

Minutes

Development Management Committee



Date:	Wednesday, 15 July 2015
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Peter Collins, Tony Ford, Neil Harvey, Angela Jacques, Barbara Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Albert Pounder
Officers:	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Mark Evans, John Cottam, Anita Elliott, Lyndsey Lacey
Members of the public:	10 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting

Procedural Items

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. No interests were declared.

2. Substitute members

The following substitution was reported under Council procedure rule 25:

Councillor Angela Jacques for Councillor Richard Redcliffe.

Introduction by the Chairman of Committee

Prior to the consideration of item 4 and 5 below, the Chairman gave a brief general contextual introduction in relation to the items for determination.

3. Exclusion of the public

Members of the committee were invited to consider passing a resolution excluding the public from the meeting for the consideration of item 4 below in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. This was on the grounds that the business to be discussed was exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 (Information relating to an individual and Information which was likely to reveal the identity of the individual) of Schedule 12A of the Act.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the public.

Decision Items

4. Personal Information: Land off Fairfield Road, Hardhorn, Poulton Le Fylde

Ian Curtis (Head of Governance) introduced the report, which set out personal information which members were asked to have regard to when considering item 5 on the agenda.

The committee sought clarification on various matters arising from the personal information detailed in the report. These were addressed by officers.

It was RESOLVED to note the information and have regard to it whilst considering item 5 on the agenda.

5. Re-admittance of the Public

At the conclusion of Item 4 above, it was RESOLVED to re-admit the public the meeting.

6. Enforcement: Land off Fairfield Road, Hardhorn, Poulton Le Fylde

The Chairman invited Ian Curtis (Head of Governance) and Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) to address the committee.

In summary, the comprehensive report invited the committee to re-assess its decision to take direct action to secure compliance with an enforcement notice affecting land off Fairfield Road, Hardhorn. The report included updated officer assessments of the planning merits of two schemes that had been the subject of planning applications on the site and in particular discussed how the proposals would be likely to be viewed by a decision-maker on appeal and the likelihood of a temporary permission or informal toleration for either development being justified.

The report concluded that relevant circumstances had not changed sufficiently to affect the decision made by the Committee in June 2014 after consideration of all the factors relating to the site and the site residents and the verbal updates given at the meeting, and notwithstanding the lack of a five-year supply of pitches on traveller sites.

During the course of the debate, members of the committee sought clarification on various points outlined in the report. These were addressed by officers.

Following detailed consideration of the report and the various updates given at the meeting, it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the matters set out in the report and its appendices (including the report of 6 June 2014).
2. To endorse the decision of the committee taken on 6 June 2014 to delegate power under Section 178(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to enter the site and take the steps required by the enforcement notice (as amended by the Secretary of State) to the Director of Development Services.

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