



**Minute**

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**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held remotely on Wednesday 26 August 2020 at 9.30 a.m.**

**COUNCILLORS:** David Alexander (Convener)  
Provost W Buchanan (Depute Convener)  
Robert Bissett  
Jim Blackwood  
Gary Bouse  
Joan Coombes  
Gordon Hughes  
James Kerr  
Adanna McCue  
John McLuckie  
Lynn Munro  
Laura Murtagh

**OFFICERS:** Kevin Brown, Planning Officer  
Donald Campbell, Development Management Co-Ordinator  
Karen Chambers, Committee Services Officer  
Katherine Chorley, Planning Officer  
Ian Clementson, Systems Development Officer  
Kevin Collins, Transport Planning Co-Ordinator  
Ian Dryden, Development & Buildings Standards Manager  
Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer  
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager  
Stephen McClure, Planning Officer  
Craig Russell, Senior Roads Development Officer

**P24. Welcome**

The Convener welcomed everyone to the remote meeting and set out the procedures to be followed in respect of discussion of the applications.

The Convener welcomed Councillor McLuckie to the Planning Committee. He thanked Councillor Black for her contribution to the Committee.

**P25. Apologies**

None

**P26. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**P27. Procedure**

The Convener explained the procedure to be followed in respect of the deputations in item 6.

**P28. Minute**

**Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17 June 20 was approved.**

**P29. Erection of Church with Associated Community Facilities (Class 10 - Non-Residential Institution), at Land to The North East of Unit 1 Kinnaird Village Centre, McIntyre Avenue, Larbert for Grace Church Larbert -P/19/0407/FUL – Continuation**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17 June 2020 (Paragraph P23 refers), the Committee (a) gave further consideration to a report to that meeting by the Director of Development Services; and (b) considered an additional report by the said Director.

This application was originally considered by the Planning Committee on 17 June 2020 when it was agreed to continue the application to allow deputation requests to be heard virtually.

With reference to Standing Order 33.5 the convener referred to previous deputation requests received from:

Gary Wilson, an objector;  
Kirsteen Glen, an objector;  
Iain Henderson, an objector;  
James Alexander, an objector;  
Rob Christie, an objector;  
Elaine Kidd, an objector and  
David Jennings, the agent for Grace Church;

to be heard in relation to this item. The convener confirmed that at the meeting on 17 June 2020 it was agreed the deputations would be heard by the committee by video link.

The committee proceeded to hear deputations from:

Gary Wilson,

Kirsteen Glen,  
Iain Henderson and  
James Alexander.

The meeting was paused at 10.25 am due to a technical issue with the video link and reconvened at 10.36 am, with all members present as per the sederunt.

The committee then heard deputations from:

Rob Christie;  
Elaine Kidd and  
David Jennings.

The committee adjourned at 10.32 am and reconvened at 10.42 am with all members present as per the sederunt.

## **Decision**

**The committee agreed: -**

- 1. To instruct the Director of Development Services to advise the DPEA that the report presented to the Planning Committee of 17 June 2020 and the report to this committee set out the information before the planning authority noting, however, that the committee does not agree with the officer recommendation in the reports and would not have been minded to grant planning permission if it had been in a position to determine this application for the following reasons:-**
  - a. The proposed development, by reason of its significant height, massing and location close to residential properties, would result in a loss of light, loss of outlook and be unacceptably overbearing on the ground floor flats at 1 and 3 Crown Crescent and 20 to 34 Crown Crescent. This would be to the detriment of the living environment for these occupants. The proposal is therefore considered contrary to policies HC07 – Established Residential Areas and IR04 – Community Facilities, of the Adopted Falkirk Local Development Plan 2.**
  - b. The proposed development would have an unacceptably adverse impact on the amenity and safety of the surrounding area, by reason of increased traffic volumes and potential indiscriminate on-street parking close to and within an existing residential area, due to insufficient off-street parking provision within the site. The proposal would be considered contrary to policies PE01 – Placemaking, IR04, Community**





