DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 21st February, 2012 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Banks (Vice-Chairman) (In the Chair) Councillors Barlow, J Jones, Mrs Roberts, Ryder, Southall, Mrs Turner, S Turner and Mrs Wilson.

OFFICERS:-

Mr J Butler, Mrs H Martin, Mr D Owen, Mr G Collings, (all Directorate of the Urban Environment), Mrs G Breakwell and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

61 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Wilson and Ms Harris.

62 <u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS</u>

It was reported that Councillors Ryder and S Turner had been appointed as substitute members for Councillors C Wilson and Ms Harris for this meeting only.

63 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

No Member made a declaration of interest in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

64 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30th January, 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

65 SITE VISIT

Consideration was given to the following planning application in respect of which a site visit had been made on Thursday, 16th February, 2012, by Members of the Committee.

Plan No P11/1584 – 62 Kirkstone Way, Brierley Hill – Single Storey and Two Storey Side Extension

The Chairman reported that the recommendation of the Site Visiting Working Party had been that of refusal for the reasons as set out in the report submitted.

A Member commented that he was of the view that the application should be supported and reference was made to the previous approved Planning Application No P11/0571 relating to the side extension to create a garage and it was highlighted that the storage area was to be above the garage, the sloping roof had been taken into account on the approved plans and the height of the extension was only marginally smaller than the current plans. The current proposal was aesthetically pleasing, suited to the location and street scene, there were no letters of objection and all three Ward Councillors were in support of the application.

Decision: Approved, for the following reason:-

The proposal would be acceptable in terms of its size and design and would remain in keeping with the original building and the street scene. It is considered that there would be no harm caused to the character of the area or on the amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring properties. The decision to grant planning permission has been taken with regard to the policies and proposals in the adopted Black Country Joint Core Strategy (2011), the saved UDP (2005) and to all other relevant material considerations.

66 PLANS AND APPLICATIONS TO DEVELOP

Prior to full consideration of the remaining plans and applications to develop, the meeting was suspended due to the illness of a member of the public present at the meeting. In view of the circumstances, the remaining applications would be submitted to a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN