

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Minutes of two site inspections carried out by the Development Control Committee held on 26th February, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Present

Councillor E. Turner (Chair)
Councillor I.A. Agnew (Vice Chair)

Councillors R. Alderson, C. Clarke, J.H. Fothergill, A.E. Hodgson and R. Young.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A. Atkinson, H. Christer, T. Clark, Mrs E. J. Coulson, G.C. Glass, J.T.S. Graham, H.S. Guildford, D. Hume, M. Jopling, O. Milburn and A. Watson.

In Attendance

Councillor J.G. Ingham, Lanchester site only.

2.00 P.M

PLANNING APPLICATION 07/0012, ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION, 36 BRACKENRIDGE, BURNOPFIELD.

The Chair opened the meeting and the Head of Planning & Building Control referred to the minutes of the Development Control Committee meeting held on 15th February, 2007 when consideration of planning Application 07/0012 had been deferred for as a site visit.

The Head of Planning & Building Control advised members that the proposal was for a first floor extension into the roofspace and extending the roof height by 1.5 to create further living accommodation. He advised that members should proceed to the front of the property to appreciate the impact the extension would have on the roofline of the street.

He advised that it was the opinion of Officers that the issue of the height in relation to the existing bungalows on the street would be of significant cause to justify refusal of the application.

He went on to advise that Mr Pearson had suggested that the velux windows on the elevation facing the objectors properties could be omitted from the plans if members thought this would alleviate some of the issues of overlooking.

Councillor Alderson added that he felt the windows of the neighbouring property would not look directly over this proposal and felt that there was no issue of overlooking.

The Chair then asked members to proceed to the next site meeting.

2.30 P.M

(Councillor A.E. Hodgson did not attend this site visit)

PLANNING APPLICATION 07/0029, ERECTION OF INDOOR TRAINING AND EXERCISE ARENA, OAKWOOD STABLES, DURHAM ROAD, LANCHESTER.

The Chair reopened the meeting and the Head of Planning & Building Control asked members to proceed to walk along Lanchester Walkway to view the site from Peth Burn.

He advised members that an artist's impression had been created by the applicant to help identify to members how the proposal would fit into the surrounding area and advised that this would be included for closer inspection at the next meeting.

He went on to advise that there had been concerns raised by Lanchester Partnership and Lanchester Parish Council, full details of which would be covered in the report for the meeting on the 8th March.

The Chair then closed the meeting and advised members that they would have the opportunity to discuss both site visits in full at the meeting on the 8th March.

Conclusion of meeting

The meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.

Chair