

Councillor Martin left the meeting during discussion of the following item of business.

P88. ERECTION OF WIND TURBINE, CONSTRUCTION OF SUB-STATION BUILDING AND CRANE PAD AND UPGRADING OF ACCESS TRACK AT GARDRUM FARM, FALKIRK FK1 2DQ FOR WIND HARVEST - P/12/0516/FUL

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the erection of a wind turbine, construction of sub-station and crane pad and upgrading of access track at Gardrum Farm, Falkirk.

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant planning permission subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The development hereby approved shall be implemented in accordance with the plan(s) itemised in the informative below and forming part of this permission unless a variation is required by a condition of the permission or a non-material variation has been agreed in writing by Falkirk Council as Planning Authority.
- (2) Prior to operation, the proposed turbine shall be fitted with infrared aviation lighting with an optimised flash pattern of 60 flashes per minute of 200ms to 500ms duration at the highest practicable point.
- (3) Prior to initiation of development, the applicant shall inform, in writing, the Ministry of Defence of:
 - the date construction will start and end,
 - the maximum height of construction equipment, and
 - the latitude and longitude of the turbine.
- (4) Should complaints of noise be received as a result of the operation of the wind turbine, the operator shall, at its expense, employ an independent consultant (not financially involved) approved by the Planning Authority to assess the level of noise emissions from the wind turbine in relation to that specified in the original application (35dB(A)) at the nearest noise sensitive receptor. The report shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for perusal with a view to prevent noise disturbance.

Reason(s):

- (1) As these drawings and details constitute the approved development.
- (2) The development would not be acceptable without these additional works.
- (3) To enable the Planning Authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail.

- (4) To ensure that the occupants of the property are safeguarded against excessive noise intrusion.

Informative(s):

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 1-35.
- (2) Falkirk Council have determined the application on the basis of available information relating to ground contamination/landfill gas. The responsibility for the safe development and secure occupancy of the site remains with the applicant/developer.