

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL BARROW IN FURNESS LOCAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Barrow in Furness Local Area Planning Committee** held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023 at 10.00 am in the Drawing Room, Barrow Town Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr T Assouad
Cllr F Cassidy
Cllr D Edwards
Cllr A Husband (Chair)
Cllr B McEwan (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Murphy
Cllr D Taylor

Officers in attendance: Andrew Willison-Holt (Principal Planning Officer) and Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer).

Also in attendance: Ian Blinkho (Locum Solicitor)

PART I ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

44. MEMBERSHIP

There were no changes in membership.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

46. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:- That the press and public not be excluded during the consideration of the item on the agenda.

47. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October, 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ian Grimshaw, The Environment Partnership (Agent) attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

49. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. B12/2023/0407 - SANDSCALE PARK HELIPAD, SANDSCALE PARK, BARROW-IN-FURNESS

From Miss S. Groth Larson, Orsted in respect of the change of use from a temporary heliport to a permanent training facility at Sandscale Park Helipad, Sandscale Park, Barrow-in-Furness as shown on plan number 2023/0407.

The results of consultations were reported.

The Committee had undertaken a site visit prior to the meeting.

Mr Ian Grimshaw, The Environment Partnership (Agent) attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

Amended wording for Condition No. 4 had been included in the Extra Information Booklet.

Delegated authority was requested for the Head of Development Management (Barrow) to add an additional condition to secure the removal and restoration of the helipad runway within 6 months of the commencement hereby permitted.

It was moved by Councillor Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Assouad, and

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed that:

- (a) The conclusions of the submitted shadow Habitat Regulation Assessment be adopted by the Council;
- (b) Planning permission be granted subject to the conditions in the report, but replacing Condition 4 with amended wording as set out in Extra Information Booklet; and
- (c) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Development Management (Barrow) to add an additional condition to secure the removal and restoration of the helipad runway within 6 months of the commencement of the development hereby permitted.

Conditions

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason

Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Compliance with Approved Plans

2. The development shall be carried out and completed in all respects in accordance with the application dated 09/06/23 and the hereby approved documents defined by this permission as listed below, except where varied by conditions attached to this consent.

G9407.003 Site Location Plan
D9407.001C - Orsted Sandscale Park Training Facility Site Layout
D9407.002B - Orsted Sandscale Park Training Facility - Wider Context Plan
118442-SHF-504 - Heliport Facility Hangar External Elevations

Reason

To ensure that the development is carried out only as indicated on the drawings approved by the Planning Authority.

3. No additional floodlighting or other form of external lighting shall be installed unless it is in accordance with details that have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Such details shall include location, height, type and direction of light sources and intensity of illumination. Any such lighting shall at all times be directed and shielded so as to minimise light spillage outside of the application site, and shall not thereafter be altered, other than for routine maintenance which does not change its details, without the prior consent in writing of the Planning Authority.

Reason

To minimise light pollution in order to protect the ecological interests of the area.

Before Occupation (amended wording)

4. Prior to the beneficial use of the training facility hereby approved, the hibernaculum and a minimum of 2 swift and 2 sparrow bird boxes must be installed within the site in accordance with details and positions first submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority and thereafter permanently retained.

Reason

In the ecological interests of the area and to contribute to a biodiversity net gain.

Operational Conditions

5. The premises shall be used for a training facility (Class F1[a]) and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class F1 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), and the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) (England) 2015 (as amended) or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any Statutory Instrument revoking or re-enacting those Orders with or without modification).

Reason

To ensure that inappropriate uses do not take place on the site due to the location at the edge of the urban settlement and proximity to designated sites of ecological interest.

6. The 'Grassland Management and Restoration Plan (ref 9407.009)' will be retained and followed throughout the lifetime of the development to enhance and safeguard biodiversity on the site.

Reason

In the ecological interests of the area and to ensure the ecological enhancements previously secured remain for the lifetime of the development.

50. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items for consideration on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 10.14 am