**standards set out in the National Roads Development Guidance, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**

- 7. Any plant or equipment associated with the completed development should be sited and operated in such a manner as to prevent any noise nuisance occurring at nearby noise sensitive premises. Noise associated with the completed development shall not give rise to a noise level, assessed with the windows open, within any dwelling or noise sensitive buildings in excess of the equivalent to Noise Rating Curve (N.R.C.) 35 between 07.00 hours and 22.00 hours and N.R.C. 25 at all other times.**
- 8. Prior to the commencement of development on site, the surface water and foul drainage arrangements shall be agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter development shall commence in accordance with the approved scheme.**
- 9. The development hereby approved shall not be brought into use until the following documents have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority:**
  - i) a copy of the appropriate sustainability label (i.e. at least Bronze Active); and**
  - ii) a Statement of Conformity which confirms that 10%, of the required CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction is achieved through the installation of low and zero carbon generating technologies.**
  - iii) Details and a timetable of how this is to be achieved, including details of physical works on site, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by Falkirk Council. The approved details shall be implemented in accordance with the approved timetable and retained as operational thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**
- 10. Prior to the commencement of development on site, a specification for one electrical vehicle charging point shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and the details shall be implemented prior to the use commencing. Unless otherwise agreed in writing.**
- 11. Development shall not begin until details of the scheme of hard and soft landscaping works has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and only the approved details shall be implemented. Details of the scheme shall include:**
  - i. location of new trees, shrubs, hedges and grassed areas.**
  - ii. schedule of plants to comprise species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/density**

- iii. a scheme to re-use the stone saved from the original building, which was retained following its demolition.
- iv. programme for completion and subsequent maintenance of the landscaping.

**Reasons for the conditions above: -**

1. As these drawings and details constitute the approved development.
2. To ensure the ground is suitable for the proposed development, in accordance with policy RW10 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
3. To safeguard the existing tree from damage during construction work in accordance with policy GN04 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
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5. To enable the Planning Authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail in accordance with policies D01, D02 and D03 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
6. To ensure that adequate parking facilities are provided for the level of development proposed in accordance with policy INF11 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
7. To ensure that the occupants of adjacent premises are protected against excessive noise intrusion.
8. To enable the Planning Authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail in accordance with policy INF12 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
9. To ensure the development incorporates sustainable energy solutions and achieves the required CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction as a result of development in accordance with policy D04 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.
10. To encourage the use of sustainable travel options.
11. To enable the Planning Authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail in accordance with policy D02 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.

**Informative(s): -**

- 1. In accordance with section 58(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), this permission lapses on the expiration of a period of 3 years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted unless the development to which this permission relates is begun before that expiration.**
- 2. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01, 02B, 03B, 04A, 05A, 06A, 07A, 08A, 09A, 10A, 11A, 12A, 13A, 14A, 15A, 16, 17A, 18, 19, 20 and 21.**
- 3. The applicant shall ensure that noisy work which is audible at the site boundary shall ONLY be conducted between the following hours:**

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>08:00 - 19:00 Hours</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08:00 - 13:00 Hours</b>
<b>Sunday / Bank Holidays</b>	<b>No noise audible at site boundary</b>

**Deviation from these hours of work is not permitted unless in emergency circumstances and with the prior approval of the Environmental Protection Unit.**

- 4. If development involves any alterations or excavation in the public road or footway, a Minor Roadworks Consent will be required. Falkirk Council, Roads Services, Roads Depot, Earls Road, Grangemouth (01324 504600) will provide the relevant application form for a Minor Roadworks Consent and advise of conditions relevant to works in a public road.**
- 5. Care should be taken to minimise any air emissions / suppress dust created during construction. The Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) provides dust management guidance (<http://iaqm.co.uk/guidance/>) during the construction phase.**
- 6. Please note that if a solid fuel stove / open fire (with flue) is to be installed within the development, it is recommended that the flue terminates at 1m above the eaves of the property to minimise smoke / odour nuisance to neighbouring properties (if applicable). If the development is within a smoke control area (<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/environment/environmental-policy/air-quality/smoke-control-areas.aspx>) (as designated in terms of the Clean Air Act 1993) - for compliance with this legislation the stove installed can only burn authorised fuel or be on the list of exempt appliances. It is also an offence to allow smoke to be emitted from such an appliance within a smoke control area. Further information on exempt appliances or authorised fuels can be found at: <https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php>**

