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# SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS - COUNTY MATTERS

1. 7/2007/0252/CM

APPLICATION DATE: 18 April 2007

PROPOSAL: EXTENSION TO EXISTING CAR PARK

LOCATION: HARDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL HAWTHORN ROAD SEDGEFIELD

STOCKTON ON TEES

APPLICANT: Durham County Council

Acting Director, Corporate Services, Room 1/65, County Hall, Durham,

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## **CONSULTATIONS**

SEDGEFIELD TC
 ENGINEERS
 Cllr. Mr. J. Robinson
 Cllr. D R Brown
 Cllr. J Wayman J.P.

This application is for development by Durham County Council and will therefore be dealt with by the County Council under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992. The views of the Borough Council have been sought upon the proposal as a consultee.

# **THE PROPOSAL**

The proposal is very minor in nature and involves the creation of 4 no. additional car parking spaces at Hardwick Primary School.

Currently the school has 9 no car parking spaces on the site, with cars also parking to the front of the building in an area which serves the kitchen. This causes problems with deliveries and service vehicles.

It is proposed to create 4 no. additional car parking spaces adjacent to the existing car park, form a disabled parking bay outside the main entrance to the building and the area outside the kitchen reserved as a turning area for delivery vehicles only.

#### **CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY**

No adverse comments or objections have been received in response to the consultation exercise.

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### **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposal is designed to improve vehicular movement within the site in the interests of highway safety. The proposal therefore is an improvement upon the current situation and as such will not have an adverse impact upon the site or the neighbouring properties.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that in general terms, the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 have been taken into account in dealing with the above application.

## SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

Officers have considered, with due regard, the likely effect of the proposal on the need to reduce crime and disorder as part of the determination of this application, in accordance with section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. In reaching a recommendation to grant planning permission, officers consider that the proposal will not undermine crime prevention or the promotion of community safety.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council raise no objections to the proposal as it will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding area.

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#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - COUNTY MATTERS**

2. 7/2007/0325/CM

APPLICATION DATE: 25 May 2007

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CAR PARK

LOCATION: WOODHAM BURN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWTON

AYCLIFFE CO DURHAM

APPLICANT: Durham County Council

Environment, County Hall, Durham

#### **CONSULTATIONS**

GREAT AYCLIFFE TC

2. ENGINEERS

Cllr. George C. Gray
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5. Cllr. Helen J Hutchinson

This application is for development by Durham County Council and will therefore be dealt with by the County Council Under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992. The views of the Borough Council have been sought upon the proposal as a consultee.

#### THE PROPOSAL

The proposal is very minor in nature and involves the creation of a new car parking area to the north east of the existing school buildings. Woodham Burn Community Primary School was formed in September 2006, through the amalgamation of Woodham Burn Infant and Woodham Burn Junior School. The school currently has 12 no. car parking bays which are situated in front of the main entrance to the building. Due to the amalgamation of the schools access is required across this car park by the pupils as they travel to and from classes. This has been identified as a major risk in the schools Health and Safety Risk Assessment. The school therefore wish to move these existing car parking areas to a new location and then erect a fence around the former car park and use it as a playground and access route for the children.

# **CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY**

No adverse comments or objections have been received in response to the consultation exercise.

## **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

The new car parking areas will be situated to the north east of the existing school buildings. 13 no. car parking bays will be created with one being specified as a disabled bay. The bays will be

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constructed from concrete on a concrete foundation and a 3 coat bitumen surface on a substone base to Durham County Council Standard Specification.

The existing car park will be segregated with a 900mm high wooden fence and matching gates that will be in keeping with the character of the school and will not have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area. This will provide a safe place for the children to place and to travel between buildings.

It is considered that the development will improve the safety for the children and staff who currently have to cross a car parking area. It will also improve the provision of car parking spaces by a net total of 1 no. space.

No objections have been received with regards to this development from SBC Highways.

It is therefore considered that this proposal will improve the current situation and will not result in an adverse impact on the site or the neighbouring properties.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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