P59. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AT CASTINGS COMMUNITY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, ETNA ROAD, FALKIRK FK2 9EG FOR MR MARK AGNEW - P/12/0543/PPP (CONTINUATION)

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 June 2013 (Paragraph P46 refers), Committee gave (a) further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services, and (b) considered an additional report by the said Director on an application for planning permission in principle for the demolition of existing buildings and the development of land for residential purposes at Castings Community Sports and Social Club, Etna Road, Falkirk.

In accordance with Standing Order 38.1(x), the Convener gave consent to Provost Reid to speak in relation to this item of business, the said Member having duly given at least 24 hours notice.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposal was contrary to Falkirk Council Local Plan Policies SC2 'Windfall Housing Development within the Urban/Village Limit', SC10 'Existing Community Facilities', SC11 'Developer Contributions to Community Infrastructure', and COM.6 'Open Space and Recreational Facilities' and the Culture and Leisure Strategy.

By way of an amendment, Councillor McLuckie, seconded by Councillor Mahoney, moved (a) that the application be continued (i) for further information on the method of calculation by Sportscotland in relation to the \pounds 40,000 developer contribution and what it is intended to achieve; (ii) for discussions on alternatives to provision at Dollar Park, and (iii) to allow officers to have further discussions with the applicant on the opportunity for a mixed development, and (b) that any discussions on alternative provision to that proposed at Dollar Park should involve consultation with the local community.

On a division, 5 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment.

Decision

The Committee agreed (a) to continue consideration for (i) further information on the method of calculation by Sportscotland in relation to the \pounds 40,000 developer contribution and what it is intended to achieve; (ii) for discussions on alternatives to provision at Dollar Park, and (iii) to allow officers to have further discussions with the applicant on the opportunity for a mixed development, and (b) that any discussions on alternative provision to that proposed at Dollar Park should involve consultation with the local community.