

MINUTE of MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held within MSTEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING, on 3 MARCH 2021.

Present – Provost Tom Kerr (Chair), Councillors Alison Adamson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, David Dodds, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Chris Horne, Charles Kennedy, Andrew McGuire, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan and David Tait

Apologies – Depute Provost Dave King; Councillors Janet Campbell, Angela Doran-Timson, Damian Doran-Timson, Peter Heggie, John McGinty and Cathy Muldoon

Absent – Councillors Frank Anderson, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, Carl John, Sarah King, Dom McGuire and Andrew Miller

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 4 (Application No.1019/P/19) - Councillor Chris Horne declared an interest in that he had been approached by representatives of local community councils and the developer but as he had not offered an opinion on the merits of the application would participate in the item of business;

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick declared an interest in that he was a council appointed member of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service who were a statutory consultee on the two applications but would participate in the items of business;

Agenda Item 4 (Application No.1019/P/19) - Councillor Diane Calder declared an interest in that she had been approached by representatives of local community councils and the developer but as she had not offered an opinion on the merits of the application would participate in the item of business;

Agenda Item 5 (Application No.219/FUL/20) - Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan declared an interest in that she had attended a meeting of Whitburn Community Council who had discussed the application but as she had not expressed an opinion on the merits of the application would participate in the item of business; and

Agenda Item 5 (Application No.219/FUL/20) - Councillor George Paul declared an interest in that he had attended a meeting of Whitburn Community Council who had discussed the application but as he had not expressed an opinion on the merits of the application would participate in the item of business.

2. PROCEDURE FOR PRE-DETERMINATION HEARINGS

The committee noted the procedure that had been circulated with the agenda papers and which would be followed for the pre-determination of the planning application before committee.

3. APPLICATION NO.1019/P/19

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration concerning an application as follows :-

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
1019/P/19	Planning permission in principle for a residential development with retail facilities, food and drink, community, education, assembly and leisure, non-residential institution uses and associated infrastructure (with Environmental Impact Assessment) at the site of the former Bangour Village Hospital, Dechmont.	To note the terms of the report and that the application be approved subject to conditions

The committee then heard Mrs Sarah MacDonald, Chair of Dechmont Community Council, speak in support of their objections to the proposal.

The committee then heard from Mr David Gaffney, the applicant and Mr Robert Evans, the applicant's agent. It was also noted that Mr Gordon Coster, on behalf of the applicant, was available to answer questions.

Decision

Having concluded the pre-determination of the application agrees to refer the planning application to a meeting of West Lothian Council (Planning) for determination.

4. APPLICATION NO.0219/FUL/20

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration concerning an application as follows :-

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
0219/FUL/20	Erection of 104 houses, formation of access roads, open space and associated engineering operations	To note the terms of the report and the conclusion that the proposal was contrary to the policies and

at Hens Nest Road, provisions of the local
East Whitburn development plan.

The committee then heard from Mr Andrew Bennie, the applicant's agent, speak in support of the application.

Decision

Having concluded the pre-determination of the application agrees to refer the planning application to a meeting of West Lothian Council (Planning) for determination.