

## **FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Minute of special meeting of Falkirk Council held in the Municipal Buildings,  
Falkirk on Monday 27 August 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Councillors:**

David Aitchison	Fiona Collie	John McLuckie
David Alexander	Joan Coombes	Cecil Meiklejohn
David Balfour	Jim Flynn	Lynn Munro
Lorna Binnie	Paul Garner	Laura Murtagh
Robert Bissett	Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Allyson Black	David Grant	John Patrick
Jim Blackwood	Nigel Harris	Pat Reid
Gary Bouse	Gordon Hughes	Depute Provost Ann Ritchie
Provost William Buchanan	James Kerr	Robert Spears
Niall Coleman	Adanna McCue	

**Officers:**

Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services  
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager  
David McGhee, Head of Procurement & Housing Property  
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer  
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager  
Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive  
Ailstair Shaw, Development Plan Co-ordinator

### **FC33. Sederunt**

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Nimmo.

### **FC34. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations at this point.

### **FC35. Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 – Proposed Plan Continued from meeting of 27 June 2018**

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking approval of the Proposed Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) and the associated Proposed Action Programme.

LDP2 was being prepared and would replace the existing plan which had been adopted in July 2015. LDP2 would set out the broad vision and strategy for the area for a 20 year period (2020-2040). The Main Issues Report (MIR) was published in February 2017 and contained the Council's preferred sites for future development together with alternatives. The MIR

was subject to a 12 week consultation exercise to which there were 260 written representations.

The next stage in the process was the publication of the Proposed Plan for a further period of consultation. It was proposed that the consultation period be for 8 weeks. Representations received from the consultation would be considered and Council could make modifications to the Plan as a result of these. However, any notifiable modifications would require the re-publication of the plan for further consultation. Once agreed the Plan would be submitted to Scottish Ministers and the Council would make final modifications in accordance with Reporters' recommendations and then adopt the plan. Adoption was expected to be in 2020.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved that Council:-

- (1) approves the Local Development Plan 2 and Proposed Action Plan with any adjustments made by Council at today's meeting, and
- (2) agrees that an 8 week consultation of the Proposed Plan, as adjusted, is undertaken in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance.

### **Alterations**

Council then considered a number of alterations to the draft plan dealing with each in turn. These are attached to this minute.

### **Housing Supply Target**

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To reduce the housing supply target from 9,600 to 9,000 houses over the period 2020-40, and from 4,800 to 4,500 over the period 2020-30, equating to a reduction in the annual target from 480 to 450 units. The reduction would be applied to the market element (from 5,500 to 4,900 units over the period 2020-2040), with the affordable element remaining the same (4,100 units over the period 2020-2040).

