

East Yorkshire Planners User Group

Minutes of Meeting via MS Teams on 3rd September 2021 at 3pm.

Present: Stephen Hunt and Stephen Cook (ERYC) Killian Gallagher, Gemma Owston and Nik Wilson (Agents)

1 Apologies: Owen Robinson and Jo Wright

2 Matters arising from previous minutes: None

3. Covid 19 ERYC performance: ERYC staff still mainly working from home. A phased introduction to a hybrid working arrangement is likely in the coming months. There has been an improvement in response times in recent months. There has been a c. 25% increase in planning applications this year when compared to the previous year.

4. Policy update: There were c. 800 responses to the recent Local Plan Review consultation. The Council will publish a Regulation 19 Plan in Spring 2022.

The Council's 5 year supply figure remains 10.4 years.

Bishop Burton has been designated a neighbourhood area which is the first step in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

4 conservation area appraisals have recently been consulted on and will be adopted in the coming months. These are; Ellerker, Brantingham, Ottringham and Halsham.

The affordable housing SPD has been updated with a new addendum to reflect recent national policy changes, principally the addition of First Homes.

The Council's flood risk guidance note will be become an SPD in the coming months also.

5. Validations Update: Validations are now taking c. 9 working days. The Council would like to thank agents for their patience whilst the validation delay issue has been/is being addressed.

6. Committee Meetings, Site Visits and Procedures: From 30 September Committee meetings will revert back to rooms 2 and 3 at Council Hall and speakers will have the option to attend the meeting in person or to speak virtually through Zoom. The meetings will continue to be streamed on YouTube. Members are also undertaking committee site visits.

Outdoor and unaccompanied site visits are preferred but in limited circumstances some internal site visits will be carried out if necessary, e.g. listed buildings. The Council's preference remains that meetings are held via zoom or teams where required rather than face to face.

7. AOB: The Council has received a data protection complaint and requests that agents when submitting photographs to accompany planning applications do not provide/redact photos with car registration plates visible when the cars are located on private land. The same applies to photos with images of people, particularly neighbours etc.

In terms of staff changes at the Council; Dave Monk, Stephen Watson and Martin George have retired. Rachael Hodgson has been promoted to Senior Planning Officer. Chris Ellis has replaced Dave Monk. Des Simmonds is now working a two day week. The enforcement team is actively recruiting two new team members.

Several job titles will be changed and simplified within the planning team over the coming weeks.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday 3 December 2021.

Agents wishing to place agenda items please contact Killian Gallagher on killian@gallagherplanning.co.uk or call Killian on 07392415369.