

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SITE VISITS) PANEL

**Minutes of a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SITE VISITS) PANEL
held on Thursday, 30th July, 2009
at 8.30 am in the Marion Attwood Room, Council Offices**

Present: Councillor Samper (Chairman)
Councillor Eden-Green, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Pickersgill
(In place of Councillor Patterson) and Councillor Vickers

Officers in attendance:

Richard Adkins	- Planning Inspector
Alison Gravett	- Planning Inspector
Liz Kerr	- Planning Inspector
David Sime	- Planning Inspector
Graham Finch	- Senior Democratic Services Officer (Executive & Council)

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Samper be Chairman of the Panel for the Council Year 2009/10.

2 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Councillor McCabe be Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the Council Year 2009/10.

3 **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Patterson.

4 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of any interests at the meeting.

5 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 7 May 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure of exempt

information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act or the Freedom of Information Act or both.

7 ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONTROLS
(Exempt Information)

The Panel considered the report of the Head of Development Services on the progress of enforcement cases.

The Planning Inspectors in the Enforcement Team explained the present position for each case. Details of a statistical analysis of the caseload for the Enforcement Team for the financial years 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 were reported to the Panel.

A Member drew attention to concerns regarding various aspects of a development at a rural site. The Officers advised on the planning issues, the need for the current activities at the site to be monitored and for further evidence to be provided in order to establish whether there has been any breach of the planning controls and if any enforcement action should be taken.

In the light of the number of current enforcement cases, a Member asked, whether a more proactive approach could be taken by the council in giving advice to owners and occupiers of properties about the potential implications of any development on the future sale of their property. The Officers advised that, where appropriate, advice was currently given on the matter.

A Member drew attention to the display of advertisements in telephone kiosks. The Panel Members were advised that this was permitted development with the exception of telephone kiosks in Conservation Areas. If there were concerns about particular sites, the Members were requested to provide details for the Officers to look into matter.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the Officers look into whether there has been compliance with the terms of the Section 106 Agreement for the residential development at the former Nunnery Fields Hospital, Canterbury.
- (c) That the Officers investigate whether there has been a breach of a condition of the planning permission regarding the colour of the stable building at the rural site now referred to.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 am