

Report of Development Control Chair

The planning team continue to deal with an increased volume of planning applications which is very positive news for the Town. The planning committees role is very important as they often deal with some of the larger development proposal that the Council receive. Recently the committee has approved two outline planning applications, one for up to 73 houses on the former Lodge Mill site off Barden Lane and one to convert some upper floor space in the Town centre, above shops on Croft and Yorkshire Street, to 32 apartments. These applications are only outline and the applicants will need to come back to the Council for approval of the detail of these developments. Committee has seen a variety of applications recently including household extensions, small commercial units and applications to change the use of existing buildings which all help to meet the demands of our growing economy.