

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**17 November 2011****Attendance:**

Councillors:

Jeffs (Chairman) (P)

Berry (P)

Clear (P)

Evans (P)

Izard (P)

Johnston (P)

Laming (P)

McLean (P)

Pearce (P)

Read (P)

Ruffell (P)

Tait (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Banister, Cook, Rutter and Warwick

1. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SCHEDULE[\(Report PDC913 refers\)](#)

The schedule of development control decisions arising from consideration of the above Report is circulated separately and forms an appendix to the minutes.

Councillor Jeffs declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Item 3 as the application site was adjacent to land in the ownership of a close associate. Councillor Jeffs therefore left the room during the consideration of this item and did not speak or vote thereon.

Councillor Jeffs also declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests in respect of Items 3, 6 and 7 as his wife was Chairman of New Alresford Town Council's Planning Committee that had commented on these applications. As Councillor Jeffs had had no involvement in the Town Council's consideration of these items, he therefore spoke and voted thereon, with the exception of Item 3 (see above).

Applications determined outside the area of the South Downs National Park:

The following item had speakers during public participation:

Item 3: 72 The Dean, Alresford – Case Number 11/01827/FUL

As Councillor Jeffs had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room, Councillor Ruffell assumed the Chair for this item only.

Mr Harris (a local resident) and Councillor Cook (a Ward Member) spoke against the application and Mrs Valler (one of the applicants) and Ms King (their agent) spoke in support.

In summary, Councillor Cook questioned the adequacy of the community consultation undertaken by the applicant. He stated that the application proposed a building to be squeezed into a small space, to the detriment of 72 The Dean, the street scene and the adjacent Millennium Trail. He added that the Millennium Trail had been identified by an Appeal Inspector as significant to the setting of Alresford. Furthermore, he stated that the site had been subject to foul waste flooding and that there was little spare parking in the area. In addition to recommending that the Committee refuse the application, Councillor Cook also suggested that Members visit the site to gain a better understanding of its location.

Following debate, the Committee agreed to refer determination of the application to a meeting of the Planning Development Control (Viewing) Sub-Committee to be held on 13 December 2011, following a site visit. This was because Members were not clear what proportion of the site fell within an area designated as countryside and to gain a better understanding of the application site as suggested by Councillor Cook above.

RESOLVED:

That the decisions taken on the Development Control Applications in relation to those applications outside the area of the South Downs National Park be agreed as set out in the Schedule which forms an appendix to the minutes, subject to the following:

That, in respect of Item 3 (72 The Dean, Alresford) determination of planning permission be referred to a meeting of the Planning Development Control (Viewing) Sub-Committee to be held on 13 December 2011, following a site visit. This was because Members were not clear what proportion of the site fell within an area designated as countryside and to gain a better understanding of the application site.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am, adjourned for lunch between 12.50pm and 1.45pm and concluded at 3.30pm

Chairman