

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 25TH MAY 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe virtually and on **TUESDAY, 25TH MAY 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillors: P. Bergg, A. M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, B. Fleming, G. Gray, B. Haigh, S. Haigh, D. Hardaker, A. Miller, C. Robinson, K. Robson, M. Shelton and M. Stead.

OFFICERS

Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mrs. S. Stretch (Senior Administrative Officer)
Mrs. T. Woodhead (Finance Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE

C. Teasdale, D. Sutton-Lloyd, M. Rowcroft, S. Hocking, Mr & Mrs Longley, E. Dobinson, I. Brewis, K. Dobinson and Ms. Reardon

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor A. Chandran and seconded by Councillor G. Gray that Councillor B. Fleming be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor B. Fleming be appointed as Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

Councillor B. Fleming took the Chair for the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor A. Chandran and seconded by Councillor G. Gray that Councillor P. Hawkins be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

RESOLVED – that Councillor P. Hawkins be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

3. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman received verbal questions from the members of the public present.

Many of the queries were resolved following the presentation by the Corporate and Policy officer with the remaining concerns being forwarded to Durham County Council.

6. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G. Gray, seconded by Councillor A. M. Chandran, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 6th April 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the undermentioned planning applications:

- (a) DM21/01500/WAS - Construction and operation of a high temperature thermal treatment facility for clinical and hazardous wastes - Land North Of Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd Millennium Way Aycliffe Business Park

RESOLVED – that the following response be forwarded to Durham County Council:

The Town Council have considered this application at the Planning Sub-Committee on 25 May 2021, which was attended by a number of members of the public, and would make the following comments to the proposal:

- The Town Council would request that this application is placed on hold until a full and detail public consultation can take place. It is also requested that DCC consider holding a public meeting in order to give residents the opportunity to ask questions directly and receive answers in person.
- That this application is considered at committee rather than a delegated decision at officer level.
- The proposed site is not suitable for this type of development as it is too near to domestic properties.

In addition, the Town Council would object to the location of the proposal due to:

- Proximity to houses;
- Proximity to historic and listed buildings/monuments;
- Potential dangerous site and traffic emissions;
- Significant environmental impact on air quality;
- Habitat loss for 4 butterfly species which are on the RED data list species, 2 of which are vulnerable and 1 is near threatened;
- Unclear impact/information regarding Great Crested Newts;
- Potential risk to groundwater within a protection zone on the Magnesian Limestone principal aquifer;
- Negative visual impact on the area.

CHAIRMAN