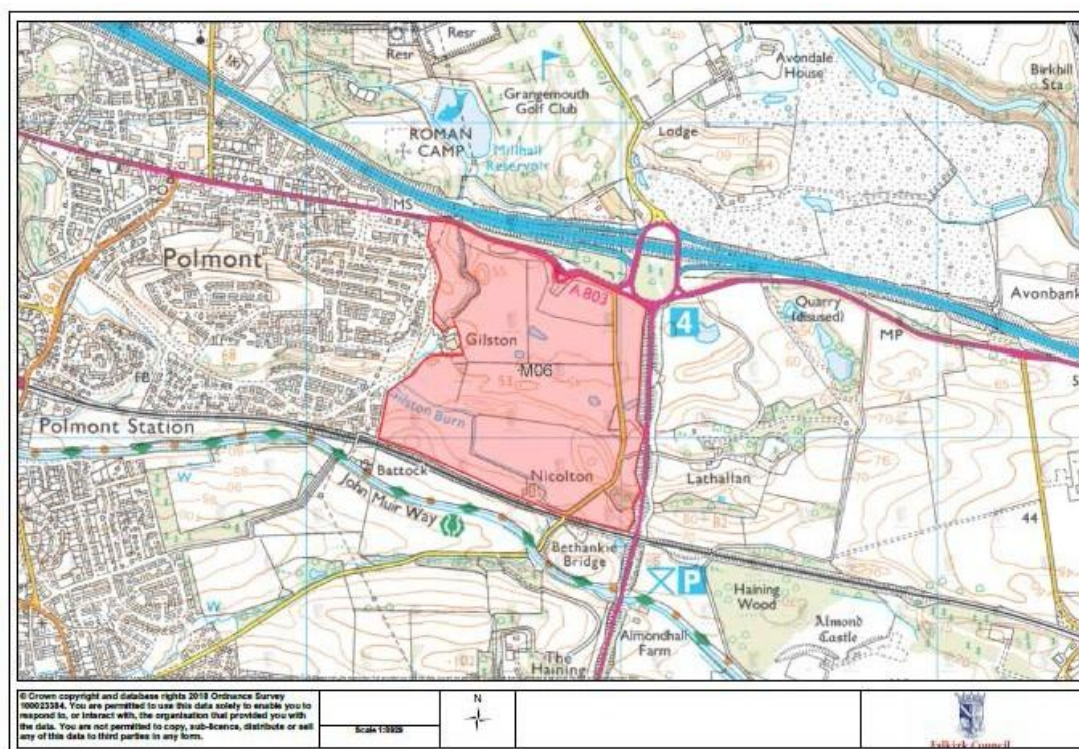
### **Decision**

**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**

## MU06 Gilston, Polmont

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Kerr, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To amend the proposed use of the site at Gilston Polmont (Proposal MU06), as shown on the map below, from mixed use development including up to 500 houses and business land, to exclusively business use with no housing.



In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.10.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Buchanan; Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Patrick and Reid.

Against the motion (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

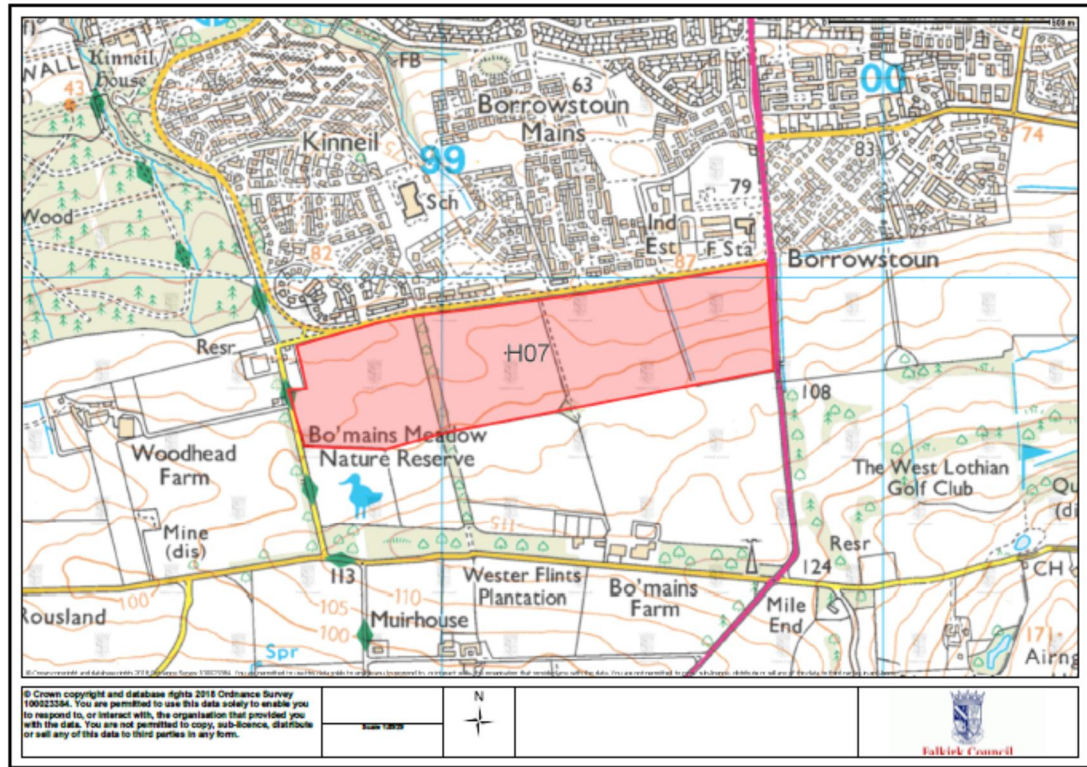
## Decision

**The alteration was agreed.**

## H07 Crawfield Road, Bo'ness

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Depute Provost Ritchie, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To delete housing proposal H07 Crawfield Road, Bo'ness, as shown on the map below.



