

FC52. Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for the publication of the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report for consultation.

Council had, on 13 May 2015 (ref FC7), adopted the Falkirk Local Development Plan (LDP). This replaced the previous two-tier system of Structure and Local Plans. The plan is supported by 15 adopted Supplementary Guidance notes. Planning authorities are required to replace their LDPs every five years. The Main Issues Report is the first major stage in preparation of the LDP and is the main method of consulting on the content of the LDP. The LDP2 is anticipated to be adopted by 2020.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Blackwood, moved that Council approves the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for consultation purposes.

As an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved the motion with the following adjustments:-

1. Council agrees to recommend the approval of the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report, attached as Appendix 1 along with the following amendments from the SNP Group.
2. **2.2 General Policy.** Include as a preferred option the extension of the current policy protecting open space to cover all outdoor sports facilities (as required by Scottish Planning Policy) including outdoor playing fields, outdoor athletics tracks, golf courses, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor bowling greens.

Under 'Outdoor Sports Facilities' (page 56), insert new paragraph before paragraph 6.13 as follows:

"Scottish Planning Policy requires Councils to safeguard all outdoor sports facilities from development except in tightly specified circumstances. Outdoor sports facilities are defined to include outdoor playing fields, outdoor athletics tracks, golf courses, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor bowling greens. The Council's open space policy currently offers protection to playing fields and sports pitches, but need to be updated to cover this wider definition of outdoor sport facilities".

Under 'Preferred Option (paragraph 6.18, page 57), insert new sub-section 4 as follows:

"4. The LDP1 policy on protection of open space will be extended to include all outdoor sports facilities as required by Scottish Planning Policy".

3. **Braes.** Site 56 Hillcrest. Relocate site from the Shieldhill grouping to the Wallacestone/Redding/Reddingmuirhead grouping in the Site Schedules (page a1-07).
4. **Braes.** Site 140 Maddiston Fire Station. Change MIR status to Mixed Use (Employment/Community) but excluding housing (page a1-06).
5. **Bo'ness.** Carry forward all existing LDP1 sites (including Site 63 Bo'ness Foreshore) (page a1-02).
6. **Bo'ness.** Site 78 Bo'mains Industrial Estate. Include site for industrial use (page a1-02).
7. **Denny.** Site 118 Tygetshaugh. Change from non-preferred site to preferred new site for housing for the elderly (page a1-12).
8. **Falkirk.** Sites 123 & 160 Woodend Farm 1 & 2. Change MIR status from preferred new site to non-preferred site to preserve the countryside and maintain natural boundaries between communities (page a1-14).
9. **Falkirk.** Site 70 Falkirk TC Grahamston. Remove site as an existing LDP1 site carried forward and retain as a civic car park (page a1-15).
10. **Stenhousemuir.** Site 94 Hill of Kinnaird 2. Change MIR Status from a mixed use site including residential, to an employment site which could include community uses (page a1-20).
11. **Consequential changes.** Make all consequential changes to the MIR and to supporting documentation.

Councillor McLuckie gave notice of a further amendment.

Council adjourned at 10.55am to consider the terms of the amendment and reconvened at 11.35am, with all members present as per the sederunt, with the exception of Councillor Chalmers.

Following discussion on clause 7 of the amendment, Councillor Alexander, as the mover of the amendment, with the consent of Councillor Meiklejohn, as his seconder and Provost Reid, agreed to amend this clause to agree that Site 118 Tygetshaugh be subject to future consideration under the Open Space Strategy.

Following discussion, Councillor D Goldie, as the mover of the motion, with the consent of Councillor Blackwood as his seconder and Provost Reid, altered the text

of the motion by incorporating clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11 of the amendment, as follows:-

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11. **Consequential changes.** Make all consequential changes to the MIR and to supporting documentation.

Following discussion on clause 6 of the amendment, Councillor Alexander, as the mover of the amendment, with the consent of Councillor Meiklejohn, as his seconder and Provost Reid, agreed to withdraw this clause as it was unnecessary.

Provost Reid, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved the suspension of Standing Order 22.1(i) and that the following votes be taken by show of hands. The motion to suspend Standing Order 22.1(i) was then put to the vote:-

On a division 16 members voted for the motion and 2 against with 11 members abstaining. The following votes were consequently taken by show of hands.

Voting was then taken by show of hands for or against each of the outstanding clauses from the amendment, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted.

8. **Falkirk.** Sites 123 & 160 Woodend Farm 1 & 2. Change MIR status from preferred new site to non-preferred site to preserve the countryside and maintain natural boundaries between communities (page a1-14).

For the amendment (13).

Against the amendment (16).

9. **Falkirk.** Site 70 Falkirk TC Grahamston. Remove site as an existing LDP1 site carried forward and retain as a civic car park (page a1-15).

For the amendment (13).

Against the amendment (16).

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For the amendment (13).

Against the amendment (16).

Councillor McLuckie then moved his further amendment, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, to adjust the terms of the motion to incorporate the following points:-

1. Change the status of Site 60 Standburn West from 'Existing LDP1 Proposed for De-allocation' to 'Existing LDP1 Site Carried Forward'.
2. Amend the preferred option for housing growth in the Maddiston/Rumford Area to include Site 142 Parkhall Farm North (East), which would be for 70 retirement housing units and a care home.

Councillor D Goldie, as mover of the substantive motion and Councillor Blackwood, as his seconder with the consent of Provost Reid, agreed to adjust the terms of the substantive motion to incorporate clause 1 of the further amendment and there was general agreement on this point.

However, there was no general agreement on the second clause of the further amendment. Votes were then taken by show of hands for or against clause 2 of the further amendment, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted.

2. Amend the preferred option for housing growth in the Maddiston/Rumford Area to include Site 142 Parkhall Farm North (East), which would be for 70 retirement housing units and a care home.

For the further amendment (16).

Against the further amendment (13).

Decision

Council agreed the substantive motion, as follows:-

Council approves the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for consultation purposes subject to the following adjustments:-

- 1) **2.2 General Policy. Include as a preferred option the extension of the current policy protecting open space to cover all outdoor sports facilities (as required by Scottish Planning Policy) including outdoor playing fields, outdoor athletics tracks, golf courses, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor bowling greens.**

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“4. The LDP1 policy on protection of open space will be extended to include all outdoor sports facilities as required by Scottish Planning Policy”.

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