



Northumberland County Council

Appeal Update Report

Date: September 2021

Planning Appeals

Report of the Director of Planning

Cabinet Member: Councillor CW Horncastle

Purpose of report

For Members' information to report the progress of planning appeals. This is a monthly report and relates to appeals throughout all 5 Local Area Council Planning Committee areas and covers appeals of Strategic Planning Committee.

Recommendations

To note the contents of the report in respect of the progress of planning appeals that have been submitted to and determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to all of the priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021 where identified within individual planning applications and appeals.

Key issues

Each planning application and associated appeal has its own particular set of individual issues and considerations that have been taken into account in their determination, which are set out within the individual application reports and appeal decisions.



Recent Planning Appeal Decisions

Planning Appeals Allowed (permission granted)

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
None		

Planning Appeals Split Decision

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
None		

Planning Appeals Dismissed (permission refused)

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
20/01794/VARYCO	<p>Retrospective: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 17/00229/FUL to allow amendments made during construction – land north and east of Horsley Banks Farm, Horsley</p> <p>Main issues: inappropriate development in the Green Belt and very special circumstances do not exist to outweigh harm to the Green Belt as well as harm to the character of the area and amenity of residents.</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>	No
20/02479/FUL	<p>Retrospective: Change of use from agricultural and construction of wooden shed - land north-west of 2 Linnels Cottages, Hexham</p> <p>Main issues: inappropriate development in the Green Belt; visually intrusive and harmful impact upon the rural and open character of the site and surrounding area; and harmful impacts upon the amenity of neighbouring residents.</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>	No
20/00923/FUL	Erection of four no. dwellinghouses (C3 use) - land south of The Paddock, Longframlington	No – claim

	<p>Main issues: proposal fails to protect and enhance the distinctive character of Longframlington; incursion into the open countryside; and insufficient information regarding surface water drainage and flood risk.</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>	refused
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Planning Casework Unit Referrals

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
None		

Planning Appeals Received

Appeals Received

Reference No	Description and address	Appeal start date and decision level
18/02239/FUL	<p>Redevelopment of the former Marley Tiles Factory to provide a residential development of 105 houses (Use Class C3) with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure (AMENDED description and site layout) - Marley Tile Factory, Lead Lane, Newlands</p> <p>Main issues: isolated development in the open countryside; inappropriate development in the Green Belt by virtue of causing substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt and very special circumstances have not been demonstrated to outweigh harm; and the design of the development would be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the locality and does not deliver an appropriate form of sustainable design or development for the site.</p>	<p>27 January 2021</p> <p>Committee Decision - Officer Recommendation: Approve</p>
20/02548/FUL	<p>Construction of dwelling – land and building east of Ovington House, Ovington</p> <p>Main issues: development in the open</p>	<p>19 May 2021</p> <p>Delegated</p>

	<p>countryside; inappropriate development in the Green Belt; harm to the setting of a non-designated heritage asset and the Ovington Conservation Area; and a Section 106 agreement has not been completed in respect of a contribution to sport and play.</p>	<p>Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
20/03861/VARYCO	<p>Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 20/00297/FUL in order to allow new wall to be moved closer to boundary wall to underpin and give support. Also French doors have 3/4 height windows on either side and single window in extension will be replaced using existing 2no. sash windows and mullions – Ashleigh, 26 Cade Hill Road, Stocksfield</p> <p>Main issues: extension would be out of scale and character with the existing property and would have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the site and surrounding area; and detrimental impact upon the residential amenity of the neighbouring property.</p>	<p>26 May 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
19/04883/FUL	<p>Proposed demolition of existing garage to be replaced with two-storey dwellinghouse - 2 Sandridge, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea</p> <p>Main issues: harm to non-designated and designated heritage assets and the identified harm would not be outweighed by public benefits.</p>	<p>27 May 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
21/00574/ADE	<p>Retrospective: Advertisement consent for installation of 3no. signs that have been in place for over 2 years - ADS Caravan Storage, Remscheid Way, Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington</p> <p>Main issues: Sign 1 has an unacceptable impact on the visual amenity of the site and surrounding area due to its siting and scale.</p>	<p>1 June 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Split Decision</p>
20/04234/FUL	<p>Proposed two storey side extension and demolition of existing garage – 23 Ladbroke Street, Amble</p> <p>Main issues: adverse impact on the street scene and the character and appearance of the conservation area due to scale, height and mass forward of the building line.</p>	<p>1 June 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
20/04134/FUL	<p>New sunroom – Outwood, Riding Mill</p> <p>Main issues: alongside existing extensions the proposal would result in a disproportionate addition over and above the</p>	<p>1 June 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer</p>

	scale of the original building and would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt.	Recommendation: Refuse
21/00069/CLEXIS	Certificate of Lawful Development of an Existing Use of land as residential - land south of 4 Station Cottages, Longhirst Main issues: insufficient evidence to conclude that the land has been used as stated for a period in excess of 10 years.	16 June 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
20/00925/FUL	Outline permission for the construction of up to 9no dwellings including access, appearance, layout and scale – land north-west of Blue House Farm, Blue House Farm Road, Nethererton Colliery Main issues: harm to setting of a designated heritage asset; insufficient information in respect of potential risk from ground gas; and a section 106 agreement has not been completed in respect of a contribution to the ecology coastal mitigation scheme or off-site sport and play provision.	30 June 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
21/00928/FUL	Part first floor extension to existing bungalow - 16 Lynwood Close, Darras Hall, Ponteland Main issues: proportion, form, massing, siting, height, size, scale and design fails to be subordinate and respectful of the character and appearance of the property and its surroundings.	7 July 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
21/01205/AGTRES	Prior notification for change of use of an existing agricultural building and conversion to 1no. Dwelling - land to east of Edgewell House Farm House, Edgewell House Road, Prudhoe Main issues: insufficient information to establish if the proposal complies with relevant requirements regarding the last use of the building.	16 July 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
20/03809/FUL	Retrospective application to raise the level of rear lower patio by 385mm above the former timber deck level – Harbour Cottage, 5 Haven Hill, Craster Main issues: inappropriate design and materials and adverse impact on the AONB; and adverse impact on residential amenity.	28 July 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
21/00543/ADE	Display of 1no. 'Development Opportunity For Sale' board for 6 months (Retrospective) - land north of Shaw House Farm, Newton Main issues: the signage would cause harm	4 August 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer

	to public and highway safety.	Recommendation: Refuse
21/00496/FUL	Construction of a bungalow – land east of Dukewilley, Lowgate Main issues: inappropriate development in the Green Belt; unsustainable development in open countryside; unacceptable impacts on residential amenity; and no Section 106 agreement has been competed in relation to sport and play provision.	18 August 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
20/03541/FUL	Erection of five camping pods and associated clubhouse – land south-west of Catton Pumping Station, Catton Main issues: isolated from and not well related to existing development as well as being visually intrusive in the countryside; detrimental impact on residential amenity; adverse impact on the North Pennines AONB; and inadequate information regarding ecology of the site and surrounding area and inadequate mitigation.	19 August 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
19/04660/FUL	New external plant – Asda, Main Street, Tweedmouth Main issues: insufficient information in relation to noise and potential impacts on residential amenity.	19 August 2021 Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse

Recent Enforcement Appeal Decisions

Enforcement Appeals Allowed

Reference No	Description and address	Award of costs?
18/01344/ENDEVT	Bridgend Caravan Park, Wooler Main issues: one Enforcement Notice appealed by three parties in respect of operational development to provide extra bases for residential static caravans with associated services	No
18/00489/ENDEVT	Land at Moor Farm Estate, Station Road, Stannington Main issues: unauthorised waste reclamation yard and	Yes

	siting of multiple shipping containers	
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Enforcement Appeals Dismissed

Reference No	Description and address	Award of costs?
None		No

Enforcement Appeals Received

Appeals Received

Reference No	Description and address	Appeal start date
18/00223/ENDEVT	Land to the West of Buildings Farm, Whittonstall, Consett, DH8 9SB Main issues: material change of use of the land from agricultural for the siting of 4 caravans	1 February 2021
18/00223/ENDEVT	Land to the West of Buildings Farm, Whittonstall, Consett, DH8 9SB Main issues: material change of use of the land for the siting of one caravan and the erection of fencing in excess of 2 metres in height	1 February 2021

Inquiry and Hearing Dates

Reference No	Description and address	Inquiry/hearing date and decision level
19/00247/FUL	Construction of a publicly accessible landmark, commissioned to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and the Commonwealth - land at Cold Law, Kirkwhelpington Main issues: development in the open	Inquiry date: 9 March 2021 Committee Decision - Officer Recommendation:

	<p>countryside which fails to recognise the intrinsic character and nature of the countryside.</p>	<p>Approve</p>
<p>20/02247/FUL</p>	<p>Erection of a rural worker's dwelling – land south of Middle Coldcoats Equestrian Centre, Milbourne</p> <p>Main issues: fails to demonstrate the need for a rural worker's dwelling in the open countryside; inappropriate development in the Green Belt and there are no very special circumstances to outweigh harm; and fails to address pollution concerns with potential to affect protected species and failure to demonstrate ecological enhancement.</p>	<p>Virtual hearing date: 28 July 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
<p>20/02488/FUL</p>	<p>Siting of upcycled shipping containers to provide retail and leisure facilities (use class A1, A3, and A4) and tented permanent roof covering as supplemented by note from agent received 07/09/20, additional details received 23/09/20, acoustic report received 25/09/20, and supplementary information received 20/10/20 - JH Laidler Storage Yard, Double Row, Seaton Delaval</p> <p>Main issues: loss of employment land; not demonstrated that the proposal satisfies the sequential test for main town centre uses in an out of centre location; and lack of information to be able to assess impacts on highway safety.</p>	<p>Hearing date: 27 September 2021</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>

Implications

Policy	Decisions on appeals may affect future interpretation of policy and influence policy reviews
Finance and value for money	There may be financial implications where costs are awarded by an Inspector or where Public Inquiries are arranged to determine appeals
Legal	It is expected that Legal Services will be instructed where Public Inquiries are arranged to determine appeals
Procurement	None
Human resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/a	Planning applications and appeals are considered having regard to the Equality Act 2010
Risk assessment	None
Crime and disorder	As set out in individual reports and decisions
Customer consideration	None
Carbon reduction	Each application/appeal may have an impact on the local environment and have been assessed accordingly
Wards	All where relevant to application site relating to the appeal

Background papers

Planning applications and appeal decisions as identified within the report.

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