

East Yorkshire Planners User Group

Minutes of Meeting held at County Hall, Beverley on 18th January 2018 at 3pm.

Present: Stephen Hunt, Stephen Cook (ERYC) Killian Gallagher, Gemma Owston, Jo Wright and Nik Wilson (Agents)

1 Apologies: None

2 Matters arising from previous minutes: The ERYC pre app forms have been amended and are now live and are a significant improvement on the previous version. A further update to the form is due shortly. The constraints map will go live in the coming months.

3 Policy Update: Over 600 sites have been submitted to the Local Plan Review consultation. A report will be presented to Cabinet in March setting out direction in travel for policies as well as housing numbers. In addition, at the end of February the Cabinet will be updated as to the Council's 5 year housing land supply position.

4 Personnel Changes: There have been several personnel changes within teams. Please refer to the updated phone number list for details. The Council is currently recruiting for several positions in development management and forward planning.

5 Validations Update: Validations are now taking c. 3 - 4 days from submission of the application. If an applicant/agent has difficulty in addressing the reasons for invalidation within 21 days, the agent can ask the Council for an extension to the 21 day period. The Council will not be sending reminders to agents when the 21 day period is about to lapse. A query was raised about the necessity for section drawings through proposed velux windows. It was explained that this was required so that officers can assess the potential for overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6 Quality of Images in Committee Reports: A local agent raised a concern about the quality of the black and white images used in committee reports particularly when reproducing 3d visuals/photomontages. It was explained that members are not circulated electronic copies of the reports and due to cost and practicalities it would not be possible to provide colour hard copies of reports to members. It is intended in the future, committee reports will be circulated in colour but this has not been rolled out as of yet. It was agreed that if an agent has concerns about the quality of an image in a report, the agent can email the planning officer with a request that the image in question be shown at committee via the projector (which has recently been replaced and shows images to a good standard).

7 AOB: The local elections will be held in May. The annual agents' meeting will also take place in May after the elections. Date to be circulated at a later stage.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Friday 26 April 2019: 3 pm at County Hall, Beverley.

Agents wishing to place agenda items please contact Killian Gallagher on killian@gallagherplanning.co.uk or call Killian on 07392415369.