

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF COLBURN TOWN COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

**Present:** Chair Angela Dale  
**Councillors:** Miles Burnham, Michelle Dunning, Helen Grant, Colin Lyne & Charlene Thirlwell  
**Clerk:** Philippa Graves  
**Deputy Clerk:** Angie Pickersgill

**Apologies:** Cllrs Kevin Foster, Colin Mincher & Jag Sharma

**“Declarations of Interest”** - none

**21/00181/Approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for Service Family Accommodation (maximum of 170 units) at land north east of Somme Barracks, Horne Road, Colburn DL9 4JR**

Overall, there was a spacious feel to the proposal (for officer family accommodation) and it was placed on an attractive greenfield site. There was good car parking space per house and the present native tree buffer was being maintained.

**Points for attention:**

1. The Leap (play area) has been placed adjacent to the entry point just off the new roundabout. There is a green barrier but it is close to Horne Road.
2. Connectivity for all new developments was important particularly as there was a limited bus service along this route. Cycle pathways were needed to link into the garrison and out towards Tunstall.
3. Post box should be requested. Dog and litter bins should be supplied with the development.
4. To support the green agenda, all houses should have sustainable energy ground source heat pumps and solar panels installed at build. Charging points for electric cars.

**21/00180/Approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for Service Family Accommodation (maximum of 170 units) at land north of Le Cateau Primary School, Catterick Garrison DL9 4QP**

Reasonable density of housing, well placed for access by car from Scotton or Horne Road, on bus routes and part of the Garrison cycleway. White Shops very close by with Princes Gate shops easily accessible.

**Points for attention:**

1. Is there an education contribution being made? If the local schools cannot use this, what is the alternative use of the money?
2. As above dog and litter bins should be supplied with the development.
3. To support the green agenda, all houses should have sustainable energy ground source heat pumps and solar panels installed at build. Charging points for electric cars.

**Site visit to Colburn Leisure Centre made on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April regarding the possible purchase of a piece of scrubland next to the car park and 19 St Cuthberts Close**

**Attended by Charlene Thirlwell (Chair of Planning Committee) with Cllrs Angela Dale, Colin Lyne & Mincher. Austin Gordon (Richmondshire Leisure Trust) and owners of property**

The new houses back onto a strip of overgrown scrub which is open to fly tipping and is not used by the Leisure Centre. The houses have small gardens and the owners of no 19 wanted to investigate clearing their strip for enlarging their garden up to the existing curb of the car park. This would also give them a rear access. Austin confirmed that the area was not included in proposed plans to increase the size of car parking. An adjoining neighbour may be interested in doing the same if the costs were not too high.

It was agreed that the Town Council cannot give away land to residents; the residents are prepared to make a financial contribution to the Leisure Centre and pay legal costs.

It was agreed by Councillors that the whole strip was untidy and would benefit from the scrub bushes and self-seeded trees being removed. Any agreement must not be a cost to the Town Council.

**The Way forward**

The clerk would visit to get an accurate description of the size of strip and seek likely legal cost from our solicitors with regard to changing the lease and re-registration with the Land Registry office. Cost of legal fees would probably be the limiting factor for the owners of the property.

Meeting ended 7.10 pm