## Decision

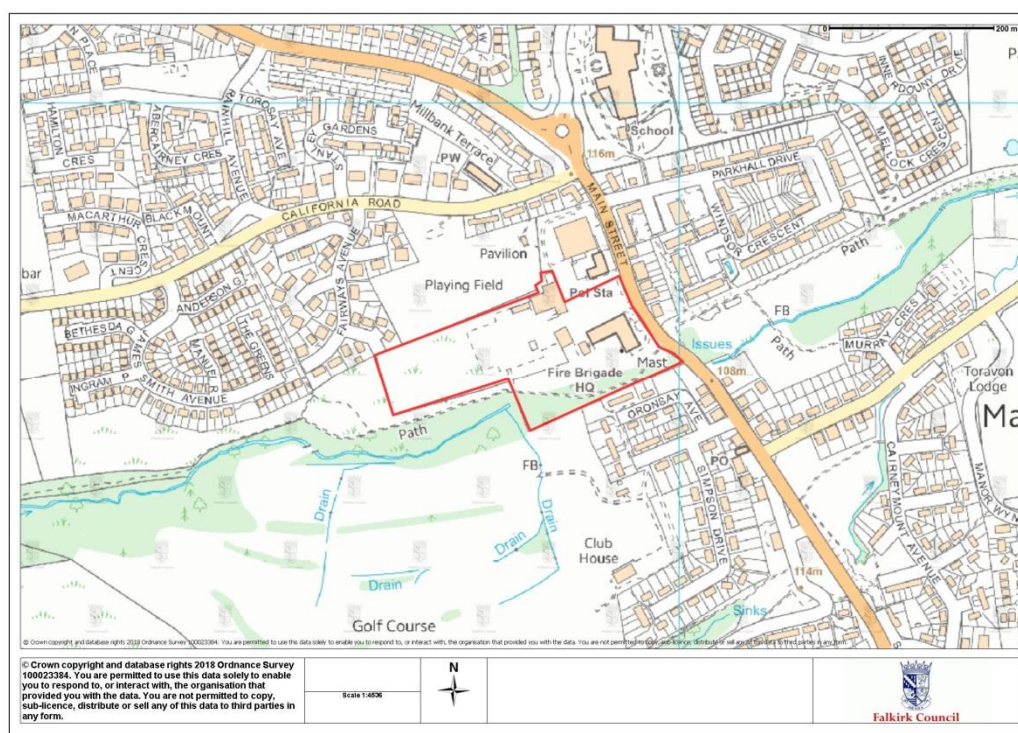
As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.



## **MU07 Former Maddiston Fire Station, Maddiston**

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To amend the mixed use proposal at the Former Maddiston Fire Station site (Proposal MU07), as shown on the map below, to a business site for community, retail and employment uses, but excluding housing.



