



HARTLEPOOL
BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department:

Division:

Date of Decision / Issue
of Licence:

Officer Making Decision: MRS DG MCGUCKIN

Subject / Description &
Reason for Decision:
(for publication)

Due to an administrative error the boundary line for the Hartlepool Development Corporation (HDC) has been incorrectly drawn resulting in a small overlap between the jurisdiction of the HDC and Hartlepool Borough Council as the planning authority.

A planning application has since come forward to develop a site off Maritime Avenue which is predominantly within the HDC. In terms of determining the planning application, it would be better if this was to be determined by one planning authority rather than a cross boundary application. Given the majority of the site sits within the HDC and it was always the intention that this full site rest solely within the HDC boundary, it is proposed to delegate our planning function to the HDC to allow them to determine the full application on this occasion.

The Council would still be consulted on any application coming forward through the existing neighbouring authority arrangements and the principle of the development was previously agreed under application H/FUL/0638/01.

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised:	<p>In line with the constitution it is proposed to use delegation MD8.</p> <p>MD8</p> <p>In consultation with the Leader (or in his absence the Deputy Leader), Chair of the relevant Committee (or in his absence Vice Chair) Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, the Managing Director (or in his/her absence the authorised Executive Director) may take a decision normally reserved to Full Council or a Committee where:</p> <p>(a) Failure to take the decision quickly would, or would be likely to, harm the interests of the Council and the public.</p> <p>(b) The decision is so urgent that it cannot wait until the next meeting of the Committee at which the decision would normally be taken.</p> <p>The decision together with the reason as to why it was determined urgent must be recorded on an Officer Decision Record. The record of urgent decisions will be held by the Democratic Services team and will be made available for inspection.</p> <p>Without using this delegation, part a would apply in that the planning application could not be determined in time which would jeopardise a significant amount of external funding being used on this site before the deadline of March 2025. This delegation covers all 7 sites although errors have only been identified on 3 of the sites to date.</p>
Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:	<p>Given the small errors in the boundary drawing, a cross boundary application would not be suitable as the element of HBC area is too small to have an impact on the wider development.</p>
Any Declared Register of Interest:	No

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