

**REPORT TO:** Development Control Committee  
**DATE:** 14 February 2011  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Environment & Economy  
**SUBJECT:** Miscellaneous Items

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**The following applications have been withdrawn :-**

10/00474/FUL Proposed new sub-station at Former Lion Foods Site  
Faraday Road, Runcorn, Cheshire

10/00484/FUL Ground floor infill and first floor extension at 30 Lunts  
Heath Road, Widnes, Cheshire

10/00502/TEL Prior notification of proposed telecommunications  
development consisting of 15m monopole, equipment  
cabinets and ancillary development at Corner Of Deacon  
Road And Appleton Village, Widnes, Cheshire

**The following applications have gone to appeal:-**

10/00350/FUL Proposed rear conservatory at 56 Penrhyn Crescent,  
Runcorn, Cheshire

**The following appeals have been withdrawn:-**

10/00013/FUL Proposed residential development comprising 18 No.  
courtyard houses, detached garages, private access  
road and private open space at Former Dawsons Dance  
Centre Lunts Heath Road, Widnes, Cheshire

**Planning Appeal Decisions:-**

10/00310/FUL Proposed conservatory to side of 11 Sefton Avenue,  
Widnes, Cheshire  
**ALLOWED**

10/00167/FUL Proposed first floor side extension at 1 Battersea Court  
Widnes, Cheshire  
**ALLOWED**

09/00501/FULTEL	Proposed installation of a radio base station consisting of a 17.5m Jupiter 811E column, 1 No. Cannon Type G cabinet, 1 No. Vodafone RBS 3107 cabinet and associated ancillary equipment on Verge Adjacent to Busway to north of Halton Haven, Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn, Cheshire <b>ALLOWED</b>
10/00348/FUL	Proposed change to existing front and rear dormer roof from flat to pitch at 2 Malin Close, Hale, Liverpool <b>DISMISSED</b>
10/00077/COU	Proposed conversion of existing dwelling into 2 No. residential units at 161 Greenway Road, Widnes, Cheshire <b>DISMISSED</b>

### **Planning Obligations in relation to Employment and Training Opportunities.**

The Construction Halton project is being led by the council's Adult Learning & Skills Development Division.

The overall aim of Construction Halton is to provide a mechanism that will ensure people from disadvantaged groups and areas within Halton are able to access jobs and training opportunities arising in the construction industry.

The Construction Halton Business Plan, published in January 2010, set out how this will be achieved:-

- using **procurement processes and planning** to effect change, embedding obligations into public sector contracts to ensure developers, and subsequently contractors address targeted employment and training issues;
- engaging with employers and contractors to ensure that **recruitment and training provision** is more relevant and demand-led – thereby providing the industry with a supply of suitably qualified labour;
- providing tailored **pre-recruitment support and routeways** that will enable local unemployed/workless people to access jobs within the industry – through greater integration and more flexible use of mainstream programmes and funding; and
- encouraging and **assisting Halton based SMEs** to access opportunities arising from the new planned development activity in the area.

Planning agreements, negotiated under Section 106, offer the Council a significant opportunity to secure developer support for targeted recruitment and training initiatives, to assist in tackling the high levels of economic exclusion and worklessness in the Borough.

This note is to inform members that the Council will be looking to negotiate planning obligations with developers and occupiers of major new job creating developments to secure initiatives and/or contributions towards the recruitment and training of local people. The training schemes should offer help particularly to disadvantage groups so that they may obtain the necessary skills to increase their job opportunities.