THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHESTER-LE-STREET

Report of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street on Monday 17 July 2006 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

G K Davidson (Chairman)

Councillors:

L E W Brown
P Ellis
R Richardson
D A Rand
D L Robson
W Laverick
K Potts
A Turner

Officers: S Reed (Acting Planning Services Manager), D Walker (Senior Planning Officer) and D Allinson (Democratic Services Assistant)

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Humes, D M G Stoker and T H Harland.

10 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2006

Councillor Brown referred to page 4 of the Minutes in relation to Minute number 7 (C) (2) and spoke with regard to the colour of the roof of the application, which he had requested be painted green at the last Meeting. He noted that the colour of roof had not been included in the recommended conditions of the proposal and asked that they be amended to include this.

The Chairman recalled a debate on this matter, however there was uncertainty whether this had actually been agreed. He asked Members to give their recollection of the decision.

The Acting Planning Services Manager advised that a decision had not yet been issued on this application, as the applicant needed to sign the Section 106 agreement as recommended at the last meeting. He therefore suggested that if Members recalled that this was the decision that was taken, condition Extra 9 could be amended.

After deliberation by Members, it was agreed that that the colour of the roof should have been included in the recommended conditions and therefore it was agreed that condition Extra 9 be amended to reflect this.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee held 19 June 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated

to each Member, be confirmed as being a correct record, subject to condition Extra 9 in Minute number 7 (C) (2) being amended to state that;

'Notwithstanding any description of the materials in the application, the Eastern elevation *and roof* of Unit A shall be painted dark green in order to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development upon completion, in the interests of visual amenity and the protection of residential amenity and in accordance with the provisions of Policy IN3 of the Chester-le-Street District Local Plan.'

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes

11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

12 CONFIRMATION OF SPEAKERS

There were no speakers present at the meeting.

13 REPORT FROM ACTING PLANNING SERVICES MANAGER PLANNING MATTERS

A report from the Acting Planning Services Manager was considered, copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member.

(A) District Matters Recommended Approval

Prior to consideration of the following item, the Acting Planning Services Manager referred to photographs in relation to the proposal, which were displayed at the meeting for Members information.

Proposal: Retrospective application for stable

Location: Land West of 12 Low Flatts Road, Chester-le-Street

Applicant: Robert Ryle – Reference 06/00230/FUL

The Acting Planning Services Manager referred Members to page 3 of the report in relation to the consultation responses and advised that Durham County Council's Highway Authority had now responded and had raised no objections to the application.

Councillor Harrison sought clarification on whether this proposal was to replace or rebuild the stable. The Acting Planning Services Manager clarified that this was a replacement to an earlier stable building on the site that had been destroyed by a fire.

Extra 1 Notwithstanding any description of the materials in the application, the external walls of the stables shall be clad in timber and stained dark brown to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority within three months of the date of this planning approval, in the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with the provisions of Policy RL11 i) of the Chester-le-Street District Local Plan.

Extra 2 The building hereby approved shall be used only for private equestrian purposes and shall not be used for livery, riding lessons or commercial breeding of any kind, in order to ensure that vehicular traffic to and from the site is minimised in the interests of residential amenity and highway safety.

(B) PLANNING GENERAL

(i) APPEALS UPDATE

RESOLVED: "That the content of the updated list of planning appeal decisions in respect of planning appeals lodged during 2005 and 2006 be noted."

(ii) APPEAL HEARINGS/PUBLIC INQUIRY

The Chairman thanked the relevant Officers for the Appeal Hearings and Public Inquiry list.

RESOLVED: "That the dates of the appeal hearings/public inquiries as set out in the report be noted."

The Meeting terminated at 6.10pm.