Lancashire County Council

Development Control Committee

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th August, 2020 at 10.30 am

Present:

County Councillor Barrie Yates (Chair)

County Councillors

S Clarke P Hayhurst
C Crompton A Kay
M Dad M Pattison
J Eaton J Rear
K Ellard C Towneley

D Foxcroft

County Councillor J Rear replaced County Councillor P Rigby at this meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair

The Committee was informed that County Councillors B Yates and S Clarke had been appointed as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Resolved:- That the appointment of County Councillors B Yates and S Clarke as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee be noted.

3. Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee

Resolved:- That the Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee be noted.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor M Dad declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 of the agenda as a member of the Planning Committee at Hyndburn Borough Council.

5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2020

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

6. Update Sheet

The Update Sheet was circulated prior to the meeting and attached as a supplementary agenda item.

7. Hyndburn Borough: application number LCC/2020/0026
Provision of a new single storey building to provide an overnight short - break unit for adult with disabilities, vehicle parking, external lighting columns and landscaping following demolition of existing school. North Cliffe School site, Blackburn Old Road, Great Harwood

A report was presented on an application for the provision of a new single storey building to provide an overnight short break unit for adults with disabilities, together with vehicle parking, external lighting columns and landscaping following the demolition of the existing school at North Cliffe School site, Blackburn Old Road, Great Harwood.

The report included the views of Hyndburn Borough Council, LCC Highways Development Control, United Utilities, LCC Ecology Advisor and details of two letters of representation received.

The Development Management Officer presented a PowerPoint presentation showing an aerial view of the site and the nearest residential properties. The Committee was also shown an illustration of the proposed buildings and elevations and photographs of the site from various aspects including the access roads.

The Officer reported orally that it was proposed to add the following additional condition to the proposed planning permission as follows:-

'12. The building shall only be used as a short break unit and no residents shall reside in the building on a permanent basis. The requirements of this condition shall not apply to any staff.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of local residents and to comply with policy DM26 of the Hyndburn Borough Local Plan'.

It was also proposed to add an amendment to the end of condition 6:

'The car parking spaces belonging to the adult and children's unit shall be separately identified by means of markings on the surface of the car park or other form of signage'.

Officers responded to concerns raised by the Members with regard to the car park, the access roads, the bat roost potential survey and the proposed surface water lagoon, following which it was:

Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report to the Committee and the inclusion of the amendments to condition 6 and the additional condition 12 above.

8. Urgent Business

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: That the next virtual meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 10.30am.

L Sales Director of Corporate Services

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