
Development Management Panel

**Report of the meetings held on 15th July, 19th August
and 16th September 2013**

Matters for Information

4. REVIEW OF “LOCAL LIST” APPLICATION VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

In Item No. 20 of their Report to the meeting of the Council held on 24th April 2013, the Panel reported that it had endorsed a process for undertaking a review of the information necessary to validate a planning application.

Government guidance required that the review process should involve consultation with the local community, including applicants, agents, statutory consultees and Town and Parish Councils. Existing requirements will be updated to refer to the National Planning Policy Framework and specifically town centre uses, transport, open space and flood risk assessments and transport and heritage statements.

Having expressed their satisfaction with the Officer response to comments received from consultees, the Panel has authorised the Planning Service Manager (Development Management) to finalise the contents of the validation checklist and to amend the local list, in the future, in response to changes in Government guidance, local policy or circumstances. The Panel's Scheme of Delegation will be amended accordingly.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Over three meetings, the Panel determined twenty eight development applications of which twenty were approved, seven refused and one deferred to enable land ownership issues to be clarified and the comments of the Fire & Rescue Services to be obtained on the application.

At the July meeting, the Panel approved, subject to completion of a Section 106 Agreement which will secure a range of infrastructure requirements and planning obligations, an application for residential and associated development at Bearscroft Farm, Godmanchester. The Panel also was satisfied that material planning considerations justified approval, subject to conditions, of an application for change of use to open storage at Warboys Airfield Industrial Estate as a departure from the Development Plan.

At the more recent meeting, the Panel refused an application which had been resubmitted for three wind turbines and associated infrastructure on land west of Bicton Industrial Park, Kimbolton. The Panel considered that the development would unacceptably harm the landscape character of the Kym Valley, the Conservation Areas and the heritage of historic buildings and churches in Kimbolton and Tilbrook and impact upon the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties. This harm outweighed any support for the proposal from national guidance and policy.

The Panel was pleased to approve a proposal for 56 dwellings in Brington, a development which was welcomed by the village and Parish Council and would provide twelve affordable homes, open space and play provision.

**6. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT –
1ST MAY – 31ST JULY 2013**

Having undertaken its regular review of the activities of the Development Management Service, the Panel was pleased to note that the Service had met all targets during the quarter for the determination of major, minor and other applications and that fee income was generally buoyant.

D B Dew
Chairman