

AGENDA

NOTE: In the case of non-members, this agenda is for information only

- Committee** - **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**
- Date & Time** - MONDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 2009 AT 9.30 am
- Venue** - ANGLIA ROOM, THE CONFERENCE SUITE, ELIZABETH HOUSE, DEREHAM

Members of the Committee requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Committee.

NOTE

Ward Representatives wishing to speak on a particular application are asked to inform the Usher, Mrs H. Burlingham, well in advance and arrive at the meeting by **9.30am** as the items on which the public wish to speak will be taken first in order of the agenda.

IN THE EVENT OF DEFERRED ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA, WARD REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY IN ADVANCE.

THE ORDER OF THE MEETING WILL VARY TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND WILL NOT FOLLOW THAT OF THIS AGENDA

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

VOTING:

If the first vote is lost in considering an application, a new proposal will be requested (eg a vote for approval, if lost, does not automatically mean "refused"). On a tied vote, the Chairman has a casting vote, if he/she wishes to use it. It is necessary for summary reasons for approvals or refusals to be identified in each case.

Member Services
 Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke,
 Dereham Norfolk, NR19 1EE

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2009

PLANNING POLICY NOTE

THE STRENGTH OF PLANNING POLICY IN DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Planning process is set up, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, to protect the public from the unacceptable planning activities of private individuals and development companies. Planning is primarily concerned to deal with issues of land use and the way they affect the environment.

The Council has a DUTY, through the Town & Planning Acts, to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF) to provide a statutory framework for planning decisions, some LDF policies now carry significant weight.

Breckland's Plan contains the Council's planning policies, which must be consistent with Government guidance, particularly with the Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs) and Planning Policy Statements (PPSs).

The full public scrutiny of the Council's proposals will give the Plan an exceptional weight when dealing with planning applications.

This shift towards a "Plan-led" planning system is a major feature of recent planning legislation. The Town & Country Planning Act 1990, states that ***planning applications should be determined in accordance with the policies of the Plan, unless material considerations which are relevant to planning indicate otherwise.***

PPG1 summarises the objectives of the "plan-led" system as:-

- achieving greater certainty;
- ensuring rational & consistent decisions;
- securing public involvement in shaping local planning policies;
- facilitating quicker planning decision; and
- reducing the number of misconceived planning applications and appeals.

Unless there are special reasons to do otherwise, planning permissions "run with the land", and are NOT personal licences.

The factors to be used in determining applications will relate to the effect on the "public at large" and will NOT be those that refer to private interests.

Personal circumstances of applicants "will rarely" be an influencing factor, **and then, only** when the planning issues are "finely balanced".

THEREFORE we will:

- **acknowledge the strength of our policies,**
- **be consistent in the application of our policy, and**
- **if we need to adapt our policy, we should do it through the Local Plan process.**

Decisions which are finely balanced, and which contradict policy will be recorded in detail, to explain and justify the decision, and the strength of the material planning reasons for doing so.

LOCAL COUNCILS

OCCASIONALLY, THERE ARE CONFLICTS WITH THE VIEWS OF THE PARISH OR TOWN COUNCIL. WHY IS THIS?

We ask local parish and town councils to recognise that all comments received are taken into account. Where we disagree with those comments it will be because:

- Districts look to "wider" policies, and national, regional and county planning strategy.
- Other consultation responses may have affected our recommendation.
- There is an honest difference of opinion.

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ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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1. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2009.	1 - 6
2. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence.	
3. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED</u> Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.	
4. <u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)</u>	
5. <u>REQUESTS TO DEFER APPLICATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA</u> To consider any requests from Ward Members, officers or applicants to defer an application included in this agenda, so as to save any unnecessary waiting by members of the public attending for such applications.	
6. <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u> To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any item as urgent business, pursuant to Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.	
7. <u>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (STANDING ITEM)</u> To receive an update.	
8. <u>DEFERRED APPLICATIONS</u> To consider applications deferred at previous meetings including some, but not all, of those shown on the attached Schedule of Deferred Applications.	7 - 8
9. <u>WATTON: 119 NORWICH ROAD: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR S & A JONES DEVELOPMENTS LTD: APPLICATION REFERENCE: 3PL/2009/0350/F</u> Report of the Deputy Chief Executive.	9 - 12

10. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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To consider the Schedule of Planning Applications:

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11. APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FOR INFORMATION)

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

12. ENFORCEMENT ITEMS (FOR INFORMATION)

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

13. APPEAL DECISIONS (FOR INFORMATION)

APP/F2605/C/09/2097953: Weeting: Land at 5 Jubilee Close: Appeal against an enforcement notice issued in respect of the erection of a wooden structure or store and garage at the north end of the Land by Mr Kevin Newman: Reference: ENF/2008/0440/CAS.

Decision: Appeal dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.

APP/F2605/A/09/2097649: Watton: Land at the former Plaswood Works, Griston Road: Appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission for the demolition of existing industrial units and the erection of 24 residential dwellings and garages for Plots 1, 2 & 4 by the Serruys Property Company Limited: Application Reference: 3PL/2008/0607/F.

Decision: Appeal dismissed.

14. APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (FOR INFORMATION)

3CM/2009/0010/F: Dereham: Dereham Sixth Form Centre, Crown Road: Single storey extension to existing art room for Children's Services.

Decision: Conditional Approval.

3CM/2009/0015/F: Thetford: Thetford Library, 2 Raymond Street: Replacement of tiled area with trespa panels for Norfolk Library Services.

Decision: Conditional Approval.

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3CM/2009/0016/F: Attleborough: Attleborough Junior School: Extension to staffroom; secure lobby at front; fencing and gates at front; barrier at entrance and traffic control plates at exit for Children's Services.

Decision: Conditional Approval.

3CM/2009/0018/F: Thetford: Raleigh Infant and Nursery School, Admiral's Way: Erection of red bow top fencing to area of grass at front of nursery school for Children's Services.

Decision: Conditional Approval.

3CM/2009/0018/F: Dereham: Toftwood Junior School, Westfield Road: Removal of 4 No mobile classrooms and WC block; refurbishment of existing hall to provide 3 No classrooms and toilets; single storey extension linked to main school for performing arts and community use for Children's Services.

Decision: Conditional Approval.