

(Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 15 May 2018.)

Planning Committee

24 April 2018

Present: Councillor F Lott (Chair)
Councillors B Burdis E Hodson,
M A Green, S Graham, John Hunter,
W Lott, D McMeekan and P Mason.

PQ59/04/18 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

PQ60/04/18 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members appointed.

PQ61/04/18 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

PQ62/04/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PQ63/04/18 Planning Officer's Reports

Resolved that (1) permission to develop pursuant to the General Development Provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Orders made thereunder, be granted for such class or classes of development or for such limited purpose or purposes as are specified, or not granted as the case may be, in accordance with the decisions indicated below; and

(2) any approval granted for a limited period be subject to the usual conditions relating to the restoration of land, removal of buildings and discontinuance of temporary use.

Application No:	18/00239/FUL	Ward:	St Mary's
Application Type:	Full planning application		
Location:	Visitor Centre, St Mary's Island, St Mary's Island Access Road, Whitley Bay		
Proposal:	Proposal: Refurbishment of lighthouse and visitor centre including internal re-planning of visitor centre, partial demolition of visitor centre entrance and construction of single storey extension in its place, single storey extension to visitor centre east elevation, construction of ancillary external storage and plant rooms and renewal of causeway. (Resubmission)		
Applicant:	North Tyneside Council		

The Committee gave consideration to a report from planning officers in relation to the application, together with an addendum circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. A

planning officer presented details of the application, together with details of application 18/00240/LBC, with the aid of various maps, plans and photographs.

Members of the Committee asked questions of officers and the applicant's representatives who were present at the meeting and made comments. In doing so the committee gave particular consideration to:

- a) the details of the proposed causeway improvement works and its impact on access to the Island and the ecology of the area;
- b) the impact of an increased number of visitors to the Island on the ecology of the area; and
- c) the proposed condition that a site management plan would have to be submitted to, and approved by, the local planning authority in consultation with the RSPB and the Northumberland Wildlife Trust prior to the commencement of works.

Decision

Application approved, subject to the conditions set out in the planning officer's report and addendum, as the proposed development was considered to be acceptable in terms of its impact on the ecology, archaeology, visual amenity, character and appearance, residential amenity and highway safety in the area in accordance with the relevant policies contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and the Council's Local Plan 2017.

Statement under Article 35 of the Town & Country (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015):

The Local Planning Authority worked proactively and positively with the applicant to identify various solutions during the application process to ensure that the proposal comprised sustainable development and would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area and would accord with the development plan. These were incorporated into the scheme and/or have been secured by planning condition. The Local Planning Authority has therefore implemented the requirements in Paragraphs 186-187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Application No:	18/00240/LBC	Ward:	St Mary's
Application Type:	Listed Building Consent		
Location:	Visitor Centre, St Mary's Island, St Mary's Island Access Road, Whitley Bay		
Proposal:	Proposal: Refurbishment of lighthouse and visitor centre including internal re-planning of visitor centre, partial demolition of visitor centre entrance and construction of single storey extension in its place, single storey extension to visitor centre east elevation, construction of ancillary external storage and plant rooms and renewal of causeway. (Resubmission)		
Applicant:	North Tyneside Council		

The Committee gave consideration to a report from planning officers in relation to the application. A planning officer presented details of the application, together with details of application 17/01852/FUL, with the aid of various maps, plans and photographs.

Decision

Application approved, subject to the conditions set out in the planning officer's report, as the proposed development was considered to be acceptable in terms of its impact on the character and appearance of the heritage assets in accordance with advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and policies S6.5, DM6.6, AS8.15 and AS8.17 of the Council's Local Plan 2017.