



# **AGENDA ITEM**

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**Extension to Dwellinghouse at  
Roselea, 69 Tamfourhill Road,  
Falkirk FK1 4RJ for Mr Greig  
Anderson – P/17/0687/FUL –  
Continuation**

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject:** EXTENSION TO DWELLINGHOUSE AT  
ROSELEA, 69 TAMFOURHILL ROAD, FALKIRK, FK1 4RJ  
FOR MR GREIG ANDERSON - P/17/0687/FUL

**Meeting:** PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Date:** 20 MARCH 2018

**Author:** DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**Local Members:** Ward - Falkirk South

Councillor Lorna Binnie  
Councillor John Patrick  
Councillor Pat Reid

**Community Council:** No Community Council

**Case Officer:** Kirsty Hope (Assistant Planning Officer), Ext. 4705

**UPDATE REPORT FOLLOWING COMMITTEE SITE VISIT**

1. Members will recall that this application was originally considered by the Planning Committee on 20 February 2018 (copy of previous report appended), when it was agreed to continue the application for a site visit. This site visit took place on Monday 5 March 2018.
2. Following a summary of the proposal by the Development & Building Standards Manager, the applicant's agent spoke in support of the application citing the need for additional accommodation for family needs, no objections have been raised by neighbours and there is no visual impact when viewed from the front of the property.
3. Members viewed the site of the proposed extension from the rear garden area and sought clarification in respect of the reason for the flat roof design of the proposed extension. The applicant's agent cited the additional visual impact, in height terms, of a pitch roof being proposed. The proposed flat roof design also assists in maximising the internal floor space available and the need to achieve appropriate internal ceiling heights for the occupants.
4. The local member in attendance, Councillor Binnie, spoke in support of the proposal, citing that neighbouring houses were far enough away not to be impacted by the proposed extension, the extension proposed was not visible when viewed from the front, it is a good design and there are a variety of differing house styles in the locality.
5. It is considered that no new matters have emerged from the site visit that would alter the officer recommendation to refuse planning permission. The previous recommendation is reiterated as follows: -

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

**6.1 It is therefore recommended that the Committee refuse planning permission for the following reasons:-**

- 1. The proposed two-storey extension would not be sympathetic to the existing building, or surrounding area, by reason of its design, character and scale, and consequently would have an unacceptable adverse visual impact on the existing dwelling and surrounding area. The proposed extension is therefore contrary to policy HSG07 'Residential Extensions and Alterations' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan and Falkirk Council's Supplementary Guidance SG03 'Residential Extensions and Alterations'.**

**Informative:-**

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01 and 02.**

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**Pp Director of Development Services**

**Date: 9 March 2018**

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Falkirk Local Development Plan.
2. Supplementary Guidance - SG03 - Residential Extensions and Alterations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 504705 and ask for Kirsty Hope, Assistant Planning Officer.

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL / SITE LOCATION**

- 1.1 The application site consists of a semi-detached one and a half storey property located in a well-established residential area.
- 1.2 The applicant seeks planning permission for a two storey flat roof rear extension to provide two floors of additional living accommodation in the form of a new kitchen and utility room on the ground floor and an additional bedroom and en-suite on the first floor level.

**2. REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

- 2.1 The application has been referred to the Planning Committee at the request of Councillor Lorna Binnie. The reason for the call-in is because Councillor Binnie considers officers concerns regarding the scale and design of the proposed extension and whether the proposal accords with Local Development Plan policy and supplementary guidance should be subject to scrutiny by the Planning Committee.

**3. SITE HISTORY**

- 3.1 No relevant planning history.

#### **4. CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The Environmental Protection Unit recommends that if planning permission is granted, two informatives be attached to the decision notice relating to the timing of any noisy construction work and land contamination.

#### **5. COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

- 5.1 No Community Council active in this area.

#### **6. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION**

- 6.1 During consideration of the application, no letters of objection or representation were received.

