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## DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### **TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 2022**

A MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE was held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 2022, at 2.00 pm.

## PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Susan Durant
Vice-Chair - Councillor Duncan Anderson

Councillors Bob Anderson, Iris Beech, Steve Cox, Sue Farmer, Sophie Liu, Andy Pickering and Gary Stapleton.

## APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aimee Dickson and Charlie Hogarth.

## 1 <u>Declarations of Interest, if any</u>

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, the Councillor Gary Stapleton declared an interest in relation to Application No. 21/01536/FUL, Agenda Item No. 5(1) and took no part in the discussion at the meeting and vacated the room during consideration thereof.

## 2 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26th April, 2022

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 3 Schedule of Applications

<u>RESOLVED</u> that upon consideration of a Schedule of Planning and Other Applications received, together with the recommendations in respect thereof, the recommendations be approved in accordance with Schedule and marked Appendix 'A'.

## 4 Appeal Decisions

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the following decision of the Secretary of State and/or his Inspector, in respect of the undermentioned Planning Appeal against the decision of the Council, be noted:-

Application No.	Application Description & Location	Appeal Decision	Ward	Decision Type	Committee Overturn
20/02621/FUL	Change of use from nursery and 3- bedroom apartment to five 1-bedroom apartments at 14 Swan Street, Bawtry, Doncaster, DN10 6JQ	Appeal Dismissed 16/05/2022	Rossington & Bawtry	Delegated	No
21/02558/FUL	Erection of 1.9m high close boarded timber fence (Retrospective) at 112 Markham Avenue, Carcroft, Doncaster, DN6 8DZ	Appeal Dismissed 29/04/2022	Adwick Le Street & Carcroft	Delegated	No
20/00433/M	Appeal against enforcement action for alleged unauthorised installation of pump under grounds (a, c & f) at 6 Shires Close, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, DN5 7RG	ENF- Appeal Dismissed, ENF Notice Upheld 16/05/2022	Sprotbrough		No
21/03324/ADV	Installation of single illuminated 48-sheet digital advertisement display at Land At York Road, Doncaster, DN5 9AY	Appeal Dismissed 29/04/2022	Bentley	Delegated	No
21/02309/FUL	Installation of wood burning stove and flue to outbuilding (retrospective) at Aberdeen Bungalow, Drake Head Lane,	Appeal Dismissed 12/05/2022	Conisbrough	Committee	Yes

	Conisbrough, Doncaster			
21/00192/M	Appeal against enforcement notice at Aberdeen Bungalow, Drake Head Lane, Conisbrough, Doncaster	ENF- Appeal Dismissed, ENF Notice Upheld 12/05/2022	Conisbrough	No

## 5 Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report - March 2022

The Committee considered a report which detailed all Planning Enforcement performance in the fourth Quarter of 2021/22.

During consideration of the report, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Duncan Anderson, sought clarification with regard to process by which Councillors were routinely informed of the status and progress of an Enforcement Enquiry they had reported relating to an alleged breach of planning control. In response, the Team Manager for the Planning Enforcement Team, Scott Forbes, stated that his Officers within the Planning Enforcement Team endeavoured to ensure that Councillors were updated on the progress of their Enforcement Enquiry. He outlined that initially, the Councillor would receive an email from the Investigating Officer explaining that the investigation had commenced and that further emails would be sent with important updates. However, he stressed that if a Councillor had not received a recent update, they should email the Investigating Officer and, if the Councillor did not receive an update within a week, the Councillor should forward a copy of the 'Request an Update' email to himself as the Team Manager, who would discuss the matter with the Officer and ensure that a response was provided.

In response to Committee Members seeking further clarification of the Enforcement Enquiry reporting procedure, Scott Forbes reported that the member of the public should report the enquiry directly to the TSI/Planning Enforcement Team using the online planning enforcement complaint portal on the Council's planning web-site (i.e. <a href="www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/planning-enforcement-complaint">www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/planning-enforcement-complaint</a>). This method would ensure that the individual would be contacted directly by the Officer dealing with the case, which would also provide a direct method of providing information and allow updates to be requested. In addition, if the member of the public did not wish to provide their details, or did not have access to the internet, they could request that their Local Ward Councillor report the enquiry on their behalf, either using the preferred corporate 'Councillor on-line reporting system' or again using the online planning enforcement complaint portal on the Council's planning website.

