

**PRC38. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – PLANNING APPLICATION P/13/0038/FUL INSTALLATION OF WIND TURBINE (102 METRES TO BLADE TIP), ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING ACCESS TRACK, CRANE HARDSTANDING AREA AND TEMPORARY GROUND WORKS AT LAND TO THE NORTH OF KERSEBROCK FARM, FALKIRK**

The Committee considered documents relating to Planning Application P/13/0038/FUL for the installation of a wind turbine (102 metres to blade tip), ancillary infrastructure including access track, crane hardstanding area and temporary ground works at land to the North of Kersebrock Farm, Falkirk.

The Committee heard a short presentation from Mr Whittle, who provided a summary of the application, the papers before the Committee, referring to the Report of Handling and the reasons for refusal of the application now being reviewed.

Discussion took place on the reasons for refusal, with particular reference made to reason 4 on the decision notice which related to the requirement for an Environmental Statement (ES) in support of the application. It was noted that the applicant had sought a screening direction on the requirement for an ES in relation to the application from the Scottish Ministers, and that the outcome had been that it was deemed that an ES would be required. With advice from Mr Henderson, the Committee considered the papers before it and the terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2011. The Committee considered that the Planning Review Committee was the Planning Authority as it related to this application, and that it could not make a determination on the application without an ES being submitted by the applicant in the first instance.

After discussion, and having heard advice from Mr Henderson, the Committee **AGREED:-**

- (1) to request that the applicant provide the required ES, in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2011, and
- (2) that it be delegated to the Chief Governance Officer to proceed with and administer the process in relation to the ES.

The Committee also **AGREED** to conduct an accompanied inspection of the site in question for the purpose of providing clarity to Members on the location of the site.