

MINUTE of MEETING of the LOCAL REVIEW BODY of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 13 SEPTEMBER 2017.

Present – Councillors George Paul (Chair), Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Stuart Borrowman, Charles Kennedy and David Tait

Apologies – Councillors Pauline Clark and Tom Kerr

Absent – Councillors William Boyle and Dom McGuire

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 16 August 2017. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. NOTICE OF REVIEW APPLICATION NO.0315/H/17 - VARIATION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 0446/H/16 TO INCREASE HOUSE EXTENSION BY 1 METRE IN LENGTH AT 21 PARKHEAD CRESCENT, WEST CALDER

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Clerk and Legal Adviser to the Local Review Body which related to a Notice of Review for the refusal of planning permission in principle for a variation to planning application 0446/H/16 to increase house extension by 1 meter in length at 21 Parkhead Crescent West Calder.

Attached to the report were the Notice of Review submitted by the applicant dated 28 July 2017 and other relevant documents. No representations had been received in relation to the planning application.

The report recalled that the review application was first considered by the Local Review Body at its meeting on 16 August 2017, which included conducting a site visit on the same day. However, the item was continued as members were not clear from the content of the Handling Report if the application did or did not confirm to HOU9 of the West Lothian Local Plan and the council's House Extension and Alternation Design Guide 2015. Clarity was sought from the council's Appointed Person on the matter. A copy of the Procedure Note requesting this information was attached to the committee papers.

A revised Handling Report was received from the Appointed Person, a copy of which was attached to the report and a copy sent to the applicant's agent for comment. No further comments were received within the stipulated 14 day period.

The committee considered that the information submitted before the meeting provided sufficient information to enable the review to be determined without any further procedure.

The committee considered the review application in terms of the statutory test, to have regards to the development plan and to make its decision in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicated otherwise. The Local Review Body also took into account the view expressed in the Notice of Review documents and the revised Handling Report by the Appointed Person.

Councillor Paul moved a position which did not receive a seconder therefore his position was noted.

Motion

To grant the application on the grounds that the variation was minor and there were no material reasons to indicate that the application should not be granted.

Moved by Councillor Borrowman, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Decision

To grant planning permission unconditionally.