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**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 at 9.30 A.M.**

**COUNCILLORS:** Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)  
John McLuckie  
Martin Oliver  
Sandy Turner

**OFFICERS:** Donald Campbell, Development Management Co-ordinator  
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager  
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer

**PRC47. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nicol.

**PRC48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**PRC49. OPENING REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting of the Planning Review Committee and following a short introduction asked Mr Henderson, Legal Services Manager, to provide a summary of the procedure to be followed at the Committee.

**PRC50. PLANNING APPLICATION - P/15/0424/FUL - INSTALLATION OF WIND TURBINE (50M TO HUB AND 77.9M TO BLADE TIP) WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS TRACK ON LAND TO THE EAST OF GLENHEAD FARM, CALIFORNIA**

The Committee considered documents which related to the Application for Review for planning application P/15/0424/FUL for the installation of a wind turbine measuring 50 metres to hub and 77.9 metres to blade tip with associated infrastructure and access track on land to the east of Glenhead Farm, California.

After discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that it did not have sufficient information to allow it to make a determination and that the meeting would be adjourned to allow Members to conduct an unaccompanied inspection of the site.

The meeting adjourned at 9.40 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a site inspection and reconvened at 11.05 a.m., with all those present as per the sederunt.

**PRC51. PLANNING APPLICATION - P/15/0424/FUL - INSTALLATION OF WIND TURBINE (50M TO HUB AND 77.9M TO BLADE TIP) WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS TRACK ON LAND TO THE EAST OF GLENHEAD FARM, CALIFORNIA**

The Committee reconvened to give consideration to documents which related to the Application for Review for planning application P/15/0424/FUL for the installation of a wind turbine measuring 50 metres to hub and 77.9 metres to blade tip with associated infrastructure and access track on land to the east of Glenhead Farm, California.

The Committee requested and heard a short presentation from Mr Campbell, who provided a summary of the application and the papers before the Committee, including reference to the Report of Handling, the reasons for refusal of the application now being reviewed, the applicant's supporting statement and representations.

After further discussion and having sought and heard advice from Mr Henderson and Mr Campbell, and having given consideration to the material contained within the documentation, the Committee considered that it had sufficient information within the papers provided in relation to the application for Review, and considered:-

- (1) Supplementary Guidance SG14 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Development';
- (2) Policies CG01, GN02, GN03 and RW01 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan;
- (3) the consultation responses received;
- (4) the representations submitted;
- (5) the site history;
- (6) the supporting documents provided by the applicant; and
- (7) the benefit of the site inspection.

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

- (1) That the decision of the Director of Development Services to **REFUSE** planning permission be **UPHELD** for the reasons set out in the original notice of decision namely:-

- That the proposed turbine, by virtue of its scale and positioning in close proximity to other approved turbines, would result in detrimental cumulative impact on the visual amenity and landscape quality of the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to the terms of Policies RW01 'Renewable Energy' and GN02 'Landscape' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan and Supplementary Guidance SG14 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Development';

(2) That the additional reason be added for refusal namely:-

- That the proposed turbine would be located within close proximity to the public road which would not be in the interest of road safety given its size, its flickering effect on the road and its visual impact; and

(3) That the preparation of the decision notice be delegated to the Chief Governance Officer.