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FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
Colin Chalmers
Adrian Mahoney
John McLuckie
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS:

Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Karen Quin, Solicitor

P18. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Paterson and Councillor Carleschi.

P19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P20. EXTENSION TO FLAT AND FORMATION OF HARDSTANDING AT 4 WEST TERRACE, BLACKNESS, LINLITHGOW EH49 7NN FOR MR DAVID HEWITT - P/16/0104/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 May 2016 (Paragraph P17 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for a two storey extension to the side of a flat and linked by a single storey flat roofed extension and the formation of hardstanding at 4 West Terrace, Blackness, Linlithgow.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application and issued detailed plans associated with the application.

Mr Hewitt, the applicant, was heard in relation to the application. Mrs Hewitt the applicant's wife was heard in response to points of clarification.

The submitted letter of support was noted.

Ms Leeds, an objector, was heard in relation to the application and confirmed that she had been authorised by objectors unable to be present to speak on their behalf.

Ms Donlin, co-owner of objector's property, was heard in relation to the application.

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

Ms Wexelstein, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The unacceptable visual impact of the extension and the parking area;
- The development by reason of size, design and materials would be detrimental to the character of the area;
- The extension may be used as bed and breakfast or holiday letting accommodation;
- The inadequate drainage system in the area;
- That the proposal would increase the amount of traffic using the access road;
- The insufficient parking provision;
- That the construction would result in heavy goods vehicles using the access road, the damage to the road and the retaining wall;
- The road safety issues;
- The detrimental impact on Firth of Forth Special Protection Area;
- The flood risk;
- The loss of privacy; and
- The overshadowing.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Ritchie, 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 21 June 2016.

Members thereafter viewed the garden area of the neighbouring property number 8 west Terrance.