

Contact Officer: Sheila Dykes

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 23rd October 2025

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

22 Membership of the Committee

All members of the Committee were present.

**23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2025 be approved as a correct record.

24 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Pinnock advised, in respect of Application No. 2025/91279 that he was a Ward Councillor and had spoken to the objector. He had always made it clear that he would keep an open mind and would consider all the evidence before reaching a conclusion.

25 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session.

26 Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

27 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

28 Site Visit - Planning Application 2025/91279

Site visit undertaken.

29 Planning Application - Application No: 2025/91279

The Committee considered Application 2025/91279 relating to the variation of Condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 2020/91746 for the erection of extra care development providing 80 apartments with associated communal facilities and landscaped gardens at land off Kenmore Drive, Cleckheaton.

Strategic Planning Committee - 23 October 2025

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received a representation from Joel Purnell (in objection). Ricky Boden and Tom Watkin were also in attendance (applicant and acoustic consultant).

RESOLVED –

That consideration of the application be deferred and that the Head of Planning and Development be requested to explore alternative options for siting the air source heat pumps, plant area, sub-station and bin store, including within the area designated for car parking, or additional mitigations.

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

For: Councillors Armer, Homewood, Lee-Richards, Pinnock, Scott, Sokhal and Thompson (7 votes)

Against: 0 votes

30

Pre-Application Report - Planning Application 2024/20252

The Committee received a pre-application report in relation to an application for demolition and mixed-use development at New Mills, Brougham Road, Marsden.

Presentations were made by Councillors Harry McCarthy and Matthew McLoughlin (Ward Councillors) and Matthew Sheppard (agent).

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.