Amendments

- [x] Amended layout of ~~buildings~~/outside areas
- [ ] Additional background information
- [x] Amended design
- [ ] Revised access arrangements
- [ ] Change of description of proposed development
- [ ] Change in site boundaries
- [ ] Other (as specified below)

Wendy Strangeway

From: Helen Webster
Sent: 02 November 2011 08:38
To: Planning
Subject: FW: NYM/2011/0469/FL & NYM/2011/0470/LB
Attachments: revised1.pdf; revised2.pdf

Please print and book out to me.
Thanks,

Miss Helen Webster
Planning Officer

North York Moors National Park Authority

From: Charles Webb
Sent: 01 November 2011 17:31
To: Helen Webster
Subject: RE: NYM/2011/0469/FL & NYM/2011/0470/LB

Dear Helen
This is interesting. I received your note below, after my wife having clearly been told by Wendy, on the Thursday of the Planning Meeting that we were – I quote – "good to go", on this application. Given that we had been told that the compromise could be agreed to by CF through delegated powers, this seemed – and remains – a reasonable message from the National Park. Until I got this note.

Before I go on, it is worth recapping: I was offered a compromise that could be agreed with delegated powers. The alternative was the threat that, although no other body or individual objected, the Department would oppose the Application. I was, as I said immediately, prepared to compromise if I could be told the argumentation of the Department in this oddly stubborn stance. However, although the Planning Department had made up its collective mind to oppose our original application, you had been unable – in spite of repeated requests over several weeks - to deliver any explanation of its argumentation. It would not be reasonable for me to accept the objections of a department that couldn't come up with an argumentation. Not least because the previous argumentation about the demolition put forward from the planning department was simply embarrassingly bad. Edward did deliver a well-argued argument, including stuff I hadn't heard before, [which notably made no use of the two main planks of your Department's previous defence of that wall]. I don't agree with all his points or priorities, but I consider them valid enough that the Committee would be likely to ask us to at least try that arrangement.

But he only delivered the arguments on the Monday afternoon before the Committee meeting. Although CF seems from the evidence to have forwarded these straight to me, and I responded pretty well immediately, somehow the decision was taken that the Department was suddenly committed to putting the case to the Committee. I cannot help wondering how the argumentation arrived weeks after the decision, and somehow the "delegated powers" compromise that I was offered evaporated as soon as I agreed to it. Were this to be reviewed the email traffic would look ridiculous and the process irrational.

Either way, as we were no longer asking to demolish anything other than through the adjusting of a thirty metre wall/railing by a metre or so, it didn't seem that there was much to argue about. Edward had made it clear that the gate pillars would be an enhancement. You had suggested – if we lose the new wall - that as we lose the curving shoulders. This was reflected in my amended application. You now, retrospectively, ask for revised drawings. Fair enough, please find attached the variances.

Now you tell me that the amended application is going to be recirculated, and IF there are no objections, it will be approved. WHAT? What happened to the delegated powers? If someone now objects do we have to go back to Committee? Given that our much greater demolition plans were refreshingly uncontroversial, and the principle that delegated powers should reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, what possible explanation is there for this? I know, I shouldn't be too worried, as I understand that the parish council couldn't understand the original application and failed to respond at all a few weeks ago. But this is Thornton Dale, and now we want to do *less*, we will probably get a reaction ; the compromise is now dependent on a new round of pointless bureaucracy.

To cap it all, it would now appear that Wendy was premature in telling us that we were good to go with our work. I suspect that she was applying common sense, which in these circumstances was unwise. Well, we *have* got on with it, and the low wall has been shifted. We haven't got round to building the pillars yet, only because I wasn't happy with the availability of matching stone. We now have the stone we need. The railings have been at the blacksmith's for repair and are now being painted.

In this pantomime it seems traditional at this stage for your Enforcement colleagues to appear from stage left to try to stop us building an airport or something. This will be unwelcome.

In the light of your letter I have suspended any further work for the next few days because I hope you will soon establish that Thornton Dale Parish Council [anybody else?] have no objection to the plan that they had no objection to not going ahead. [Yes, read that slowly.] I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest possible date. I object strongly to being put in a position where it might appear that we are across the line when your department's management of this has created this situation.

Kind regards

Charles Webb

From: Helen Webster
Sent: 28 October 2011 11:18
To: Charles Webb
Subject: NYM/2011/0469/FL & NYM/2011/0470/LB

By E-Mail and Second Class Post

Dear Mr Webb

Demolition of Existing Section of Wall together with the Construction of New Boundary Wall, Restoration of Existing Wall, Replacement Steel Railings and Gateposts and Re-surfacing of Drive with Gravel at Beck Hall, Priestman's Lane, Thornton Dale

I refer to the above application which was presented to the Authority's Planning Committee on 20 October 2011.

