

Minute of meeting of the Planning Committee held On Site on Tuesday 8 May 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Councillors: David Alexander (Convener)
Robert Bissett
Jim Blackwood
Gary Bouse
William Buchanan
Gordon Hughes
James Kerr
Adanna McCue
John McLuckie
Lynn Munro
Laura Murtagh

**Local Members
in Attendance:**

Cecil Meiklejohn

Officers: Donald Campbell, Development Management Co-ordinator
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
David Gray, Environmental Protection Co-ordinator
Martin MacNiven, Environmental Health Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Karen Quin, Senior Solicitor

P13. Apologies

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Coombes.

P14. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were intimated.

P15. Formation of Car Wash and Valet Centre, Including Siting of No. 2 Containers, Erection of Shelter, 2.2 Metre, High Acoustic Fence and 3 Metre High Polycarbonate Screen (Partially Retrospective) at Land to the South East of Tannery Garage, Grangemouth Road, Falkirk for Wash & Valet North Ltd – P/18/0064/FUL

With reference to the minute of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 April 2018 (Paragraph P12 refers), Committee gave further

consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission to form a car wash and valet centre on land to the rear of the New Tannery Garage, Falkirk. Access is proposed from the car repair garage on Randyford Road, with exit being taken via the petrol filling station garage forecourt onto Grangemouth Road.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer outlined the nature of the application.

The applicant and the applicant's agent were heard in relation to the application.

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

Mrs Galloway, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mrs Rogers, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

The objections included the following issues:-

- There had been no discussion of the proposals with local residents;
- The proposed car wash would be too close to adjacent residential properties and would cause nuisance by way of noise, light pollution and increased traffic (vehicular and pedestrian);
- The proposed development would have an unacceptable impact on parking and traffic generation in an already busy area;
- Impact on the safety of school children;
- Spray and hazardous material would come into adjacent gardens;
- Existing drainage was inadequate;
- The application states that no connection to water supply would be required;
- The residential amenity of adjoining properties would be unacceptably affected by noise and by lighting;
- Adjacent gardens could not be used;

- Loss of privacy due to the proximity of the proposed car wash and valet area due to the noise and lighting during operational hours;
- No hours of operation were specified;
- Impact on wildlife;
- The proposed trees would cut out daylight from neighbouring properties;
- The proposed trees could damage existing boundary walls;
- There was an abundance of car wash facilities in the area; and
- There was a risk of flooding due to the pooling of surface water.

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

Questions were then asked by members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 30 May 2018.