

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Black, Buchanan, Carleschi, Chalmers, McLuckie, Mahoney, Meiklejohn, Paterson (for application P/12/0597/HAZ) and Turner.

CONVENER: Councillor Buchanan.

ATTENDING: Development Manager; Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle); Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) (for application P/12/0827/FUL); Transport Planning Co-ordinator; Network Co-ordinator; Environmental Health Officer (S Henderson); Solicitor (K Quin); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

P209. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nicol.

P210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P211. ERECTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING CONSISTING OF 8 VILLAS AND 16 FLATS, ASSOCIATED ROADS, PARKING AND SUDS PROVISION AT LAND TO THE SOUTH OF GLENFUIR COURT, SUMMERFORD, FALKIRK FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/12/0827/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P196 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of new social housing consisting of 8 villas and 16 flats, associated roads, car parking spaces for 32 cars and 12 visitor spaces and associated SUDS provision on land to the south of Glenfuir Court, Summerford, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Millard, the applicant's agent, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Gillespie, the applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

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

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

The objections included the following issues:-

- The proximity of proposed flats to existing housing;
- The potential impacts on privacy and residential amenity; and
- The loss of open space and the traffic generation resulting from the development.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Patrick, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor D Goldie, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined at a Special meeting of the Planning Committee on 11 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

P212. REMOVAL OF CONDITION ATTACHED TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONSENT P/10/0582/HAZ TO ALLOW STORAGE OF ETHANOL IN WAREHOUSES M, N AND S, INCREASING THE OVERALL MAXIMUM STORAGE QUANTITY TO 41,000 TONNES AT STORAGE UK, GRANGE LANE, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 8EG FOR DIAGEO (SCOTLAND) LTD - P/12/0597/HAZ

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P206 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for hazardous substances consent for the variation of the terms of hazardous substances consent P/10/0582/HAZ to increase the amount of ethanol stored from 25,000 tonnes to 41,000 tonnes and to permit ethanol to be stored within other parts of the warehouse premises at the site of Storage UK, to the north west of the Town Centre at the junction of Grange Lane and South Bridge Street, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Fox, the applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Buchanan, the site owner, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr McKerral, on behalf of Grangemouth Yacht Club, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Spears, having indicated he had an objection to the application, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The existing use of the premises to store ethanol which caused a fungus to grow on Yacht Club boat decks, ropes, sails, hatch covers, moorings, pontoons and landing decks;
- The slippery surfaces from fungus and the risk of persons falling on the Yacht Club pontoons;
- The expense incurred by Yacht Club members to remove the fungus; and
- The health and safety concerns associated with black mould fungus.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The visit included Members viewing the area of the yard next to the Yacht Club to view the areas experiencing fungal problems.

Councillor Spears, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined at a Special meeting of the Planning Committee on 11 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.