

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (CENTRAL AND EAST DURHAM)

At a Meeting of **Area Planning Committee (Central and East Durham)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 1.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor C Walker (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, G Bleasdale, P Charlton, J Moran, J Robinson, K Thompson and A Naylor (substitute for A Laing)

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Taylor, J Bailey, A Bell, J Brown, S Iveson, A Laing and R Liddle

Also Present:

J Taylor – Principal Planning Officer

B Gavillet – Senior Planning Officer

N Carter – Legal Officer

1 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Applications to be determined by the Area Planning Committee (Central & East Durham)

3a 4/12/00324/VOC & 4/12/00325/VOC - Ramside Hall Hotel, Carville, Durham, DH1 1TD

The Committee considered a report of the Senior Planning Officer regarding a variation of condition no. 2 of listed building consent ref: 08/00197/LB and condition no. 7 of reserved matters approval ref 08/00196/RM, in order to amend the design, scale and layout of the approved bedroom and leisure extension (for copy see file of Minutes).

Barry Gavillet, Senior Planning Officer gave a detailed presentation which included photographs of the site.

J White, the applicant's agent was in attendance and advised that he would respond to any questions.

In discussing the application, reference was made by a Member to the scale of the proposed ribbed zinc roof. The Senior Planning Officer responded that the footprint of the extension had not changed from the original planning permission and the ribbed zinc roof would sit over the internal swimming pool area. Although it would cover a large area it would not be visible from the rear of Pittington Lane or from other public views from outside the site.

In response to a question, Members were advised that local people and apprentices were currently employed by the Hotel, and the applicant's agent confirmed that the number of local jobs would increase significantly as a result of the proposals. N Carter, Legal Officer informed Members that a previous planning application had been granted subject to the applicant entering into a Section 106 Agreement which made provision for the employment of local labour and apprentices.

Resolved:

That the variation of condition no. 2 of the listed building consent (ref: 08/00197/LB) be approved subject to the conditions/reasons outlined in the report.

The Chair agreed that in order to keep Members up to date with training on relevant planning issues the next item of business could be reported.

4 Member Training - Listed Building Status

A Member requested that training be provided for Members in relation to Listed Buildings.

Resolved:

That arrangements be made for a training session for Members on Listed Building status and associated regulations.