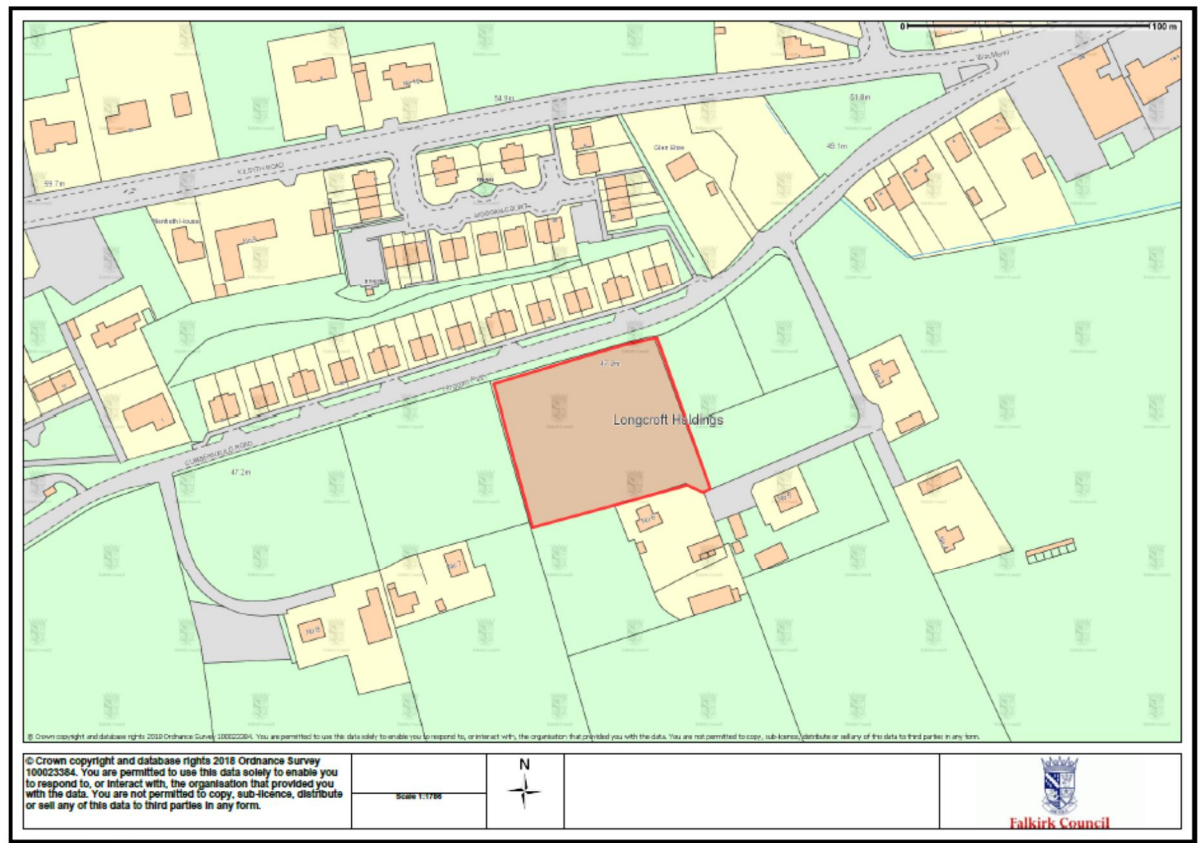
## **Decision**

**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**

## **Cumbernauld Road, Longcroft**

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor Bissett, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To include a site at Cumbernauld Road, Longcroft, as shown on the map below, as a proposal for residential development in the Proposed Plan.



In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.10.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Buchanan; Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Patrick and Reid.

Against the motion (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

## Decision

**The alteration was agreed.**

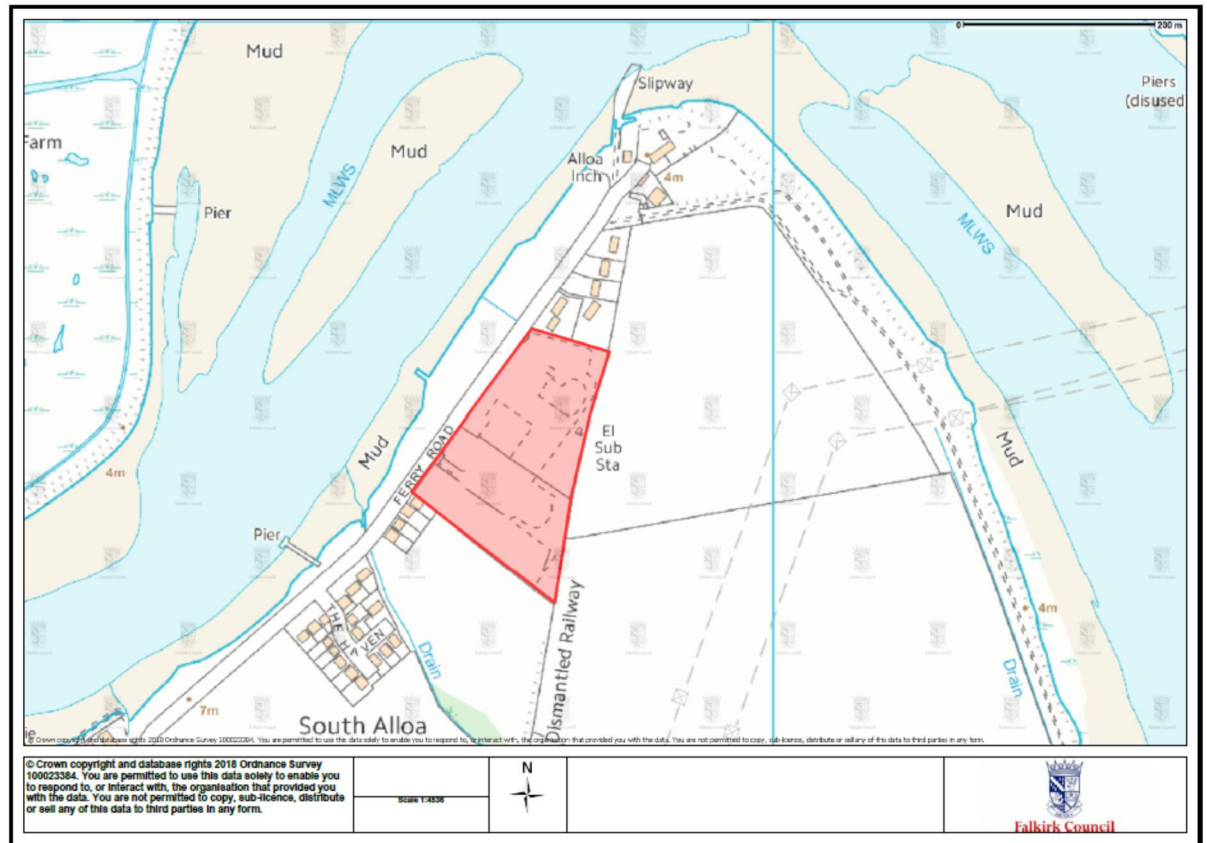
**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**



