

TITLE OF REPORT: Planning applications for consideration

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling, Strategic Director Communities and Environment

Purpose of the Report

1. The Committee is requested to consider the attached schedule of miscellaneous planning applications, which are presented as follows:-

PART ONE:

Planning Applications
Applications for Express Consent under the Advertisement Regulations
Proposals for the Council's own development
Proposals for the development of land vested in the Council
Proposals upon which the Council's observations are sought
Any other items of planning control

PART TWO: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Applications determined in accordance with the powers delegated under Part 3, Schedule 2 (delegations to managers), of the Council Constitution.

Recommendations

2. Recommendations are specified in the schedule.

The Human Rights Implications of the recommendations have been considered. Unless specified there are no implications that outweigh the material planning considerations.

Contents

Application Number	Site Location	Ward
1. DC/16/00867/FUL	Bensham General Hospital Fontwell Drive	Lobley Hill And Bensham
2. DC/17/00623/FUL	Fistral Smailes Lane	Chopwell And Rowlands Gill
3. DC/17/01016/COU	42 Park View Avenue Shipcote	Saltwell

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Section 38(6) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 specifies that: 'If regard is to be had to the Development Plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the Planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.' In the case of Gateshead the development plan is currently the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan 2010 – 2030 and the saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan for Gateshead (2007), where they are in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)

The NPPF was published on 27 March 2012 by Communities and Local Government (CLG). The National Planning Policy Framework is a material planning consideration, the previous Planning Policy Statements (PPS's), Guidance notes (PPG's) and some Circulars are revoked. Some of the guidance notes that supported the PPS's and PPG's are still extant.

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY (RSS)

The RSS was revoked on 15th April 2013 and is no longer part of the development plan.

LOCAL PLAN (Formerly known as Local Development Framework)

The Council has adopted the Planning for the Future Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle Upon Tyne 2010-2030 (CSUCP) jointly with Newcastle City Council. This sets all the Strategic Planning Policies for Gateshead and Newcastle and more detailed policies for the urban core of Gateshead and Newcastle.

In accordance with Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) the CSUCP now forms part of the statutory development plan for Gateshead. The CSUCP also supersedes and deletes some of the saved policies in the Unitary Development Plan (UDP). These are set out in Appendix 1 of the CSUCP.

The Unitary Development Plan for Gateshead was adopted on 17th July 2007 and the remaining saved policies together with the CSUCP represent a current up to date development plan. In the report for each application, specific reference will be made to those policies and proposals which are particularly relevant to the application site and proposed development. Where the saved UDP policies are in general conformity with the NPPF due weight should be given to them. The closer the consistency with the NPPF the greater the weight can be given.

The Gateshead Place Making Supplementary Planning Document and the Householder Alterations and Extensions Supplementary Planning Document, are now adopted and have weight in decision making, supplementing and providing detail to the development plan policies.

The Council is currently working on new draft detailed policies and land allocations for the new Local Plan. The Development Plan Document will be called Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP).

UPDATES

The agenda is formed and printed approximately a week prior to the Planning and Development Committee meeting. Information, correspondence and representations can sometimes be received in the intervening period. In such cases a written update report will be circulated to Members at the beginning of the meeting and on occasion there may be further verbal updates to Members from officers, so that Members are aware of all material planning considerations when making their decision on applications.

SPEAKING AT COMMITTEE

Gateshead Council seeks to be inclusive in its decision making process and therefore allows applicants, agents and interested parties to make verbal representation to Members at Committee in accordance with the Council's agreed speaking rights protocol where persons have indicated their intention to speak in writing, in advance of the meeting, and subsequently confirmed their intention to speak to the Development Information Officer.

For further details of speaking rights at committee contact the Development Information Officer on (0191) 4333150 or please view the leaflet 'Having Your Say' available from the second floor reception at the Civic Centre. You can also view this information on the Planning pages of the Council website under 'Having your Say'

SITE PLANS

The site plans included in each report are for illustrative purposes only. Scale plans are available to view from the file. Key plans and photographs of the site and surroundings are also displayed at committee for information purposes as are other images where necessary including consultation response plans.

PUBLICITY/CONSULTATIONS

The reports identify the responses to site notices, press notices, consultations and/or neighbour notifications which have been undertaken. The reports include a précis of the comments received, full copies of letters are available to view from the application file. In all cases the consultations and publicity have been carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010.

SITE VISITS

On occasion the Committee will defer making a decision until they have viewed the application site themselves as a group. Normally these visits take place on the Thursday morning prior to the following Wednesday committee meeting. The visits are fact finding visits only and no debate or decision making will take place on the visit and no representations will be heard at these visits and therefore the Local Planning Authority no longer invite applicants or third parties to attend unless for the sole purpose of arranging access to land and or/ buildings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION (AS AMENDED)

The background papers material to the reports included on this agenda are:

- The application and supporting reports and information;
- Responses from consultees;
- Representations received;
- Correspondence between the applicant and/or their agent and the Local Planning Authority;
- Correspondence between objectors and the Local Planning Authority;
- Minutes of relevant meetings between interested parties and the Local Planning Authority;
- Reports and advice by specialist consultants employed by the Local Planning Authority;
- Other relevant reports.

Please note that not all of the reports will include background papers in every category and that the background papers will exclude any documents containing exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act.

