



REPORT OF Head of Communities & Place

To: Community and Resources Committee

Subject: Submission of Planning Applications

Date: 22nd March 2021

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Member approval for the submission of planning applications for works on various Council owned land.

1.0 Introduction

We are required to obtain Member approval for the submission of planning applications for works that require planning consent on any Council owned land.

We are currently progressing small projects that do not in themselves require a full report to committee but will however require approval to submit a planning application.

The individual sites and properties are detailed within the body of this brief report.

2.0 Report Considerations

The Project & Estates Team we are required to submit a series of planning applications for a range of works detailed as follows:

1. The Coastal Engineer has successfully completed the interim defence works at Westward Ho! These works were originally considered not to require a planning application, but the subsequent advice indicated that a retrospective application would be required for the interim defence works. A retrospective planning application is being prepared by the EA Framework Consultants that were appointed for the scheme.
2. The Estates Team are currently assessing the internal works required to provide an interim temporary accommodation unit within our vacant office premises at 8A Cooper Street in Bideford. Although the works are internal and modest in content, the change of use from office to residential will require a formal planning application. This work is in hand to prepare and submit for approval.

3. The Estates team are also involved in the provision of relocation works for the Bideford Town Council Container from within Victoria Park to an alternative location in the Cattle Market waste bay compound area.
4. A similar application will also be required for the siting of a pair of storage containers within the garden area of the Riverbank House Car Park. The containers have already been purchased for temporary storage of the Burrows Centre exhibition specimens and will be re-purposed for use as storage facilities for the Parking and Caretaking Teams.

We therefore seek Member approval for the submission of the planning applications associated with the above.

3.0 Summary

We are required to obtain approval for the submission of any planning application for works to projects or properties on Council owned land.

4.0 Recommendation

That Members approve the preparation and submission of the planning applications required for the following:

1. Westward Ho! Linear Defence Interim Works.
2. Change of Use of 8A Cooper Street, Bideford.
3. Relocation of Bideford Town Council Storage Container in the Cattle Market.
4. Siting of two storage containers within the Riverbank House garden area.

5.0 Implications

Legal Implications

Planning legislation.

Financial Implications

None other than application fees.

Human Resources Implications

Officer input into managing the works.

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

N/A

Equality/Diversity

N/A

Risk Management

N/A

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

N/A

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

N/A

Lead Members

Various consultations with Lead, Ward members and Leadership and other member working groups.

Unable to receive specific comment from Cllr Hicks as lead member for property due to IT problems.

Officers Consulted

Senior Management Team

Contact Officer – Adrian Redwood.