

## Minutes

### Special Planning Committee

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Venue:	Council Chamber
Date:	Tuesday 13 September 2016
Time:	3.00 pm
Present:	Councillors J Cattanach (Chair), D Peart (Vice-Chair), Mrs E Casling, D Buckle (substitute for I Chilvers), J Deans, B Marshall, D Mackay, C Pearson, and P Welch.
Apologies:	Councillor I Chilvers.
Officers present:	Gillian Marshall, Solicitor to the Council; Jonathan Carr, Interim Lead Officer (Planning); and Janine Jenkinson, Democratic Services Officer.
Public:	8
Press:	1

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#### **22. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

#### **23. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

There was no Chair's address to the Planning Committee.

#### **24. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

The Committee considered the suspension of Council Procedure Rules 15.1 and 15.6(a) to allow for a more effective discussion when considering planning applications.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To suspend Council Procedure Rules 15.1 and 15.6 (a) for the duration of the meeting.**

## **26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

- 26.1 Application: 2016/0950/FUL**  
**Location: Tadcaster Bridge, Bridge Street, Tadcaster**  
**Proposal: To alter the upstream elevation of the existing River Wharfe Bridge at Tadcaster by the addition of a cantilevered footway to provide 1.8 metre footways and a 7.3 metre wide carriageway over the bridge.**

The Interim Lead Officer (Planning) introduced the application and referred the Committee to the information provided in the Update Note.

The application had been brought before the Planning Committee due to the level of public interest in the proposal.

Members were informed that the application sought planning permission for alterations to the storm damaged road and foot bridge over the River Wharfe in Tadcaster. The scheme involved widening the carriageways and two footways by means of a concrete cantilever on the upstream of the Bridge deck.

The Committee was informed that the Bridge was Grade II listed and stood within the Tadcaster Conservation Area with listed cottages to the north west of the structure.

The Interim Lead Officer (Planning) advised that having had regard to the Development Plan, all relevant local and national planning policy, consultation responses and all other material planning considerations, it was considered that the proposed development would cause less than substantial harm to the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building, and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; the application was therefore considered acceptable.

Members were informed that having also paid special regard to the desirability of preserving the building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, and special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, the less than substantial harm to both was considered to be outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal. The Interim Lead Officer advised that this was even when considerable importance and weight was attached to the harm identified and acknowledging that even less than substantial harm to a designated heritage asset created a strong presumption against granting planning permission.

Members were advised that the proposal complied with local and national planning policy in all other respects and no other planning considerations had been identified that would warrant refusal of the application.

Councillor Sweeting, parish councillor, spoke in support of the application.

Councillor Metcalfe, ward councillor, spoke in support of the application.

David Bowe, Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council, spoke as the applicant.

Councillors debated the application and agreed that the proposal would provide Tadcaster with an improved asset for residents and the public benefits of the proposal were significant and outweighed the less than substantial harm identified, even when special regard was given to the historic environment as identified in the report.

The Interim Lead Officer's recommendation to approve the application was moved and seconded.

**RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application, subject to conditions set out in section 3.0 of the report and the amended conditions detailed in the Officer Update Note.**

**26.2 Application: 2016/0915/LBC**  
**Location: Tadcaster Bridge, Bridge Street, Tadcaster**  
**Proposal: Listed building consent for proposed widening of the carriageway and footpaths over the existing Tadcaster Bridge over the River Wharfe using a cantilever concrete slab on the upstream elevation of the bridge which will allow the addition of street lighting across the bridge whilst the repair of the flood damage is carried out.**

The Interim Lead Officer (Planning) introduced the application and referred the Committee to the information provided in the Update Note.

The application had been brought before the Planning Committee due to the level of public interest in the proposal.

Members were informed that the application sought Listed Building Consent for alterations to the storm damaged road and foot bridge over the River Wharfe in Tadcaster. The proposal involved widening the carriageways and two footways by means of a concrete cantilever on the upstream side of the Bridge deck.

The Interim Lead Officer (Planning) advised that having paid special regard to the desirability of preserving the building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, and the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, the less

than substantial harm to both was considered to be outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal.

The proposal was considered to comply with the requirements of local and national planning policy and was therefore recommended for approval.

Councillor Metcalfe, ward councillor, spoke in support of the application.

Councillors debated the application and agreed that the proposal would provide Tadcaster with an improved asset for residents and the public benefits of the proposal were significant and outweighed the less than substantial harm identified, even when special regard was given to the historic environment, as identified in the report.

The Interim Lead Officer's recommendation to approve the application was moved and seconded.

**RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application, subject to conditions set out in section 3.0 of the report and the amended conditions detailed in the Officer Update Note.**

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The meeting closed at 3.30 pm.