## Ferry Road, South Alloa

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Flynn, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To include a site at Ferry Road, South Alloa as shown on the map below, as a proposal for residential development in the Proposed Plan.



At this point Councillor Spears declared a non-financial interest in the site under consideration as family members owned property in the area but stated that he considered that this did not require him to recuse himself from consideration of the item having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.10.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-



For the motion (9) – Provost Buchanan; Councillors, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, Munro, Nicol and Patrick.

Against the motion (18) – Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Aitchison, Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Coombes, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh, Reid and Spears.

Abstentions (2) – Councillors McLuckie and Spears.

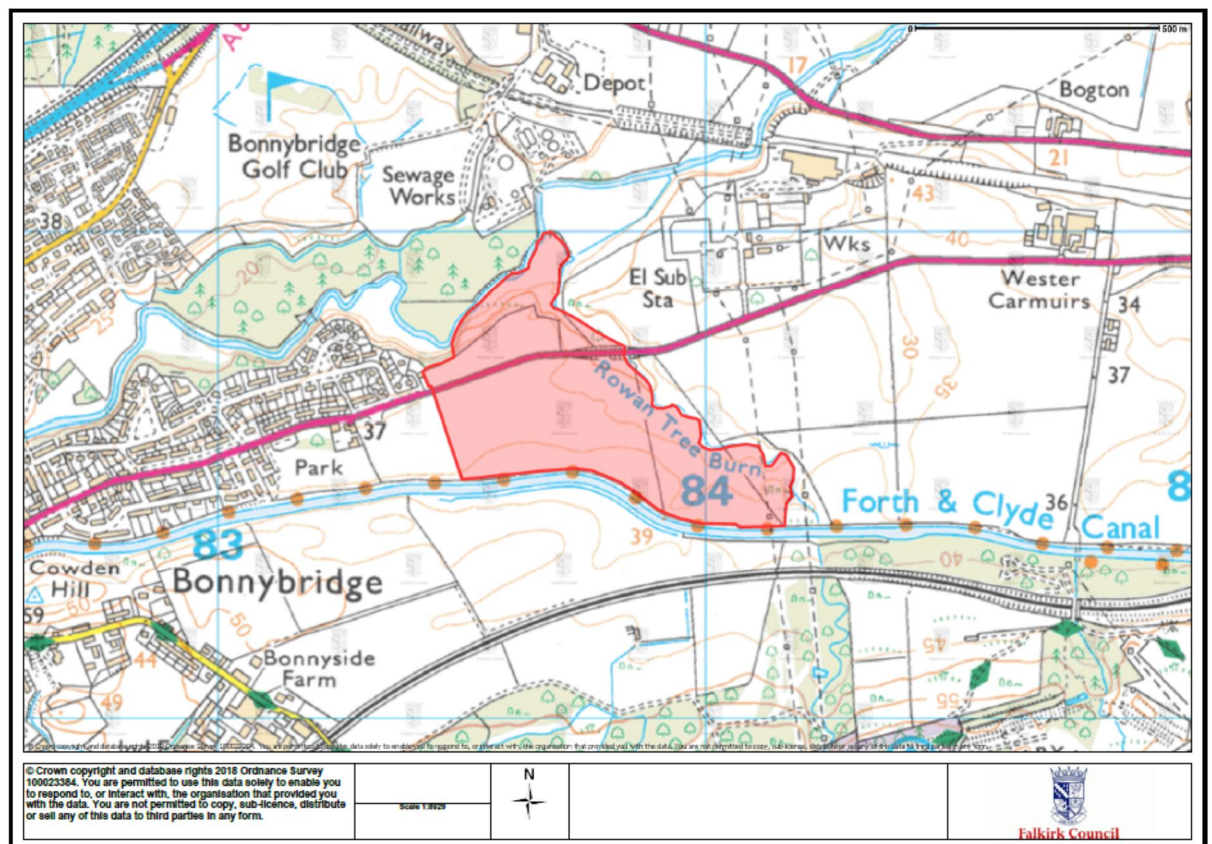
## Decision

**The alteration was not agreed.**

## Gateside, Bonnybridge

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Grant, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To include a site at Gateside, Bonnybridge, as shown on the map below, as a proposal for mixed use development (including housing, nursing home, and sports and recreation facilities) in the Proposed Plan, and to exclude the site from the green belt



