Rules)

Proposal

Seconded

DEBATE

Again, Chairman to respond to raised hand of members as to whether they wish to participate in the debate

No speeches until proposal seconded

Speech may not exceed 6 minutes

Amendments to Motions

Approve/Refuse/Defer

Vote (by majority or Chair's casting vote)

Planning Officer confirms and reads out wording of resolution

Legal officer should then record the vote FOR/AGAINST/ABSTAIN (reminding members that they should abstain where they have not heard all the consideration of the application)