

At a meeting of the Development Panel held in Zoom Virtual Meeting on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 1.00 pm

Members

Councillor Carole Armstrong	Councillor Malcolm Grainger (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Janet Farebrother	Councillor Allan Daniels
Councillor Adrian Kirkbride	Councillor Daniel Horsley
Councillor Ron Munby MBE	Councillor Elaine Lynch
Councillor Andrew Semple	Councillor Paul Scott
Councillor Alan Tyson	Councillor Alan Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nicky Cockburn

Staff Present

S Brook, J Irving, L Jardine, S Long, S Sewell and S Sharp

Also Present

A Jones

391. Declaration of Interests

None declared

392. Questions

None received

At the request of the Chair, Item 5 was taken before Item 4.

Councillor Horsley left the meeting for Item 4 (WTPO/2020/0023)

- 393. Development Panel - WTPO/2020/0023 - Hill Farm , Causeway Road, Seaton - Proposed works to the following trees to avoid safety issues etc to the neighbouring dwelling. Crown reduction (at least 40%) and pruning of overhanging branches to Ash, T1 and Fell T5 and plant replacement tree.**

Representations

Mrs M Cunningham spoke against the application

Councillor Daniel Horsley on behalf of Seaton Parish Council spoke against the application

Application

The report recommended the approval of the crown reduction and pruning of overhanging branches of Ash tree T1 and the felling of the Ash tree T5 (subject to a condition securing the planting of a heavy-duty replacement tree for T5)

The Senior Planning Officer then went through the main issues as detailed in the report.

Amenity Value

The trees were protected as part of a cluster of mature individual trees within the grounds of Hill Farm which are of amenity value as a landscape feature within the streetscene.

Justification

The loss of one of the two Ash trees (T5) is on the grounds of evidence of Ash dieback which results in it representing a safety threat to the occupiers of the neighbouring bungalow (1a Causeway Rd, Seaton) The applicant has agreed to scale down the extent of works to the other Ash tree (T1) from felling to crown reduction and pruning in accordance with the council's peer report, albeit the condition of the tree will need to be monitored in the future.

Members were also shown plans and images of the site.

Members noted the representations received in respect of the application, the main grounds of which were set out in the report.

Members then asked questions to officers and speakers in relation to pollarding, tree surveys, replacement trees and the history of the trees

Anthea Jones (Consultant) provided a summary of her assessment and then answered questions on behalf of the Council in relation to Ash Dieback and Heavy Duty Trees.

Debate then ensued in relation to safety and replacement tree species.

Councillor Daniels moved the motion to accept the officers recommendations and to plant two oak trees, one as a direct replacement and one as an additional tree.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Farebrother.

A vote was taken on the motion, 10 voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions

(Councillor Kirkbride left the meeting prior to the vote)

The Motion was carried.

Resolution

Application approved, with the additional planting of two Oak trees, one as a direct replacement and one as an additional tree.

394. Development Panel - VAR/2020/0507 - Dovenby Hall Estate, Dovenby, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0PH - Section 73 application for removal of condition 16 from planning permission 2/2014/0350 for the demolition of up to seven buildings including School House, Hodgson House and Howard House. Full planning application for M Sport Evaluation Centre (B1), testing and evaluation facility (2.5km in length) (Sui Generis), car parking (242 spaces), earthworks including sound attenuation bunds, surface water attenuation ponds, grounds maintenance shed incorporating fuel store (B1 & B8) and separate underground fuel tank. Temporary widening of eastern access from A594 for construction vehicles. Outline planning application for future expansion space of 5000sqm (use class B1), Offices 2450sqm (B1), 60 bed Hotel 6000sqm (C1) all to include associated parking and external works.

The Senior Planning Officer explained to members that the applicant has submitted a request to defer this application. The applicant has raised concerns that officers require time to consider.

Councillor Daniels moved the motion to defer the application as per officer's advice.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Smith.

A vote was taken on the motion to defer, 11 voted in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(Councillor Kirkbride was unable to vote as he joined the meeting after this item had started)

The motion was carried

Resolution

Application deferred as per officers advice.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm