

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

*At a meeting of the Development Control Committee on Monday, 12 March 2012 at Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn*

Present: Councillors Nolan (Chairman), Thompson (Vice-Chairman), Balmer, J. Bradshaw, A.Cole, Gilligan, Hignett, Hodgkinson, T. McInerney and Osborne

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: A. Jones, J. Tully, T. Gibbs, M. Noone, A. Plant, J. Farmer and P. Shearer

Also in attendance: 4 Members of the public

### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

*Action*

*Members took part in a minutes silence prior to the start of the meeting in memory of Councillor Dave Leadbetter who passed away recently.*

*On behalf of the Development Control Committee, the Chairman remembered and gave thanks to Councillor Leadbetter for his dedication and contribution to the role he played on the Committee, and said that he would be greatly missed.*

#### DEV46 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2012, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to noting that Councillor Osborne was present at the meeting.

#### DEV47 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the following applications for planning permission and, in accordance with its powers and duties, made the decisions described below.

DEV48 - 11/00466/FUL - PROPOSED CREATION OF NEW ACCESS AT CONSTANCE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WATERLOO ROAD, WIDNES, CHESHIRE, WA8 0PR

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to conditions relating to the following:

1. Standard time limits for implementation;
2. The applicant entering into a suitable legal agreement for the compensation for loss of trees; and
3. Conditions for tree/root protection measures.

DEV49 - 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA AND 12/00003/FULEIA -

PROPOSED WORKS TO TIE INTO THE EXISTING HIGHWAY NETWORK AT the A562 SPEKE ROAD AND THE A533 QUEENSWAY IN WIDNES, AND NEW WORKS IN SOUTH WIDNES ARISING FROM THE PROVISION OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE;

PROPOSED WORKS TO PROVIDE A NEW CABLE STAY MAXIMUM 3 TOWER BRIDGE TO CARRY A DUAL THREE LANE ROAD OVER THE RIVER MERSEY IN HALTON KNOWN AS THE MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE TO TIE IN TO THE WIDNES APPROACH WORKS TO THE NORTH OF THE ST HELENS CANAL IN SOUTH WIDNES AND THE RUNCORN/CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY WORKS TO THE SOUTH OF THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL; AND

PROPOSED WORKS TO THE EXISTING HIGHWAY NETWORK (SPECIFICALLY PARTS OF CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, LODGE LANE JUNCTION AND WESTON LINK JUNCTION) ARISING FROM THE PROVISION OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE AND NEW WORKS TO TIE IN TO THE NEW BRIDGE TO THE NORTH OF BRIDGEWATER JUNCTION.

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

Members discussed matters relating to the applications, in particular the fact that the Light Rail Transit (LTR) would be less likely under the modifications, which raised concerns, especially when looking to the future of the

Borough. In response it was noted that the Council remained committed to accommodating a river crossing for light rail in the future and that it may be possible for a light rail service to be developed on the existing Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB), as structural investigations had shown that this would be feasible.

The consensus was that Members' supported the applications subject to the Conditions contained in the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair, be given delegated authority to approve all three applications subject to the awaited confirmation regarding the obligations of the Habitat Regulations and to add and vary any necessary conditions and to agree any final wording.

Subject as above:

- 1) 12/00001/FULEIA – be approved subject to Conditions (1) to (27) as detailed in the report starting on page 51 (final wording to be delegated to the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation).
- 2) 12/00002/FULEIA – be approved subject to Conditions (1) to (42) as detailed in the report starting on page 58 (final wording to be delegated to the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation).
- 3) 12/00003/FULEIA – be approved subject to Conditions (1) to (30) as detailed in the report starting on page 69 (final wording to be delegated to the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation).

#### DEV50 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

11/00288/FUL	Proposed change of use of office and erection of indoor and outdoor tennis courts with associated lighting to form tennis facility at Commonsides Farm, Daresbury Lane, Daresbury, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4DE.
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**The following applications have gone to appeal:- None**

**Planning Appeal Decisions:-**

11/00161/TEL

Prior notification of proposed telecommunications development including 15m dual user replica telegraph pole, equipment cabinet and electricity meter pillar at corner of Deacon Road and Appleton Village, Widnes Cheshire.

**ALLOWED**

*Meeting ended at 7.12 p.m.*