Agenda Item 8

Deputation Request from Applicant - Mr Gillies Guthrie on Erection of Dwellinghouse and Associated Infrastructure, Including Change of Use of Quarry to Garden Ground at Hillview, Glen Road, Torwood, Larbert, FK5 4SN -P/20/0083/PPP

Deputation Request

Reasons for allowing this new disabled friendly bungalow (P/20/0083/PPP).

1) The first reason stated for refusal, ie many policy documents, is exceedingly hypercritical as this is how Torwood has evolved over the decades. It is still evolving as a close knit community (as proven during the recent virus outbreak where everybody in the street is in contact with everyone on the street via emails on a regular basis).

There have been more than 10 houses built recently outwith the local development plan and outside the village limits, and more approved. All these on green belt land.

Our application is on an historic brown field site, which is now approved as garden ground. V

Therefore on this evidence this application should not be singled out and this reason should not be adhered to on this occasion, and should be deleted.

2) The planning department is incorrect saying this is ribbon development.

Ribbon development is when there is an extension to the settlement boundary and a new building protrudes into the countryside.

There is no extension of ribbon development as the new disabled friendly bungalow does not intrude into the countryside does not extend settlement boundary, but is within the residential curtilage approved by the planning department, and not protruding beyond any existing buildings or gardens.

The definition of ribbon development also states it must be "served by individual accesses".

This application shares an existing domestic access that the planning department have approved and large garden grounds afforded to the application.

This application is under no circumstance ribbon development. Therefore this reason for refusal is invalid and should be deleted.

- 3) The roads department have written in black and white that they have no safety concerns as "there is not a road safety issue with the current road layout "
- 4) The planning department are also wrong re the increase in traffic.

It will soon reduce from the permitted one household and 25 lorries to just 2 households.

The 25 lorries a day permission for the quarry infill will cease on the building of the new bungalow.

A reduction of over 20 comings and going's a day even with a new house and with the lowering of the existing stone wall the access no longer has poor visibility.

This application under no circumstance will increase the amount of traffic, but will greatly reduce it immediately.

Therefore this reason for refusal is invalid and should be deleted.