

**P7. Change of Use of Vacant Land to Form Private Gypsy/Traveller Pitch (1 Static Caravan and 1 Touring Caravan), Erection of Boundary Wall and Formation of Hardstanding (Partly Retrospective) at Wesleymount, Church Road, California, Falkirk for Mr Alister Fowler - P/16/0530/FUL (Continuation)**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 March 2017 (Paragraph P146 refers), 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 on an application for full planning permission for the change of use of vacant land to form a private gypsy/traveller site for one static caravan and one touring caravan and the erection of a boundary wall, the formation of hardstanding (part in retrospect) at Wesleymount, Church Road, California, Falkirk.

**Decision**

**The Committee agreed, Councillor Mahoney dissenting, to refuse planning permission on the grounds that the site at the edge of California is in a visually prominent position, just within Local Landscape Character Area 3 iii as defined in Supplementary Guidance SG09 – Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Designations. Its use as proposed would not protect or enhance the landscape quality and character of the area. It is not considered that the site could be adequately landscaped to ensure no adverse effect on the character, appearance and amenity of the area, nor would an appropriate level of residential amenity be provided. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy HSG08 ‘Gypsy/Travellers Sites’ of the Falkirk Local Development Plan.**