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KIRKLEES COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 26th June 2025

Present: Councillor James Homewood (Chair)
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Apologies: Councillor Mark Thompson

1 Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Thompson.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9th May 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

Councillors Armer, Homewood, Lee-Richards, Pinnock and Sokhal advised that they had been lobbied in respect of Application 2024/93458.

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Pinnock advised that he had been party to communications in respect of the update in relation to Application 2021/93567, which had submitted to the Committee for information.

4 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public session.

5 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

7 Planning Application 2021/93567 - Update

The Committee received an update in respect of Application 2021/93567 relating to the demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of 180 dwellings, with associated works, on land off Westgate, Cleckheaton.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

8 Planning Application - Application No: 2024/93458

The Committee considered Application 2024/93458 relating to the erection of residential development for 62 dwellings including grouting remedial works for ground stabilisation to facilitate construction of dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping (resubmission) on land at Cliff Hill, Denby Dale, Huddersfield.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Nicola Tiffany, Jane James, Helen France, Joanna Cauldicott, Robert Pritchatt and Isabel Pritchatt (in objection) and Paul Butler (on behalf of the applicant).

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(3), the Committee received representations from Councillors Tim Bamford and Will Simpson.

RESOLVED –

That the application be refused for the following reasons:

The ground works, removal of coal, and remediation associated with the proposed development would result in an unacceptable number of vehicle movements and unacceptable environmental impacts. In addition, due to unknown conditions beneath the site, there is a lack of information that prevents it being fully ascertained what the environmental impacts of the afore mentioned works would be.

Furthermore, it has not been demonstrated that the site is suitable for residential development.

The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies LP24, LP36, LP52 and LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 8, 15 and 17 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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

For: Councillors Armer, Lee-Richards and Pinnock (3 votes)

Against: Councillors Homewood and Sokhal (2 votes)

9 Planning Application - Application No: 2022/93938

The Committee considered Application 2022/93938 in relation to the change of use from A1 (business retail and storage) to C3 (residential) 18 flats at first and second floors and external alterations at 1st and 2nd Floors, Shopping Precinct, New Street and Albion Street, Huddersfield.

RESOLVED –

That approval of the application and the issuing of the decision notice be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development in order to complete the list of conditions, including those contained within the report, as set out below:

1. Three years to commence development.
2. The development to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.
3. Windows to be metal framed, not UPVC.
4. Implementation of agreed noise mitigation measures.
5. Evidence of party wall sound insulation testing.
6. Construction Management Plan.

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7. Delivery Management Plan.
8. Details of cycle storage and provision.
9. Details of the management and maintenance of the communal refuse storage area by a private management company.
10. Crime prevention measures.

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

For: Councillors Armer, Homewood, Lee-Richards, Pinnock and Sokhal (5 votes)

Against: (0 votes)