

P32. DEVELOPMENT FOR COAL BED METHANE PRODUCTION, INCLUDING DRILLING, WELL SITE ESTABLISHMENT AT 14 LOCATIONS, INTER-SITE CONNECTION SERVICES, SITE ACCESS TRACKS, A GAS DELIVERY AND WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, ANCILLARY FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED WATER OUTFALL POINT AT LETHAM MOSS, FALKIRK FK2 8RT FOR DART ENERGY - P/12/0521/FUL

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 June 2013 by the Director of Development Services in relation to an application for full planning permission to expand an existing network of coal bed methane wells and associated infrastructure at Letham Moss, Falkirk.

AGREED:-

- (1) to advise the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals that, as at the date of lodging of the appeal, the Council had had no opportunity to evaluate the information most recently provided by the applicant in response to the application, that information having been supplied on the date the appeal was lodged;
- (2) that the Reporter, in the absence of analysis of the information the Council considers necessary to allow determination of the appeal and evaluation thereof, be asked to refuse the appeal;
- (3) to co-operate in the appeal process and provide any information requested by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) with the Director of Development Services being authorised to prepare and submit to the DPEA the Council's response to the appeal made by the applicant and to handle the appeal process for the Council;
- (4) to authorise the Director of Development Services to engage such external advisers to assist in the Council's participation in the appeal process as she thinks fit; and
- (5) to instruct the Director of Development Services to intimate to the Reporter that the Council recommends a public inquiry be held as part of the appeal process to conclude outstanding matters within a public forum, reflecting the complexity of issues and responding to the high level of public interest in the application.