

P106. ERECTION OF A SINGLE 500KW WIND TURBINE WITH A MAXIMUM TIP HEIGHT OF 77 METRES, WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS TRACK AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT SITE TO THE SOUTH WEST OF POLMONT GOLF CLUB, SIMPSON DRIVE, MADDISTON FOR MR ROBBIE TAYLOR - P/14/0318/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 November 2014 (Paragraph P100 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, measuring 77 metres to blade tip, with associated access track and infrastructure at a site within open countryside to the south west of Polmont Golf Club, Simpson Drive, Maddiston.

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse planning permission on the basis that:-

- (1) The wind turbine would have an unacceptable visual impact on the neighbouring settlement of Maddiston and surrounding rural properties, in terms of the proposed scale, design and aviation lighting being contrary to Policy ST21 'Wind Energy' of the Falkirk Council Local Plan (December 2010), Policy RW01 'Renewable Energy' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan April 2013) and the Falkirk Council Supplementary Planning Guidance Note (May 2013) 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Developments'; and**
- (2) The applicant had failed to demonstrate that the wind turbine would not significantly affect surrounding residential properties by virtue of noise nuisance, being contrary to Policy ST21 'Wind Energy', of the Falkirk Council Local Plan (December 2010), Policy RW01 'Renewable Energy' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan April 2013) and the Falkirk Council Supplementary Planning Guidance Note (May 2013) 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Developments'.**