

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 at 11 a.m.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
Steven Carleschi
Colin Chalmers
John McLuckie
Malcolm Nicol
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS:

John Angell, Head of Planning and Transportation
Douglas Blyth, Team Leader, Legal Services
Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Alan Finlayson, Senior Planning Officer
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator

P102. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Paterson; Councillors Garner, Mahoney and Oliver.

P103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P104. CHANGE OF USE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS AND ERECTION OF FENCE (RETROSPECTIVE) ON LAND TO THE NORTH OF BANKIER PRIMARY SCHOOL, BANKIER ROAD, BANKNOCK FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL – P/15/0460/FUL (CONTINUATION)

With reference to Minutes of Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 28 October and 25 November 2015 (Paragraphs P82 and P94 refer), Committee (a) gave further consideration to a report to the meeting on 25 November 2015 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the change of use of public open space to primary school grounds and the erection of a 2.8 metre high steel mesh fence (retrospective) on a site consisting of a grassed amenity area within an existing open space on land to the north of Bankier Primary School, Bankier Road, Banknock.

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant planning permission subject to the following condition:-

- (1) Within three months of the date of the permission (or any other timescale that may be agreed in writing by the Planning Authority), the details of a scheme of soft landscaping works shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Details of the scheme shall include (as appropriate):-
 - (i) An indication of existing trees, shrubs and hedges to be removed, those to be retained and, in the case of damage, proposals for their restoration;
 - (ii) The location of all new trees, shrubs, hedges and grassed areas;
 - (iii) A schedule of plants to comprise species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/ densities; and
 - (iv) A programme for completion and subsequent maintenance.

Thereafter, the scheme of soft landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason:-

- (1) To safeguard the visual amenity of the area.

P105. CHANGE OF USE FROM VACANT LAND TO RETAIL CAR SALES AREA (PART RETROSPECTIVE) ON LAND TO THE SOUTH OF 2 HIGH STATION ROAD, HIGH STATION ROAD, FALKIRK FOR MS CLAIRE STEVENSON – P/15/0475/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 November 2015 (Paragraph P98 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for a change of use from vacant land to retail car sales area (part retrospective) at a site of formerly vacant ground on land to the south of 2 High Station Road, Falkirk.

Decision

Having expressed concern about the application of policy HSG06 to the southern part of the development, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of the application to a future meeting to allow officers to liaise with the applicant in relation to the issues raised.