

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

ABERDEEN, 11th February, 2010. - Minute of Meeting of the LOCAL REVIEW BODY OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL. Present:- Councillor McCaig, Chairperson; and Councillors Hunter and Penny.

REVIEW

1. 29 OSBORNE PLACE, ABERDEEN – REAR HOUSE EXTENSION. The Local Review Body of Aberdeen City Council met this day to review the decision taken by an appointed officer under the Council's Scheme of Delegation, to refuse the application (091539) for planning permission in respect of the erection of a rear house extension at 29 Osborne Place, Aberdeen.

Councillor McCaig, as Chairperson, opened the meeting by referring to the review documents circulated and the photographs and plans on display, after which he invited the Assistant Clerk to outline the procedure to be followed. Having heard the Clerk, the Local Review Body were then addressed by the Planning Team Leader, Mr. Pillath, who was acting as the planning adviser to the Local Review Body in this case. It was made clear by the Chairperson at the outset that the planning adviser, although an employee of the planning authority (Aberdeen City Council), had had no involvement at any stage in the processing and determination of the application under review. The planning adviser thereupon provided the Local Review Body with a detailed description of the application proposal which included certain background information relating to the approval of an earlier application for a slightly different rear house extension on the same site. The reasons for refusal of the application under review were identified by the planning adviser who also outlined, for the benefit of the Local Review Body, the basis of the applicant's case for a review of that decision.

At this point the Chairperson formally invited the Local Review Body to consider the manner in which the review should be conducted and in doing so drew attention to the applicant's stated preference that the matter should proceed by means of one or more hearing sessions and a site inspection.

The considered view of all three members of the Local Review Body as stated during the meeting, was that the determining issues in respect of the application under review were not sufficiently complex or controversial as would warrant a hearing session. The members did consider, however, that a site inspection would assist them in their consideration of the likely impact of the proposed extension on the original dwellinghouse and on neighbouring properties.

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The Local Review Body resolved:-

- (i) that consideration of the review be suspended;
- (ii) that an accompanied site inspection be undertaken at a time convenient for all parties; and
- (iii) that, if appropriate, the review be determined immediately following the site inspection.

- CALLUM McCAIG, Chairperson.