

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00884/CB3 – ASTLEY HALL, ASTLEY PARK, PARK ROAD, CHORLEY

1. The Development Control Committee, at its meeting on 9 December 2007, considered an application for deemed planning permission for the installation of a CCTV system including six cameras (located on Astley Hall, The Coach House, wall mounted and on poles in the grounds) and eight loudspeaker horns on the roof of Astley Hall and the Coach House.
2. The Committee were minded to support the application, but, as the Council's Constitution precludes the Development Control Committee's determination of Council applications for deemed planning permission, the application requires to be submitted before the full Council for decision.
3. A copy of the report of the Corporate Director (Business) on the proposals, which were considered by the Development Control Committee at the meeting, is attached to enable Members to be aware of all the pertinent factors.
4. An application for Listed Building Consent was to be submitted to the Government Office North West for approval.
5. Members requested that additional information be reported to full Council on the operational activity of the cameras, whilst not a material planning consideration in determining the application, Members felt that the system needed to adequately address the problems identified around the buildings to justify the positioning of the cameras in the required locations.
6. Since the Committee meeting took place, clarification regarding the operational activity of the cameras has been sought. The cameras will record 24hours a day. When the system is armed, for example when the Hall is closed, then if the sensors detect movement an operator will be alerted and would monitor the cameras. The operator could then speak via the speakerhorns and, if necessary, instigate a police response. The armed system could be set to come on automatically or, using intelligence, when instructed. There may of course be changes to the operational activity in the future.
7. Confirmation has also been obtained that the CCTV system is not dependant on a separate lighting scheme, as the cameras have infra red lighting.

Recommendation

8. The Development Control Committee recommends the Council to grant planning permission to planning application 08/00884/CB4 for the installation of a CCTV system including six cameras (located on Astley Hall, The Coach House, wall mounted and on poles in the grounds) and eight loudspeaker horns on the roof of Astley Hall and The Coach House, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed development must be begun not later than three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Prior to commencement of the development, full details of the colour and finish for the poles, cameras and loudspeaker horns hereby permitted, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The poles, cameras and loudspeakers shall be retained in accordance with the agreed details at all times thereafter, unless details of an alternative colour scheme and finish have first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development which would not detract from the character and appearance of the listed buildings and the historic park & garden, and in accordance with PPG15 and Policy Nos. LT7 and HT13 of the Chorley Borough Local Plan Review.

3. Prior to commencement of the development, full details of the positioning of any cable runs to support the CCTV system hereby permitted, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The cable runs shall be retained in accordance with the agreed details at all times thereafter, unless details of an alternative scheme have first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development which would not detract from the character and appearance of the listed buildings and the historic park & garden, and in accordance with PPG15 and Policy Nos. LT7 and HT13 of the Chorley Borough Local Plan Review.

COUNCILLOR GREG MORGAN
Chair of Development Control Committee

There are no background papers to this report.

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