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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

DISTRICT-WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 9th October 2025

Present: Councillor James Homewood (Chair)
Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Harry McCarthy

Apologies: Councillor Sheikh Ullah (Chair)
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Tony McGrath

17 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Firth, McGrath and Ullah.

Councillor Homewood substituted for Councillor Ullah and Councillor McCarthy substituted for Councillor Firth under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 35 (7).

18 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED -

That Councillor James Homewood be appointed Chair for the meeting.

19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

20 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

Councillors Bellamy, Davies, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal advised they had been lobbied in respect of Application 2025/92103.

Councillor Scott advised that she had also been lobbied in respect of Application 2025/92092.

21 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session.

22 Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

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23 Deputations / Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

24 Site Visit - Application No: 2025/92092

Site visit undertaken.

25 Site Visit - Application No: 2025/90439

Site visit undertaken.

26 Site Visit - Application No: 2025/92103

Site visit undertaken.

27 Request for Deferral - Application No. 2025/92103

A request had been submitted for the consideration of Application 2025/92103 to be deferred due to the Ward Councillor who had referred the item to the Committee being unable to attend.

RESOLVED –

That the consideration of Application 2025/92103 be considered at the meeting as scheduled.

28 Planning Application - Application No: 2025/90439

The Committee considered Application 2025/90439 relating to the conversion of an existing listed church to two dwellings, forming new resident's car park, external amenity spaces and associated works at Church of the Holy Innocents, Vicarage Road, Dewsbury.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received a representation from Emma Cosgriff (on behalf of the Church Commissioners).

RESOLVED –

That consideration of the application be deferred and that the Head of Planning and Development be requested to:

- (i) Review and strengthen the conditions in respect of, but not limited to:
 - (a) The internal works. To include specification of the retention/ preservation/re-use of internal features including the war memorial.
 - (b) Ensure the Construction Management Plan, or any related condition, includes a requirement for further survey work to be undertaken, prior to commencement, in the area proposed for car parking to check for unmarked graves and ensure no unmarked graves will be impacted.
- (ii) Seek information/comment from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Civic Society in respect of the whole of the area within the red-line boundary.
- (iii) Provide the full text of the consultation response from consultees including the Victorian Society and any consultation with the Civic Society and the local community.
- (iv) Include a footnote to ensure the use of permeable/sustainable drainage for the parking area.

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

For: Councillors Bellamy, Davies, Homewood, Lee-Richards, McCarthy, Scott and Sokhal (7 votes)

Against: 0 votes

29 **Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92092**

The Committee considered Application 2025/92092 in relation to the change of use from dwelling (use class C3) to residential care home (use class C2) at 81 George Avenue, Birkby, 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. Development to commence within 3 years.
2. In accordance with plans.
3. Restrict the maximum number of children.
4. In accordance with management plan.

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

For: Councillors Bellamy, Davies, Homewood, Lee-Richards, McCarthy and Scott (6 votes)

Against: Councillor Sokhal (1 vote)

30 **Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92103**

The Committee considered Application 2025/92103 in respect of the change of use from dwelling (C3) to a children's home (C2) at 17 Far View Crescent, Almondbury, Huddersfield.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Chris Sentance and Malcolm Sizer (in objection), Jessica Corrales-Ruiz and Johnny Haigh (on behalf of the applicant).

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. Standard conditions regarding time scale.
2. In full accordance with plans.
3. Restrict maximum number of children.
4. In accordance with management plan.

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

For: Councillors Bellamy, Homewood, McCarthy and Scott (4 votes)

Against: 0 votes

Abstain: Councillors Davies, Lee-Richards and Sokhal.