
Development Management Panel

Report of the meeting held on 19th November 2012

Matters for Information

11. HOUGHTON AND WYTON CONSERVATION AREA – CHARACTER ASSESSMENT AND BOUNDARY REVIEW

In its role as a consultee, the Panel has considered draft documents on the outcome of a Boundary Review and Character Assessment for the Houghton and Wyton Conservation Area. .

In drawing their conclusions, the Panel had regard to the views of the Ward Councillor, Councillor A H Williams and the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well Being).

The Panel was of the view that it was essential not to undermine the soundness of the documents by the inclusion of land identified as Area 2 – the field to the east of Houghton Grange in the Conservation Area. However, in recommending the Cabinet to adopt the documents as Council policy, the Panel has requested that consideration be given, at the appropriate time, to delivery of open space within the Conservation Area and it was accepted that this may be achieved during the normal planning process when design and green space issues would be addressed as part of the determination of any potential development applications.

12. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Panel has considered eight applications for development and of these five were approved, two refused and one deferred for further clarification and whether the proposal for change of use was considered to be a commercial or non commercial enterprise.

13. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

As part of its regular review of the performance and activities of the Development Management Service, the Panel was pleased to note that all major applications received during the period 1st July to 30th September had been determined within the prescribed thirteen week time period and that fee income for the period at £302,030.00 was notably above that generated in the previous quarter and in the corresponding period in 2011.

D B Dew
Chairman