

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Meeting Held on 22nd April, 2005

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**Membership:**

**Councillors:** T.W. Hunt (Chairman), J.B. Williams (Vice-Chairman),  
BF Ashton, MR Cunningham, Mrs CJ Davis, PJ Dauncey, DJ Fleet, JGS Guthrie,  
JW Hope, B Hunt, Mrs JA Hyde, Brig P Jones CBE, Mrs RF Lincoln, RM Manning,  
RI Matthews, Mrs JE Pemberton, R Preece, Mrs SJ Robertson, DC Taylor,  
WJ Walling

#### **DCSW2005/0282/F – SAFETY FENCE, DORSTONE PLAYING FIELDS, DORSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE**

1. The application has been submitted to the Committee because the local Ward Member is a trustee of the Dorstone Playing Fields Association and is also named on the deeds. The playing field is situated to the north of the B4348 Dorstone to Hay-on-Wye road and lies just outside the settlement boundary of Dorstone. The eastern boundary of the playing field adjoins Dorstone House and the application is for the provision of a safety fence measuring 80 metres in length aimed at protecting Dorstone House when cricket matches are in progress. The Committee heard the views of the applicants and also the owner of Dorstone House who has objected to the application. The Committee took into consideration the views expressed by the applicants and neighbour and also the following issues:

- impact upon Area of Great Landscape Value;
- Conservation Area Issues;
- impact upon Public Right of Way; and
- residential amenity.

The Committee noted that the fence would only be in place for the duration of each cricket season and would be removed for the remainder of each year. The Committee also took into consideration the steps that had been taken by the applicants to minimise any inconvenience caused to the neighbour. Having considered all the facts the Committee was satisfied that the application complied with the policies contained within the South Herefordshire District Local Plan in respect of the Area of Great Landscape Value and Conservation Area and decided that it should be approved.

## **AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEES**

2. Information reports have been received from the three Area Planning Sub-Committees which have dealt with the following matters:

### **(a) Northern**

The Sub-Committee has met on three occasions and has dealt with the planning applications referred to it as follows:-

- applications approved as recommended - 27
- applications refused as recommended - 12
- applications refused contrary to recommendation - 9 (not referred to Planning Committee by the Head of Planning services)
- applications approved contrary to recommendation – 4 (not referred to Planning Committee by Head of Planning Services).
- deferred - 5
- site inspections - 9
- number of public speakers - 43 (17 supporters, 20 objectors, 6 parish councils)
- appeals - 11 have been received and 11 determined (1 withdrawn, 3 upheld and 7 dismissed).

### **(b) Central**

The Sub-Committee has met on three occasions and has dealt with the planning applications referred to it as follows:-

- applications approved as recommended - 22
- applications refused contrary to recommendation - 2 (not referred to the Head of Planning services)
- applications approved contrary to recommendation - 2 (not referred to the Head of Planning Services).
- deferred - 3
- site inspections - 7
- number of public speakers - 36 (23 supporters, 10 objectors, 3 parish councils)
- appeals - 6 appeals have been received and 10 determined (3 upheld and 7 dismissed).

### **(c) Southern**

The Sub-Committee has met on four occasions and has dealt with the planning applications referred to it as follows:-

- applications approved as recommended – 34
- applications refused as recommended – 1
- applications refused contrary to recommendation – 1 (referred to the Head of Planning Services but subsequently withdrawn)
- applications approved contrary to recommendation - 1 (not referred to the Head of Planning Services).
- deferred - 1
- site inspections - 2
- number of public speakers - 10 (supporters - 4, objectors - 4, parish councils - 2)
- appeals - 11 appeals have been received and 14 determined (5 upheld, 1 partially upheld, 6 dismissed, and 2 withdrawn).

**T.W. HUNT  
CHAIRMAN  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Agenda for the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 April, 2005.