



Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee of Hetton Town Council held at The Hetton Centre, DH5 9NE on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Present

Cllr J Bonsal, Cllr D Geddis, Cllr L Gibson and Cllr K Rowham

In attendance

Lisa Hall, Town Clerk

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Waterston (Holiday), Cllr J Defty (Work), Cllr K Angus (Holiday) and Cllr B Little (Holiday).

Committee **approved** the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation:

There were no members of the public present.

4. Planning application(s) notified by Sunderland City Council:

26/01501/FUL

1 Weardale Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0DZ

Erection of a single storey extension to side

Committee made **no objections**.

26/01687/MAW

Eppleton Quarry Downs Pit Lane/Lindsay Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NH
The extraction of sand and limestone from Eppleton Quarry up until 2048 (a time extension of 8 years) and the importation of 5.6 million tonnes of material over a 21-year period to infill the resulting void and to restore the quarry. Restoration as extension to Hetton Lyons Country Park.

Committee made **no objections**.

26/00922/FUL

Adjacent 36 Lorne Street Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring

Erection of a two-storey residential dwelling with detached garage and stable block, new access and associated landscaping

Committee made **no objections**.

JA/83359

Proposed Traffic Regulations – Pedestrian Crossings and Speed Humps

The Committee made **no objections**; however, Members queried why speed bumps were being proposed instead of chicanes, which they felt would be more effective. The Town Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

JA/83312

Proposed Traffic Regulations – No Waiting

Committee made **no objections**.

5. Sunderland Local Plan Scoping Consultation:

The Committee agreed that this agenda item required further discussion by Full Council. However, Members identified several potential comments for consideration:

- Clarification was requested as to why the road from Murton to Easington Lane was never completed and whether there are still plans to complete this route.
- Members raised concerns regarding the use of Section 106 (S106) funding and queried whether Sunderland City Council intends to continue using the current model. It was felt that S106 funding should be spent within the area directly affected by the associated development, with regular updates provided on how contributions have been allocated and spent.
- Members felt that new development should be on brownfield land rather than Green Belt land.
- It was suggested that, as part of agreements relating to large-scale developments, developers should be required to contribute towards the restoration or improvement of several derelict or run-down properties within the local area.

6. Update on outstanding planning matters:

The Town Clerk noted that a response had been received from Bridget Phillipson MP regarding the concerns raised by the Town Council in relation to changes to national planning policy. Ms Phillipson confirmed that, as requested, she would make representations to the Ministry of Housing on behalf of the Town Council to highlight its concerns.

Meeting closed at 5.50pm