#### **7. DETAILED APPRAISAL**

Under section 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, the determination of planning applications for local and major developments shall be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Accordingly,

##### **7a The Development Plan**

- 7a.1 The Falkirk Local Development Plan was adopted on 16 July 2015. It includes a number of supplementary guidance documents which also have statutory status as part of the Development Plan. The proposed development was assessed against the following policy or policies:

- 7a.2 Policy HSG07 - Residential Extensions and Alterations states:-

*Extensions and alterations to residential properties will be permitted where:*

- 1. The scale, design and materials are sympathetic to the existing building;*
- 2. The location and scale of the extension or alterations will not significantly affect the degree of amenity, daylight or privacy enjoyed by neighbouring properties; and*
- 3. It will not result in overdevelopment of the plot, thereby giving rise to adverse impacts on the functioning of garden ground, unacceptable loss of off-street parking, or road safety issues.*

*Proposals should comply with the detailed guidance on these criteria set out in the Supplementary Guidance SG03 'Residential Extensions and Alterations'*

- 7a.3 The proposed scale of the extension is not considered to be sympathetic to the existing dwelling, in terms of scale and design. The proposed finishing materials do not match the existing building.

- 7a.4 The proposal would impact on the visual amenity of neighbouring residents by reason of the scale and design of the extension. The daylight and privacy of the neighbouring properties would not be significantly affected. The plot size is generous and the proposal would not result in an overdevelopment in terms of footprint. Parking is not affected by the proposal.

### **Supplementary Guidance Forming Part of the Falkirk Local Development Plan**

- 7a.5 SG03 advises that extensions should be sympathetic to the dwelling and surroundings in terms of scale, positioning, detailing and materials to ensure that the development results in a balanced appearance and fits comfortably into the wider street scene. Whilst it is noted that there are a range of house types nearby, the proposal by reason of scale and design would be out of keeping with the design of the other half of the semi-detached property and the general character of the area.
- 7a.6 Flat roof designs are generally only appropriate where characteristic of the original dwelling, concealed by pitched roofs or parapets or generally minor in scale and incidental to the rear of the property. The proposed flat roof is not sympathetic to the original dwelling or the other half of this semi-detached property. It is visible from many vantage points to the south of the site and it is not in-keeping with the existing dwellinghouse. The external materials are not reflective of the existing dwelling.
- 7a.7 Parking will not be impacted by the proposal. Garden ground remaining is considered to be adequate.
- 7a.8 Having assessed the proposals against the relevant policy and the supplementary guidance it is considered the proposed development does not comply with Falkirk Local Development Plan policy HSG07 and Supplementary Guidance SG03.

### **7b Material Considerations**

- 7b.1 The material considerations to be assessed are the consideration of the site in relation to coal mining legacy.

### **Consideration of the Site in Relation to Coal Mining Legacy**

- 7b.2 The application site falls within the Development High Risk Area as defined by the Coal Authority. The Coal Authority advise that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is not required but if planning permission is granted, an appropriate informative note should appear on the decision notice.

### **7c Conclusion**

- 7c.1 In conclusion, it is considered that the proposed two-storey extension would not be sympathetic to the existing building, or surrounding area, by reason of its design, character and scale, and consequently would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the existing dwelling and surrounding area. The proposed extension is therefore contrary to policy HSG07 'Residential Extensions and Alterations' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan and Falkirk Council's Supplementary Guidance SG03 'Residential Extensions and Alterations'. There are no material considerations which would warrant the approval of planning permission in this case and as such the application is recommended for refusal.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION**

**8.1 It is therefore recommended that the Committee refuse planning permission for the following reasons:-**

- 1. The proposed two-storey extension would not be sympathetic to the existing building, or surrounding area, by reason of its design, character and scale, and consequently would have an unacceptable adverse visual impact on the existing dwelling and surrounding area. The proposed extension is therefore contrary to policy HSG07 'Residential Extensions and Alterations' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan and Falkirk Council's Supplementary Guidance SG03 'Residential Extensions and Alterations'.**

