

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

#### **1. Planning and Development**

The following major planning applications have been approved by the Planning and Development Committee;

- The proposal for 124 houses and associated roads, drains and landscape work at Hemlington Grange;
- An 85 bed nursing home at Low Lane, adjacent with Strait Lane, Stainton;
- Revision of the design for some house types on the Ladgate Lane Police HQ site
- Revised design for phase 2 of the Douglas House site on Marton Road/Borough Road for 109 student residential units.
- The development of the former Wee Willie Public House site, off Evesham Road for an eight bedrooled care home.

Major applications being processed and awaiting Committee decision are;

- The extension to the South side of the Parkway Centre at Coulby Newham to create five additional units.
- A Health and Well-being Hub over four floors of the Dundas House development, off the Dundas Arcade shopping area
- A residential development of 51 new homes at the site of the former Middlesbrough Teaching and Learning Centre (MTLC), Cargo Fleet Lane as phase 2 of Gleeson's Homes.

#### **2. Acklam Hall – Phase Three Medical – Planning Application**

The development of Acklam Hall approaches its next phase with the latest planning application to be presented before the Planning and Development Committee in July 2016

The proposed medical facility will host outpatients and a 19 bed ward to service minor inpatient procedures. This proposal represents the third phase of a five-phase business case to sustain Acklam Hall.

The proposed medical unit also provides new skilled employment opportunities and supports the Health and Social Care agenda in Middlesbrough; by providing the most modern and effective healthcare facilities for our residents.

#### **3. Middlesbrough Jobs Fair**

Middlesbrough Council is planning a summer jobs fair on Wednesday 13th July 2016, 10am - 3pm, to be held at Middlesbrough College.

In partnership with Middlesbrough College, DWP, MTLC, NCS the fair will host a range of business exhibitors and support organisations to promote the jobs available in the area and to support and guide people into work. Key companies confirmed include Holiday Inn, Marstons Pubs, NHS and Hitachi. The local Youth Employment Initiative will also be launched at this event. Free transport from the community hubs and the town centre will also be available.

#### 4. Bedford Street and Orange Pip Market

Seven of the eight independent food and beverage businesses have opened on Bedford Street bringing a distinct and unique offering to Middlesbrough's retail sector. Businesses include:

- The Nuthatch (cocktail and spirit bar)
- The Curing House (restaurant)
- The Chairman (craft ale micro public house)
- Bedford Street Coffee House (First retail venture for local coffee roasters Rountons, providing fully Traceable and Certified Speciality Coffee)
- Songbird Bakery
- Barbarossa Pizza Kitchen
- Mohujos (Mexican restaurant)

Local Urban Regeneration Specialists Developer, Jomast, has invested considerably to support the regeneration of the properties and bring them back into use. Middlesbrough Council has invested £200,000 into public realm improvements to retain the Victorian heritage of the street.

The final business, Roast (an upmarket carvery) is due to open next month.



Orange Pip, the artisan street food market, launched on Baker Street on 28<sup>th</sup> May to great success. Featuring 15 artisan food traders, 7 professional artists and 4 live music acts, the street saw over 3000 people visit on the day.

Traders by and large completely sold out of produce and Baker and Bedford Street businesses saw a sharp increase in business. Bars such as The Twisted Lip reported takings on a par with a match day and new bar The Slater's Pick were delighted with 'phenomenal' takings during the day. Songbird Bakery sold 500 cupcakes in just less than 2 hours – left the stall to make more batches – returned at 4.30pm and sold out again. Chillicake Deli had completely run out of food by 4pm proving that visitors voted with their feet and pockets.

We received praise from traders and customers alike, many of whom made the effort to email and tell us what they thought of the event; 'magical' 'an absolute triumph' and 'a blend of craft, music, entertainment and, of course, food was nothing short of masterful!!' were just some of the amazing comments sent to us.

## **5. Middlesbrough Economic Development Update**

Work is now complete at Charles Clinkard's new £3m head office and warehouse in Middlesbrough, Cannon Park.

There is a preferred bidder for Melrose House to refurbish the premises for business use.

Acklam Hall's new business rooms have attracted 3 new businesses to relocate.

On a Roll Sandwich Co has won two more national awards following its major expansion on Riverside Park

Creams Café has opened on Ground Floor of Central Point business centre along Linthorpe Road.

Regeneration continues on Albert Road with the opening of new hair salon Anthony James and the current refurbishment of 4 derelict properties by Jomast Developers.

## **6. Ernie Vickers**

Members may be aware that on 30<sup>th</sup> June Ernie Vickers, Development Control Manager retired after nearly 43 years of service. Ernie was an ever present member of the Council's planning team and was at the centre of most developments that happened in the town.

During his time at Middlesbrough Council Ernie has been an ambassador and champion not just for Planning but for the town, and if you were fortunate enough to have come into contact with him during your time as a Councillor, I can guarantee that he would have dealt with you with the utmost professionalism, integrity, excellent customer service and will have helped you navigate the planning process. It would be impossible to find anyone who had anything but the utmost praise for Ernie. His dedication to his work and his pragmatic approach has been important in attracting development in to the town and in making it a place where developers wish to invest. Ernie will be sorely missed, and a difficult act to follow, not least because of his flamboyant performances at Planning Committee.