

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 AUGUST 2011

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last update report to OSB the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel has met on one occasion, on 15 August 2011.
3. At the panel's meeting on the 15 August the panel undertook a site visit to Acklam Hall, prior to its formal meeting, in order to provide Members of the panel with the opportunity to visit Acklam Hall as part of its review on this topic.
4. The panel then held its formal meeting at Acklam Hall and received a presentation from the developers on their proposals for the site. The Practice Manager for Woodlands Medical Practice was also present at the meeting.
5. In addition to receiving evidence from the developer the North East's Planning Advisor and Team Leader for English Heritage was in attendance at the meeting. He outlined for the panel English Heritage's concerns in respect of the current proposals and what action would need to be taken to address these concerns.
6. The panel was advised that although efforts have been made by the developer to address the design concerns raised by English Heritage, particularly with regard to the proposed housing element for the site, there are still a number of areas where English Heritage's requirements have not been met.

7. English Heritage expressed the view in their written submission to the panel that much work still needs to be done to resolve all the contractual and design issues before planning and listed building consent applications are determined.
8. In addition to considering the review topic of Acklam Hall a scoping paper on the topic of Enterprise Zones, which detailed possible terms of reference for this review topic, was presented to the panel for its consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and the updated position.

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