

Agenda Item: 4

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Development Management Committee of South Norfolk District Council held remotely on Thursday, 28 January 2021 at 10.00 am.

Committee Members	Councillors: V Thomson (Chairman), D Bills, T Laidlaw,
Present:	G Minshull and L Neal.
Officers in Attendance:	The Development Manager (T Lincoln), the Principal Planning Officer (C Curtis) and the Senior Planning Officer (B Skipper).

544 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared interests in the matters listed below. Unless indicated otherwise, they remained in the meeting.

Application	Parish	Councillor	Declaration
2020/1416/F (Item 1)	COLNEY	All	Local Planning Code of Practice Lobbied by the Parish Council
		D Bills and L Neal	Local Planning Code of Practice Lobbied by the Parish Council
		T Laidlaw	Other Interest A Member of Costessey Town Council who own a burial ground of a similar type
2020/1925/F (Item 2)	PORINGLAND	All	Local Planning Code of Practice Lobbied by Objectors
		L Neal	Other Interest Related to Cllr John Overton
		L Neal	Other Interest Member of Poringland Parish Council but did not take part in any Parish planning discussions.

545 MINUTES

The minutes of the Development Management Committee meeting dated 13 January 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

546. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

The Committee considered the report (circulated) of the Director of Place, which was presented by the officers. The Committee received updates to the report, which are appended to these minutes at Appendix A.

The following speakers addressed the meeting with regard to the application listed below.

APPLICATION	PARISH	SPEAKERS
2020/1416/F (Item 1)	COLNEY	B Korn – Parish Council J Elbro – Objector E Cass – Agent for the Applicant
2020/1925/F (Item 2)	PORINGLAND	Cllr W Kemp – Local Member R Blackham – Applicant Cllr J Overton – Local Member
2020/2042 (Item 3)	CHEDGRAVE	R Seel – Parish Council R Warminger – Objector D Fradgley – Agent for the Applicant Cllr K Mason-Billig – Local Member

The Committee made the decisions indicated in Appendix B of the minutes, conditions of approval or reasons for refusal of planning permission as determined by the Committee being in summary form only and subject to the final determination of the Director of Place.

547. PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted the planning appeals.

(The meeting concluded at 12.50 am)

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Chairman

Appendix A

Updates for DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 28 January 2021

Item	Updates	Page No
ltem 1	3 photos submitted by Colney Parish Meeting have	11
2020/1416	been circulated to Members.	
	Additional comments have been received from the	
	Environment Agency;	
	A number of gauging stations reached their	
	historic maximum levels during recent	
	flooding events but there is no evidence to	
	indicate that the risk level has changed and	
	therefore their response remains unchanged.	
ltem 2 2020/1925	3 additional letters of objection	20
	Raising the same issues as set out in the agenda with	
	the addition of the following:	
	• As a development for over 20 dwellings,	
	and being a major development, should	
	this application be automatically refused?	
	The Neighbourhood Plan sought the views	
	to suggest that there should not be a	
	major development to the south of the	
	existing village settlement	
	 It is curious that the Parish Council objected so strongly to the previous 	
	application, but appear to be content with	
	the current application where many of	
	their previous concerns remain and are	
	considered to be well founded reasons for	
	objection	
	The community infrastructure levy does	
	not appear to be paid on these dwellings,	
	what are the benefits to the residents of	
	Poringland	
	St. Lawrence are deeply concerned with	
	regard to the mixing of individuals of care	
	 with private residential It is considered that SNDC are under 	
	 It is considered that SNDC are under pressure to meet their targets for Care 	
	based Accommodation. This could make	
	this proposal appealing	
	 A number of mature trees are planned in 	
	close proximity to the St. Lawrence builds.	
	These will cause overshadowing, which	
	will increase over time. The siting of these	

	trees in such proximity could cause	
	structural issues to the planned houses &	
	drainage	
•	Loss of ability to enjoy the land	
•	Loss of key views from St. Lawrence and	
	local PROWs	
•	Create a precedent for further	
	development in the village	
•	All the comments made by the Planning	
	Inspector under the appeal for the 3	
	dwellings at St Lawrence are considered	
	pertinent to this application.	
•	In terms of the residential amenity of the	
	properties of St Lawrence, the proposal	
	would, as amended, be overwhelmingly	
	dominant and overbearing. The properties	
	would feel dwarfed due to the	
	overbearing nature of the proposed	
	development through its sheer presence,	
	scale, form and massing with multiple	
	rooms overlooking	
•	It is noted that rooms within the proposed	
	care home are indicated as being obscure	
	glazed where they face towards St	
	Lawrence presenting an oppressive and	
	poor standard of living conditions for the	
	proposed occupiers	
•	The change in the ridge levels between	
	the dwellings on the two sites will be	
	more than 2.5m with further roof	
	mounted features to 3.9m, it is	
	considered, result in a detrimental impact,	
	the proposal therefore does not relate	
	well to the existing development and will	
	be seen to dwarf the St. Lawrence site	
•	The nearest bus stop to the application	
	site is greater than 400 metres from the	
	application site with the main facilities of	
	shops, doctors, pharmacy and others over	
	a kilometre away. Too far for those, even	
	where more active, living in a care village to walk to	
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	The numbers of employees stated on the	
	application form appears to be slight/low	
	for the range of facilities that are to be	
_	offered on site	
	It is suggested that the Council need to	
	acquire a greater understanding of how	
	each and all of the facilities will be staffed,	
	including self-employed/contractors and	
	service operators	

 The Design Crime Officer expresses concerns regarding the lack of adequate boundaries that are essential for the security of the development. This does not appear to have been addressed as part of the application submission The harm to the character and appearance of the area including the countryside, due to the sheer magnitude, scale and mass of the proposal does cause significant and demonstrable harm that is not outweighed by any other considerations contrary to NPPF 	
In addition to the above a request for a formal comment from NHS STP prior to determination by committee. (if not the NHS STP formal comment from Burgate Lane should be a material consideration be a matter for material planning consideration, where little capacity is evidenced)	
The NHS STP have been consulted twice on this application and no comments received, however under the previous application they commented as follows: There is sufficient capacity in the local GP practice to accommodate this development and therefore we have no comments or mitigation requests (April 2019).	
Notwithstanding the above, NHS STP have been advised by South Norfolk Council that Healthcare is not currently contained on our CIL123 list, consequently, it is confirmed mitigation cannot be obtained for primary healthcare. Officers consider that the responsibility for health provision remains with the health providers, primarily with NHS England who provide funding for doctors based on the population / number of patients in an area. The residents in new development will contribute to this national funding through taxes in the same way as existing residents. Consequently, in general terms the impact of a new development on existing medical facilities is managed by health providers and it is not considered that obligations can reasonably through S106.	
Caistor St Edmund and Bixley Parish Council fully supports this application taking into account the amendments that have been made since the refusal of the first application. The Parish Council	

	feels that there is an unmet need within the area for places which care for the elderly.	
Item 3 2020/2042	3 additional letters of objection 5 additional letters of support	44
	Raising the same issues as set out in the agenda	
	Chedgrave Parish Council – Parish Council voted to approve this application	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

NOTE:

Conditions of approval or reasons for refusal of planning permission as determined by the Committee are in summary form only and subject to the Director of Place's final determination.

Other Applications

1.	Appl. No Parish Applicant's Name Site Address Proposal		2020/1416/F COLNEY Mr Roger Vail Land adjacent to Colney Woodland Burial Park Watton Road Colney NR4 7TY Change of use of land for extension of existing burial ground to provide up to 3,600 additional burial plots, extension to existing access road and construction of comfort building.
	Decision	:	Members voted 4-1 for Approval Approved with conditions 1 Time Limit - Full Permission 2 In accordance with submitted drawings 3 Landscape and woodland management plan 4 Implementation of L&W management plan 5 Plot markers 6 Hours of opening to public 7 External lighting 8 Groundwater monitoring 9 Foul water 10 Surface water 11 Emergency flood and evacuation plan 12 Access road - details 13 Provision of parkingroviced scheme
			11 Emergency flood and evacuation plan

2.	Appl. No Parish Applicant's Name Site Address Proposal		2020/1925/F PORINGLAND Mr Robert Blackham Land South West of Bungay Road Poringland, Norfolk Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a 41 bed care home (with 10 extra care apartments on ground floor, Use Class C2) and 44 extra care lodges (All Use Class C2), together with vehicular access, landscaping and communal facilities including, restaurant, cafe, bar, gym, therapy rooms, hair salon, shop and bowls green.
	Decision	:	Members voted unanimously to authorise the Director of Place to Approve subject to a Section 106 agreement relating to the extra care provision.
			Approved with Conditions
			 1 Time Limit - Full Permission 2 In accordance with submitted drawings 3 Boundary treatments to be agreed 4 Materials to be agreed 5 Written scheme of archaeological investigation 6 Provision of fire hydrants 7 Water efficiency 8 Renewable energy 9 Detailed design of surface water drainage to be agreed 10 Foul Water to main sewer 11 Landscaping scheme 12 Long term landscape management plan 13 Tree protection (implementation only) 14 Details of no/minimal dig construction to be submitted 15 Retention of tree and hedgerows 16 No additional external lighting without details 17 Noise management plan for refuse bins to be agreed 18 Construction Management Plan 19 Noise and mitigation plan 20 Cooking fume extraction system to be agreed 21 No generators/air plant without consent 22 Contaminated land - Investigation 23 Implementation of remediation scheme 24 Contaminated land during construction 25 Ecology Mitigation 26 Biodiversity Enhancement Plan 27 Lighting design for light-sensitive biodiversity 28 Construction Traffic (Parking) management plan 29 Existing Access, Widen or Improve 30 Visibility splay, approved plan 31 Access Gates - Restriction 32 Access - Gradient 33 Traffic Regulation Orders 34 Provision of parking, service 35 Highway Improvements Offsite 36 Highway Improvements Offsite implementation 37 Air Source heat pumps 38 No PD for Classes ABCD&E 39 No PD for fences, walls etc 40 Restricted use of the restaurant/café 41 Details of the access road/drive surfacing

3.	Appl. No Parish Applicant's Name Site Address Proposal		2020/2042 CHEDGRAVE Telefonica UK Limited and CTIL Telephone Exchange, Langley Road, Chedgrave, NR14 6HD Electronic communications base station comprising a 17.5m high monopole mast, shrouded antennas, two 0.6m diameter transmission dishes, two equipment cabinets, an electric meter supply cabinet, and ancillary electronic communications apparatus.
	Decision	:	Members agreed unanimously that Prior Approval is not required