

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe on **THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2023 at 7 pm.**

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Bergg (Chairman) and Councillors:
Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, George Gray,
Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Carl Robinson and John Woodward.

OFFICERS

Amanda Donald (Corporate and Policy Officer)

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ken Robson.

11. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

14. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor George Gray, seconded by Councillor Ian Gray, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee, held on the 31st August 2023, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the undermentioned planning application:

DM/22/02987/FPA – Erection of 19 dwellings with associated infrastructure, car parking and landscaping – Site of former Horndale Working Men's Club, Meadowfield Way.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that the following response be submitted to the planning authority:

The Town Council considered this application at a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee on Thursday 5th October 2023 and would make the following objection:

Four of the 19 properties only have one allocated parking space; this does not comply with GANP Policy H3 Parking Standards which states that two-bedroom properties should have 2 off-road parking spaces.

The following additional comments were also agreed:

The existing entrance to the site is narrow and quite close to a busy junction. During school pick-up times, this area of Meadowfield Way is congested with parked cars and parents waiting to collect children from the adjacent school, although it is acknowledged that the road is quite wide. There is also concern that the new estate will be used by people parking to pick up/drop off children at school times.

It was also noted that the footpath immediately adjacent to the north eastern boundary of the planned development is in a poor condition. Since this footpath will be used by residents on the new estate, it was felt that it would benefit from improvements, potentially using developer contributions for this purpose, as per GANP Policy CIL 1 Developer Contributions.

16. DELEGATED DECISIONS

Members received a report of delegated decisions from Durham County Council for information.

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

CHAIRMAN