

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Management
Committee held at the Council Chamber, Knowle, Sidmouth,
on Tuesday 18 October 2011

- Present:** Councillors:
Mark Williamson (Chairman)
Helen Parr (Vice Chairman)
Geoff Chamberlain
Alan Dent
Vivien Duval Steer
Tony Howard
Mike Howe
Ben Ingham
Stephanie Jones
David Key
Geoffrey Pook
Ken Potter
Phil Twiss
Steve Wragg
- Ward Members:** Councillors:
Peter Bowden
Bob Buxton
Graham Godbeer
- Also Present:** Councillors:
David Atkins
Paul Diviani
Andrew Moulding
Honorary Alderman:
Ann Liverton
- Officers:** Ed Freeman, Interim Development Manager
Christopher Holland, Democratic Services Officer
Christopher Walledge, Senior Solicitor
- Apologies:** Councillors:
Derek Button
Steve Gazzard
Pat Graham
Peter Sullivan
Brenda Taylor
Eileen Wragg
Claire Wright

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and ended at 6.12 pm

***22 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting, Christopher Walledge who would be providing legal advice and support to the Committee while the Council's legal team were engaged in other legal business.

***23 Special meeting of the Development Management Committee**

The Chairman announced that a Special Meeting of the Development Management Committee to consider the Local Development Framework document for public consultation, would be held on Friday 18 November 2011 starting at 9.00 am.

***24 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Development Management Committee held on Tuesday 20 September 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record.

***25 Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Committee, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

***26 Local Development Framework Panel notes**

The notes of the meetings of the Local Development Framework Panel held on Tuesday 6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2011 were noted.

***27 Planning Appeal Statistics**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Interim Development Manager setting out appeals recently lodged and recent appeal decisions notified.

Members suggested that it would helpful for all Councillors to receive a regular report on costs awarded during the appeal process. It was suggested that this could be an annual or bi-annual report

RESOLVED: that the Head of Economy in consultation with the Chairman arranges for regular reports to all Members detailing costs awarded at appeal.

***28 Kilmington Village Design Statement**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Planning Policy Officer concerning the Kilmington Village Design Statement which provided a very useful insight into the community's views, resulting from an extensive impartial public consultation. It identified the features of the environment which the community considered locally distinctive and/or particularly important.

RESOLVED: 1) that the Village Design Statement be endorsed and used to inform decision making in the District and the production of the Local Development Framework/Local Plan.

2) that the Kilmington Village Design Statement group be congratulated on their work.

***29 Planning Guarantee and information requirements**

The Committee considered and noted the report of the Interim Development Manager which detailed a statement recently issued by the department of Communities and Local Government. The statement provided further information with regard to the planning guarantee and its implications as well as potential changes to the information that Local Planning Authorities would be able to request to accompany planning applications.

Members noted that the planning guarantee would seek to ensure that all planning applications were determined within 1 year of receipt by the Local Planning Authority including any appeal handled by the Planning Inspectorate.

In terms of information requirements the statement sought to stimulate debate over whether information requirements could be rationalised and if so in what ways to ensure that developers were not burdened with producing documents which were not absolutely necessary to make an informed decision on their proposed development.

- RESOLVED:**
- 1) that the report be noted
 - 2) that a further report be brought to the Development Management Committee when a more detailed consultation exercise was undertaken.

***30 Addendum to Exeter International Airport Masterplan**

The Committee considered and noted the report of the Head of Economy regarding the Addendum to Exeter International Airport Masterplan recently published in October 2009. The purpose of the addendum was to provide greater definition to the proposed northern and southern development zones. It was anticipated that this would inform the progression of the Local Plan. The report set out the main issues raised by the addendum which in turn would need to form the basis of a formal consultation response to the addendum in November.

- RESOLVED:**
- 1) that the Committee support the ongoing development and expansion of the Airport as a key economic driver, recognising the impact of the current economic downturn
 - 2) that the Committee provide 'in principle' support for further employment related development at the Airport recognising that the precise scale and quantum will;
 - be determined through the Local Plan process
 - need to support the delivery of other strategic employment sites in the West End of the District
 - need to be supported itself by necessary infrastructure improvements including improvements to the road network
 - 3) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Economy in consultation with the Chairman to respond to the consultation.

(Councillor Phil Twiss declared a Personal Interest in this matter as he was the Council representative on the Exeter International Airport Consultative Group and remained in the Chamber to speak and vote)

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***31 Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination**

- RESOLVED:** 1) that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 5 – 2011/2012 (attached).
- 2) that the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Head of Economy considers the formulation of a policy to stipulate a 'minimum amenity space requirement' and a 'minimum room size requirement' for dwellings.

***32 Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED: that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing the items in private session (Part B).

***33 Ottery St Mary Rural: Land South of Otter Close, Tipton St John – App No. 10/2435/MFUL**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Head of Economy concerning the above application and the reasons for refusal of planning permission when the application had been considered by the Committee at the meeting held on 8 March 2011.

RESOLVED: that the reasons for refusal agreed by Members at their meeting on 8 March be confirmed.

Chairman Date