

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (NORTH)

At a Meeting of the **Area Planning Committee (North)** held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor W Stelling (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, L Brown, K Earley, J Griffiths, D Haney, P Jopling, E Peeke, A Watson, S Wilson, M McKeon (substitute for G Binney) and V Andrews (substitute for J Chaplow)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gordon Binney, Councillor Jean Chaplow, Councillor Ivan Cochrane, Councillor C Marshall and Councillor Mike McGaun.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor Maura McKeon substituted for Councillor Gordon Binney and Councillor Veronica Andrews substituted for Councillor Jean Chaplow.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Applications to be determined by the Area Planning Committee (North Durham)

a DM/21/01633/FPA - Land North West Of Beamish Hall Hotel, Beamish, DH9 0YB

The Committee was informed by the Principal Planning Officer that Members who were present on the site visit the previous day had not viewed the application site.

The Chair was of the view that a site visit was required before determining the application and moved that the application be deferred. Councillor P Jopling seconded the motion.

The Committee discussed whether it should proceed to determine the application, or whether deferral was appropriate to allow Members to visit the site.

Members noted that a site visit was not mandatory, and considered whether there was sufficient information to reach a decision based upon the report and visual presentation by the Principal Planning Officer.

Before proceeding to a vote the Committee sought the advice of the Senior Lawyer, Regulatory and Enforcement in private.

Upon a vote being taken it was **Resolved** that the application be deferred.