At the meeting, Members agreed to delegate approval to the Director of Planning subject to there being no adverse comments received in response to the amended plans. I note that you provided written confirmation and a description of the amendments requested by Officers by e-mail dated 11 October 2011. However, in order to progress the application towards a decision, I should be grateful to receive two copies of amended plans at your earliest convenience.

I trust that the above request is acceptable to you but if you would like to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

H. Webster

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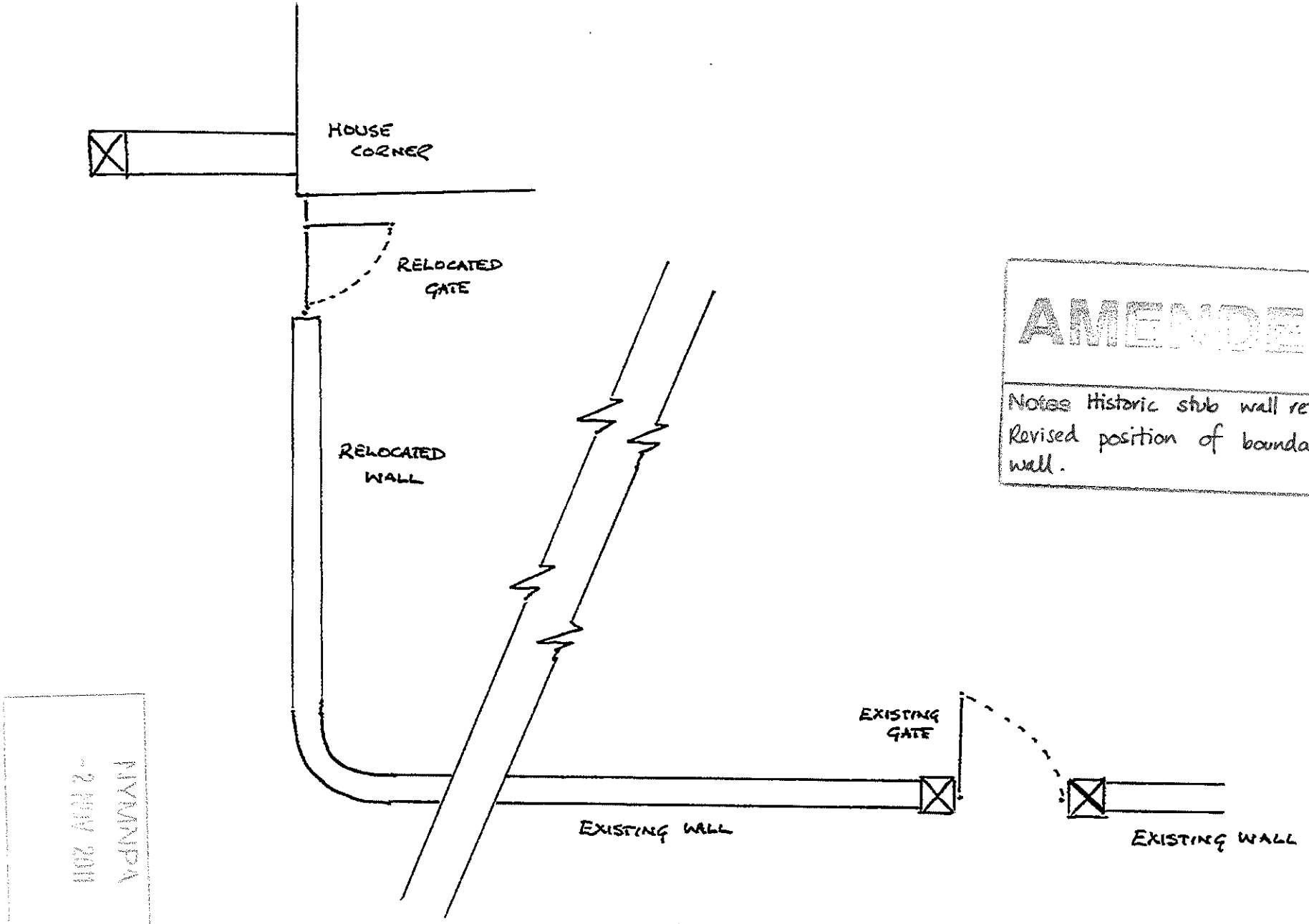

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Notes Historic stub wall retained.
Revised position of boundary wall.

BECK HALL PLAN

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Notes
Revised design of stone gate posts.

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ELEVATION

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