These papers are held on the relevant application file and are available for inspection during normal office hours at the Communities and Environment reception, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH.

Generalised Guide to Use Classes Order 1987 (as amended)

A1 Shops	Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers/funeral directors, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, pet shops, sandwich shop, showrooms, domestic hire shops.	C1 Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses
A2 Financial and Professional Services	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies, professional and financial services.	C2 Residential Institutions	Residential schools and colleges convalescent homes/nursing homes
A3 Restaurants and Cafes	Restaurants, snack bars, cafes.	C2A Secure Residential Institutions	Secure residential accommodation including detention centres, young offenders institutions, prisons and custody centres.
A4 Drinking Establishments	Public Houses and Wine bars etc	C3 Dwellinghouses	Dwellings, small business at home, communal housing of the elderly and handicapped
A5 Hot food Take-Aways	Hot Food Take-away shops	C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation	Small shared dwellinghouses, occupied by between 3 and 6 unrelated individuals who share basic amenities such as kitchen or bathroom.
B1 Business	Offices not within A2, research and development studios, laboratories, high tech., light industry appropriate in a residential area.	D1 Non-residential Institutions	Places of worship, church halls, clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, consulting rooms, museums, public halls, libraries, art galleries, exhibition halls, non-residential education and training centres.
B2 General Industry	General industry.	D2 Assembly & Leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls, baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums. Other indoor and outdoor sports and leisure uses, bingo halls.
B8 Storage and Distribution	Wholesale warehouses repositories, including open air storage	Sui generis	Any use not included within any of the above use classes, such as theatres, nightclubs, taxi businesses, motor vehicle sales, betting shops.

In many cases involving similar types of use, a change of use of a building or land does not need planning permission. Planning permission is not needed when both the present and proposed uses fall within the same 'class', or if the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 says that a change of class is permitted to another specified class.

Changes allowed without planning permission

From	To
A2 (professional and financial services) when premises have a display window at ground level	A1 (shop)
A3 (restaurants and cafes)	A1 or A2
A4 (drinking establishments)	A1 or A2 or A3
A5 (hot food takeaways)	A1 or A2 or A3
B1 (business) (permission limited to change of use relating to not more than 500 square metres of floor space)	B8 (storage and distribution)
B2 (general industrial)	B1 (business)
B2 (general industrial) (permission limited to change of use relating to not more than 500 square metres of floor space)	B8 (storage and distribution)
B8 (storage and distribution) (permission limited to change of use relating to not more than 500 square metres of floor space)	B1 (business)
C3 (dwellinghouses)	C4 (houses in multiple occupation)
C4 (houses in multiple occupation)	C3 (dwellinghouses)
Casinos (sui generis)	D2 (assembly and leisure)

Additional change of use permitted development rights applying from 30 May 2013



Buildings in use class:	Can change to:
Agricultural buildings under 500 square metres	(A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 and D2).
Agricultural buildings between 150 square metres and 500 square metres	(A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 and D2) but prior approval (covering flooding, highways and transport impacts, and noise) is required
B1, C1, C2, C2A and D2 use classes	State-funded school, subject to prior approval covering highways and transport impacts and noise
B1(a) office use	C3 residential use, subject to prior approval covering flooding, highways and transport issues and contamination.
A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, D1 and D2 uses	change use to A1, A2, A3 and B1 uses for a single period of up to two years

Additional change of use permitted development rights applying in England from 6 April 2014

These new permitted development rights will not apply in sites of special scientific interest, safety hazard areas or military explosives storage areas: nor do they apply to scheduled monuments. With the exception of new Class CA the rights will also not apply to listed buildings.

- **retail to residential** - new class IA allows change of use and some associated physical works from a small shop or provider of professional/financial services (A1 and A2 uses) to residential use (C3). This involves a 'prior approval' process and the local planning authority can consider impacts of the proposed change. Up to 150 square metres of retail space will be able to change to residential use. This new right does not apply to land protected by article 1(5) of the General Permitted Development Order.*
- **agricultural to residential** - new class MB allows change of use and some associated physical works from buildings used for agricultural purposes to residential use (C3). This involves a 'prior approval' process and the local planning authority can consider impacts of the proposed change. Up to 450 square metres of retail space will be able to change to up to three dwellings. This new right does not apply to land protected by article 1(5) of the General Permitted Development Order.*
- **commercial to childcare nurseries** - change of use from offices (B1), hotels (C1), residential (C2 and C2A), non-residential institutions (D1), and leisure and assembly (D2) to nurseries providing childcare. This involves a 'prior approval' process and the local planning authority can consider impacts of the proposed change.
- **agricultural to new schools and nurseries** - new class MA allows change of use from buildings used for agricultural purposes to a state funded school or nursery providing childcare. This involves a 'prior approval' process and the local planning authority can consider impacts of the proposed change.

Explanation of Abbreviated Terms used in Reports

EVA	Economic Viability Assessment	UDP	Unitary Development Plan
DPD	Development Plan Document	SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
TA	Transport Assessment	RIA	Retail Impact Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment
CSUCP	Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan		

On 6 March 2014 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) launched a planning practice guidance web-based resource. This was accompanied by the cancellation of previous planning practice guidance documents. Now planning practice guidance is now available entirely online in a usable and accessible way with links between the National Planning Policy Framework and relevant planning practice guidance, as well as between different categories of guidance. The guidance can be accessed through this link <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>