Members were reminded that once a complaint was registered under the Councillors' name, not the member of the public, they would become the single point of contact for the specific investigation and receive emails on the progress

of the enquiry. This would then require the Councillor to keep the member of the public updated, as required.

In concluding discussion on the debate, the Chair, Councillor Susan Durant, proposed that an informal meeting be arranged for Members of the Planning Committee and Cabinet Members, involving Officers from the Planning, Planning Enforcement, Conservation, Tree and Highways Teams, to consider in further detail, the Enforcement Enquiry procedures relating to alleged breaches of planning control, why certain items required enforcement action in conservation areas (i.e. boundary walls/driveway access that would reduce the need for vehicles being parked outside on the road) and general outstanding cases including matters relating to the Tree & Highways Teams.

In response to Councillor Iris Beech seeking clarification with regard to the current status and progress of a case relating to several advertisement boards being displayed by the owner of a premises on Selby Road, Askern, the Team Manager for the Planning Enforcement Team, Scott Forbes, reported that the issue had been brought to the Enforcement Team's attention approximately one week ago by Councillor Austen White. Subsequently, a site investigation was undertaken which established that, as there were relevant breaches of planning control, enforcement action was being proposed if the owner failed to seek planning permission or did not remove the signs.

## RESOLVED that

- (1) the report on Planning Enforcement performance in the fourth Quarter of 2021/22, be noted; and
- (2) an informal meeting be arranged for Members of the Planning Committee and Cabinet Members involving Officers from the Planning, Planning Enforcement, Conservation, Tree and Highways Teams, to consider in further detail, the Enforcement Enquiry procedure relating to an alleged breaches of planning control and other relevant matters.

# Minute Item 3.

## Appendix A

#### DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Application	1					
Application Number:	21/01536/FUL					
Application Type:	Section 73 Application					
Proposal Description:	Section 73 application to vary Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 11 (wall thickening and part demolition) of Planning Application 16/02725/FUL, granted on 09.01.2017.  1 Thorne Hall Court, Ellison Street, Thorne, DN8 5LE					
For:	Mr Frazer Fillingham (agent), on behalf of Mr Alex Cutts (applicant)					
Third Party Reps:	29 representations	Parish:	Thorne			
•		Ward:	Thorne & Moorends			

A proposal was made to grant the Section 73 Application to vary Conditions 2 and 11.

Proposed by: **Councillor Susan Durant** 

Seconded by: **Councillor Duncan Anderson** 

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: Planning permission granted to vary Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 11 (wall thickening and part demolition) of planning application 16/02725/FUL, granted on 09.01.2017, subject to the

amendment of Conditions 2 to read as follows:-

02. Within 6 months from the date of this permission, the works detailed in the submitted structural survey Appendix 2 drawings SE01, SE02, SE03 and SE04 shall be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning

Authority. Prior to these works commencing, details including proposals for making good, cleaning of brickwork and repointing and capping to the wall shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Capping of the wall shall be in natural stone and a sample of the stone to be used for any new cappings shall be provided onsite for the inspection of the Local Planning Authority prior to works commencing. Where the wall has previously been reduced and capped in concrete slabs, the concrete slabs shall be removed and replaced with natural stone. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details.

#### **REASON**

To protect the setting of the listed building and to preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

In accordance with Planning Guidance 'Having Your Say at Planning Committee', Mr Neil Martin spoke in opposition to the reduction of any of the wall height for the duration of up to 5 minutes.

In accordance with Planning Guidance 'Having Your Say at Planning Committee', Mr Gary Flavell and Mr Mulligan, spoke on behalf of Mr Paul Wallace in support of reducing the wall height for the duration of up to 5 minutes.

(The receipt of the amendment to the Planning Application Proposal Description, an amendment to Condition 2, an additional representation from a Local Ward Member, Councillor Mark Houlbrook, in support of Mr Neil Martin's opposition to the reduction of any of the wall height and a further representation from Mr Neil Martin, were reported at the meeting).