

Report to: **Development Management and Licensing Committee**

Date: **24 November 2020**

Title: **Development Management Action Plan**

Portfolio Area: **Cllr Caroline Mott**

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: Immediately following this meeting

Author: **Pat Whymer** Role: **Head of Development Management Practice**

Contact: **Telephone: 01803861396/email: patrick.whymer@swdevon.gov.uk**

Recommendations:

That the Development Management and Licensing Committee be RECOMMENDED to adopt the Action Plan (as attached at Appendix A) and note that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a progress update on the Plan within the next six months.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Development Management and Licensing Committee held on 27 October 2020 a review of the process followed in the determination of Planning Application 3614/18 – Land at Plymouth Road Tavistock was considered by the Committee (Minute DM&L 13 refers).
- 1.2 One of the recommendations of the review that was approved by the Committee was that the 'Head of Planning prepare an action plan to implement the recommendations of the review undertaken by the Senior Legal Specialist and present it to the next Committee meeting to be held on 24 November 2020'.
- 1.3 The draft Action Plan at Appendix A sets out the steps/actions that will be undertaken in respect of all of the recommendations contained within the review which were approved by the Committee at the meeting held on 27 October 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the last meeting of the Development Management and Licensing Committee held on 27 October 2020 a review of the process followed in the determination of Planning Application 3614/18 – Land at Plymouth Road Tavistock was considered.
- 2.2 The purpose of the review was not to review the individual planning permission but to identify ways in which the Council might learn and improve.
- 2.3 The review makes a series of recommendations which will help the Council to deliver a more efficient and effective service and improve how it works with its communities.
- 2.4 The Development Management and Licensing Committee at the meeting held on 27 October 2020 approved the recommendations within the review relating to the proposed Actions within the Action Plan at Appendix A.
- 2.5 One of the recommendations of the review approved by the Committee was that the Head of Planning prepare an action plan to implement the other recommendations of the review.
- 2.6 The Action Plan at Appendix A sets out the steps/actions that are proposed to be undertaken in respect of all of the recommendations contained within the review together with a timescale for each action.

3. Outcomes/outputs

- 3.1 The proposed actions will ensure that the aims of the review to deliver a more effective and efficient Development Management Service are achieved.
- 3.2 Progress against the action plan will be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Options available and consideration of risk

- 4.1 The review considered at the last meeting of the Development Management and Licensing Committee considered that there was a risk of similar issues arising in the future and that an Action Plan was required to set out the issues that will be addressed.

5. Proposed Way Forward

- 5.1 The Action Plan sets out a number of actions on how the approved recommendations from the review will be implemented.

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	The Review explained that with regard to determining planning applications, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 sets out the statutory framework within which decisions are to be made and while the Council's Scheme of Delegation under the Local Government Act 1972 sets out who is to make the decision and any internal procedures to be followed.
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	Y	There are no direct financial implications to the Action Plan. However the impact of some of the actions when implemented could have an impact on the level of staff resource required within the Development Management Service.
Risk	Y	The Actions will reduce the risks of reputational damage, poor performance and customer dissatisfaction.
Supporting Corporate Strategy	Y	The Actions will help to deliver an effective and efficient Development Management service while protecting the built and natural environment.
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact	N	There are no direct climate change, carbon or bio-diversity impacts arising from the actions in the plan.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity	N	There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report
Safeguarding	N	There are no direct safeguarding implications arising from this report.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	N	There are no direct community safety, crime and disorder implications arising from this report.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	N	There are no health, safety and wellbeing implications arising from this noting report.
Other implications		

Supporting Information **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Development Management Draft Action Plan

Background Papers:

Review of the process followed in connection with Planning Application 3614/18/OPA – Land at SX482725 Plymouth Road, Tavistock.

Development Management & Licensing Committee minutes – 27 October meeting.

Approval and clearance of report

Process checklist	Completed
Portfolio Holder briefed/sign off	Yes/No
SLT Rep briefed/sign off	Yes
Relevant Heads of Practice sign off (draft)	Yes
Data protection issues considered	Yes
Accessibility checked	Yes