

P126. ERECTION OF A SINGLE WIND TURBINE MAXIMUM BLADE TIP HEIGHT OF 78 METRES, HUB HEIGHT OF 50 METRES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC CABINET AND ACCESS TRACK AT POLMONT GOLF CLUB, SIMPSON DRIVE, MADDISTON, FALKIRK FOR FINE ENERGY LTD - P/15/0580/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1 February 2016 (Paragraph P120 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of a single wind turbine and associated electric cabinet and access track at Polmont Golf Club, Maddiston, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer ((J Seidel) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Hygate, the applicant's agent, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Brown, Polmont Golf Club, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Rankin, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The submitted letter of support was noted.

The objections included the following issues:-

- That the Simpson Drive and the Golf Club access was too narrow to accommodate construction delivery vehicles;
- The visual impact from a 78 metre high turbine and the close proximity to residential properties;
- That some of the surrounding properties would get a direct view from their windows and gardens;
- The concerns about ground stability in relation to historic coal mining in the area;
- The noise nuisance by adjacent residential properties;
- That more appropriate access taken from Snabhead and not from Simpson Drive as proposed; and
- The effect on the views from adjacent settlements.

Councillor Murray, a local Member for the area, had submitted apologies for the visit. The Convener read out an email from Councillor Murray in relation to the application.

Councillor Hughes, a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined at the Planning Committee on 24 February 2016.