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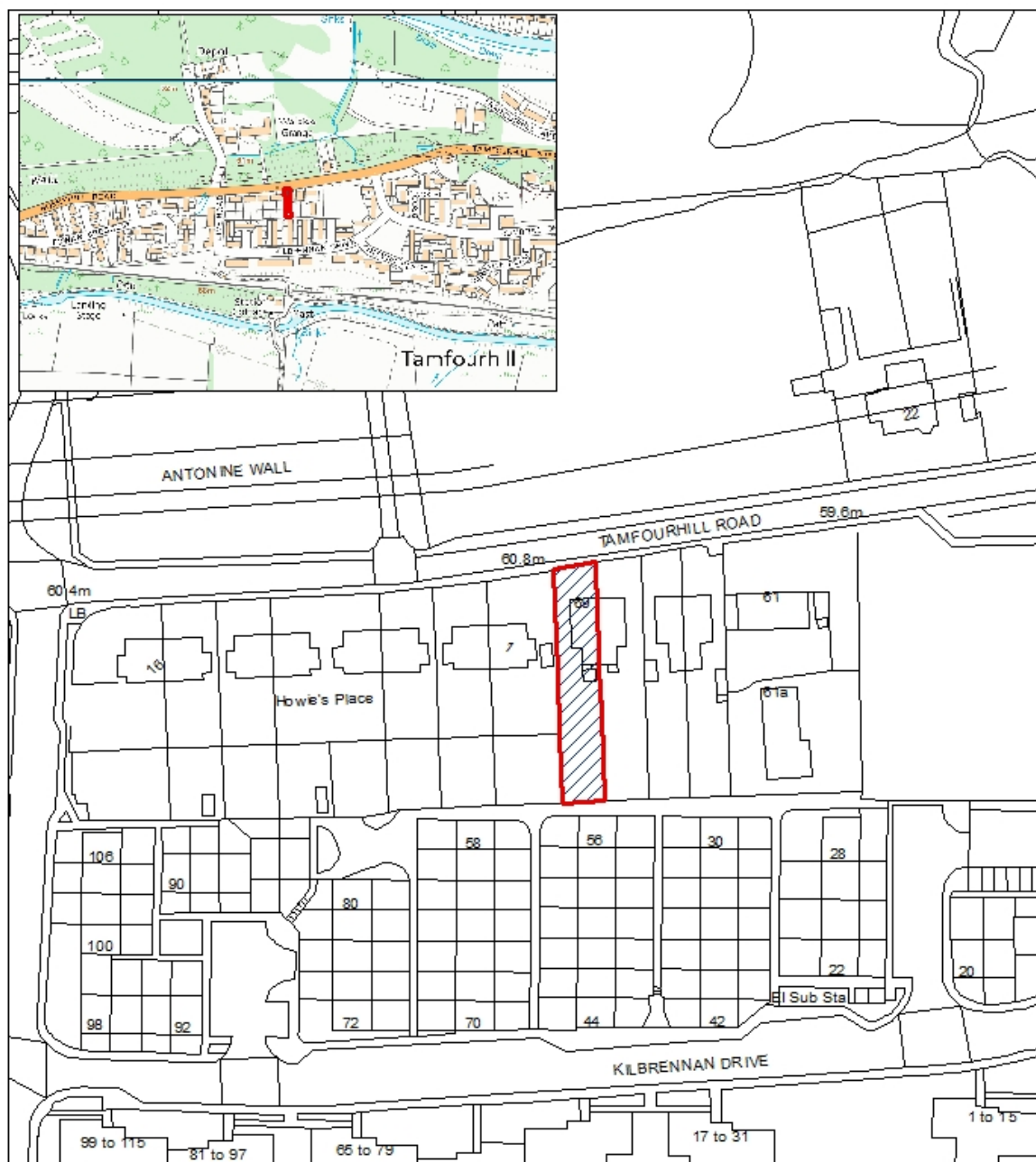
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## Planning Application Location Plan

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