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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Present: Councillor Steve Hall (Chair)
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Tyler Hawkins
Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Mark Thompson

Apologies: Councillor Davies and Sokhal

1 Membership of the Committee

Councillor Hawkins attended for Councillor Davies and Councillor Homewood attended for Councillor Sokhal.

2 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

Councillors Armer, Hall, Hawkins, Homewood, Pattison, Pinnock and Thompson advised that they had been lobbied in respect of Application 2021/92603.

3 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public session.

4 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

5 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

6 Planning Application - Application No: 2021/92603

The Committee considered Application 2021/92603 in respect of the erection of a storage and distribution unit (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices, car parking, servicing, landscaping and access at land west of the M62, south of Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton.

It was noted that site visits had taken place on Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March 2023.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(3), the Committee received representations from Councillor Kath Pinnock, Councillor John Lawson, Councillor Elizabeth Smaje and Councillor Andrew Cooper.

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Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Kim Leadbeater MP, Bradford Councillor Sarah Ferriby, Nicola Gatenby, Dar Shivtiel, Ian Abbott, Alison Abbott, Judith Johnston, Max Rathmell, Matthew Beardsworth, Sharon Lewis, Barry Lewis, Ciaran Lewis, Bill Blackledge and Nick Willock (in objection) and David Benfell, Sally Miles, Ian Dix, Nigel Mann, Brett Coles and Neil Travis (on behalf of the applicant).

Resolved –

That the application be refused for the following reasons:

1. The design does not respect and protect the landscape character of the area and is therefore contrary to Policy LP32 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Paragraph 174 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposal is contrary to the principles of Policy LP64 of the Kirklees Local Plan due to the size of the development.
3. There would be an unacceptable adverse impact on residential amenity, including local air quality (contrary to Policy LP51 of the Kirklees Local Plan), as a result of the size and scale of the development and the lack of a sufficient buffer zone to the houses on Whitechapel Road.
4. There would be an unacceptable adverse impact on the amenity of the adjacent cemetery.
5. There would be an unacceptable adverse impact on the local highway network.
6. A masterplan was not produced in accordance with the requirements of Policy LP5 of the Kirklees Local Plan.
7. A bio-diversity net gain cannot be achieved on the site or within the vicinity.

A recorded vote was taken, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42(5), as follows:

For: Councillors Armer, Hawkins, Pinnock and Thompson (4 votes)

Against: Councillors Hall, Homewood and Pattison (3 votes)