

East Yorkshire Planners User Group

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

Present: Stephen Hunt, Tom Bannister and Stephen Cook (ERYC) Killian Gallagher and Graham Binnington (Agents)

1 Apologies: Gemma Owston

2 Matters arising from previous minutes: None

3. Covid 19 ERYC performance: ERYC staff still mainly working from home but aiming to get 25% of planning staff in the office at any one time. Incoming application levels have reduced to average levels for this time of year. Issues with communication remain with some officers.

4. Policy update: There was c. 800 responses to the recent Local Plan Review consultation. The Council will publish a Regulation 19 Plan in Summer 2022 with submission to Secretary of State to follow, possibly in early 2023

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

The affordable housing SPD has been updated with a new addendum to reflect recent national policy changes.

The Council's flood risk guidance SPD will be published in the near future.

The Council's case against the recent Gladman appeal decisions at Swanland and Pocklington was dismissed by the High Court.

5. Validations Update: Validations are now taking c. 2 - 4 working days. The Council would like to thank agents for their patience whilst the validation delay issue was addressed. The Council is in the trial phase of using an Artificial Intelligence system to validate certain minor applications.

6. Committee Meetings, Site Visits and Procedures: Committee meetings are now being held at County Hall with speakers welcome to attend in person or dial in remotely. Members are also undertaking committee site visits if necessary to help inform their decision.

Outdoor and unaccompanied officer 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 recruited a new conservation officer, two ecologists and four assistant planning officers. The conservation officer has started and is called Annabel Richer-Hill. The ecologists and assistant planning officers start in January.

The Council will investigate an issue with IDOX relating to the ability to open multiple applications from the map into new browsers. The system is currently somewhat unwieldy to use in comparison to the previous public access system.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday 11 March 2022 at 3pm via MS teams

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