

## **Planning Committee Fact Finding Visit**

**20 November 2018**

Present: Councillors T Brady, C Davis, S Graham, M A Green, F Lott, D McMeekan and L Spillard.

Apologies: Councillor P Mason.

Officers: R Andison & J Palmer (Planning)  
T Crowe & M Robson (Law & Governance)  
D McCall (Engineering Services)

All Members of the Planning Committee had been invited to attend the site visit, together with the relevant ward councillors. The purpose of the visit was to allow members of the Committee to undertake a fact finding exercise.

### **17/01689/FUL Preston Towers, Preston Road, North Shields (Preston Ward)**

Proposal: Change of use of existing Preston Towers from nursing home to 4 houses and 6 apartments, development of 4 new detached houses and construction of new access from the unadopted road to the south of the site.

Members met on site where the planning officers outlined details of the proposed development with the aid of plans. Members walked around and viewed the existing Preston Towers building and its relationship with neighbouring properties. Members also stood at the location of the proposed 4 no. new detached houses to view its location in relationship to existing trees, neighbouring properties and the unadopted road to the south of the site.

Members asked questions and sought clarification on a range of issues including:

- a) the location of the proposed new access to the site from the unadopted road to the south of the site;
- b) the details of the number and location of trees to be felled;
- c) the proposed car parking arrangements taking into account the car parking and access for existing neighbouring residents; and
- d) access for refuse collection vehicles.