

City of Durham Council

MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting at 10.00am on Friday 13th July 2018 in Antioch House

1. **Present:** Cllrs J Ashby, Cornwell, Elmer, and Holland (Secretary)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr C Reeves
3. **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting on 29th June:**
accepted as a true and accurate record
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a. The application to construct a Premier Inn had been deferred by the County Council Planning Committee. Cllr Ashby noted that in the originally approved outline plans the intention to introduce 441 apartments had been welcomed but the loss of 40 of these to the proposed Premier Inn was unwelcome and a further loss of about 100 apartments to an intended office block was equally unwelcome. Cllr Elmer noted that the emerging Neighbourhood Plan paid close attention to appropriate building design in this part of the City and that this must be taken into account in any new application for this site.
 - b. The application to build at Fram Well House (DM/18/01115/FPA) had been approved on the casting vote of the Chairman of the Central/East Area Planning Committee. As this is a large development in the Green Belt, the decision has to be referred to the Secretary of State for final approval. Previous similar cases had not been called in, the reason given being that the Government remains committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues. However, these had all been made before a democratically elected parish council had been formed, and Cllr Ashby would draft a letter to emphasise this additional factor.
The immediate installation of CCTV cameras in the commonly used parking areas coupled to new restrictions was noted. This required planning permission and committee doubted that it had been formally agreed.
 - c. Application DM/18/01043/FPA had been withdrawn before it was considered by the Central/East Area Planning Committee.
6. **The following applications were considered:**
 - a. **DM/18/01492/FPA**, 21 Elvet Bridge, creating a pre-prepared food outlet on small premises was regarded as acceptable because cooking smells would not be dominant. As a precaution Cllr Cornwell would submit a letter of concern at the potential for this arrangement breaking down.