7. **In relation to condition 5, the sample panel should be at least 1 metre x 1 metre.**

The committee adjourned at 12.30 pm and reconvened at 1.25 pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

**P30. Construction of Road, Vehicular Access and Roundabout at Land to the West of 65 Slamannan Road Slamannan Road, Limerigg for Manor Forrest Ltd - P/19/0580/PPP**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for the construction of road, vehicular access and roundabout at Land to the West of 65 Slamannan Road, Slamannan Road, Limerigg.

**Decision**

**The committee agreed to continue this item to a future meeting of the Planning Committee to enable further information to be sought from the applicant.**

Councillor McCue left the meeting prior to consideration of the next item.

**P31. Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses and Construction of Access Road at Home Farm, Drove Loan, Head of Muir, Denny, FK6 5LH for Mr Steven Russell -P/20/0170/PPP**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses and construction of access road at Home Farm, Drove Loan, Head of Muir, Denny.

**Decision**

**The committee refused Planning Permission in Principle for the following reason(s): -**

- (1) the development proposed represents undesirable and unjustified development within the countryside to the detriment of environmental quality and the established rural character of the area. The proposal is contrary to the terms of policies CG01 'Countryside' and CG03 'Housing in the Countryside' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan as well as Supplementary Guidance SG01 'Development in the Countryside';**
- (2) the proposal represents undesirable and unjustified development within the Green Belt which would undermine the primary function of the Green Belt by reducing visual separation between**

**settlements and eroding settlement identity. The proposal is contrary to policy CG02 'Green Belt' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan;**

- (3) the proposal represents a pedestrian and road safety hazard due to the increased traffic which would be generated on an existing private access road of restricted width and alignment and which does not benefit from adequate street lighting or footpath provision. The proposal is contrary to the terms of the National Roads Development Guide.**

**Informative(s): -**

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

**P32. Erection of Class 5 General Industrial Building (Retrospective) at Land to the South East Of Yonderhaugh, Falkirk for All Truck Commercial Vehicle Repairs - P/19/0748/FUL**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for the erection of class 5 general industrial building (retrospective) at land to the south east of Yonderhaugh, Falkirk.

**Decision**

**The committee granted planning permission subject to the following condition(s):-**

- (1) the development hereby approved shall be implemented in accordance with the plan(s) itemised in the informative below and forming part of this permission unless a variation is required by a condition of the permission or a non-material variation has been agreed in writing by Falkirk Council as Planning Authority;**
- (2) notwithstanding the details on the approved plans, and within 6 months of the date of this permission, the proposed access gates shall be repositioned so that they are no closer than 13m from the edge of the A905;**
- (3) notwithstanding the details on the approved plans, and within 6 months of the date of this permission, full details of the height, positioning, design and finishing materials for all proposed boundary treatments shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details**

**unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority,  
and**

- (4) all approved landscaping works shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority by the end of the first planting and seeding season following the grant of this permission and all subsequent maintenance shall be carried out in accordance with the details on the approved landscaping plan.**

**Reason(s): -**

- 1. As these drawings and details constitute the approved development.**
- 2. To safeguard the interests of the users of the highway.**
- 3. To safeguard the visual amenity of the area.**

**Informative(s): -**

- 1. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01, 02, 03A, 04A and 05.**
- 2. The preferred route for all commercial vehicles is to access/ egress the site via the A905 from the south (Glensburgh/ Grangemouth) as opposed to the north via Skinflats.**