
Development Management Panel

**Report of the meetings held on 19th July, 16th August
and 20th September 2010**

Matters for Information

6. STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

An updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Huntingdonshire has been published by the District Council. Already approved by the Environment Agency, the SFRA will provide an accurate assessment of all sources of flooding in the District and flood maps which are compliant with Planning Policy Statement No. 25. The assessment has been formulated using the most up to date hydraulic modelling and topographic data available. The flood maps can be viewed on the District Council's website.

The Panel will take account of the Environment Agency Flood Risk Zones and the SFRA 2010 in determining future land use and development applications.

7. MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS (PLANNING OBLIGATIONS)

Having noted information on the receipt and expenditure of Section 106 funds, the Panel has suggested that the schedules presented also might prove useful to town and parish councils and have requested that they should be forwarded to them for information.

In their consideration of this item, it was noted that the Chairman of the Section 106 Agreement Advisory Group had written formally to the Leader of the Council, to request his support in seeking an assurance from Cambridgeshire County Council, in the absence of any clear audit trail, that Section 106 receipts for transport and education schemes were being used in connection with the projects/sites for which they were originally intended.

8. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT: PROGRESS REPORT – 1ST APRIL - 30TH JUNE 2010

The Panel has undertaken its regular review of the activities of Development Management Services over the period 1st April - 30th June 2010 in comparison with the preceding quarter and the corresponding period in 2010.

Having drawn attention to an apparent disparity between an increase in the applications received during the quarter against a reduction in fee income, the Panel was informed that this position was due largely to the receipt of minor applications or those which did not generate high fee income in the period. It was, however, the expectation that several major applications would be registered in the autumn and that the pattern of the previous quarter should not continue.

9. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

At three meetings, the Panel has determined a total of 37 applications, of which 28 were approved, one deferred and 7 refused. The majority of applications submitted to the Panel have related to minor development schemes but the Panel has indicated its support to the Secretary of State for proposals to erect two wind turbines at Hamerton Zoo Park, Hamerton and for an extension to the dining room and reinstatement of chimneys at Kimbolton School, Kimbolton.

Subject to a variety of conditions, approval also has been given to an application for a new 18 hole golf course, clubhouse and maintenance building on land south of Low Road, High Street, Great Paxton. The Panel was assured that the conditions also would ensure the removal of imported material to be used to re contour the landscape should the course not proceed.

In circumstances whereby an appeal had been received against the non determination of an application involving a small single storey building on the Great Whyte, Ramsey, the Panel also has indicated that it would have been minded to approve the application for change of use from retail to B2 (general industry) and B8 (storage and distribution) but refuse the element of the application which would have varied the use to A5 (takeaway).

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