In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.10.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (14) – Provost Buchanan; Councillors, Aitchison, Bissett, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol and Patrick.

Against the motion (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors, Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Abstentions (2) – Councillors Black and Reid.

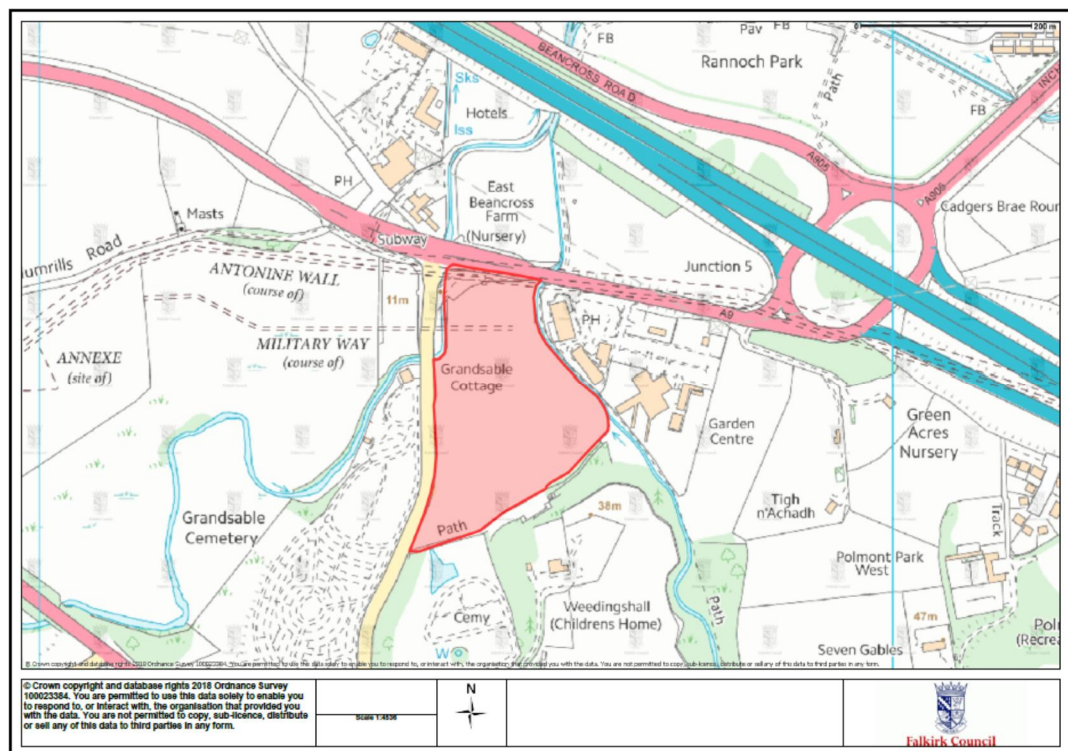
## Decision

**The alteration was agreed.**

## Grandsable Road, Polmont

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To include a site at Grandsable Road, Polmont, as shown on the map below, as a business proposal for business and tourism use.



## **Decision**

**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**

### **Policy IR04 Community Facilities - Changing Places Toilets**

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Collie, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To amend Policy IR04 to require the provision of Changing Places toilets in major new public buildings and large commercial developments which are visited by large numbers of members of the public.

## **Decision**

**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**

### **Policy IR11 Digital Infrastructure**

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved the following alteration to the draft Plan:-

To amend Policy IR11 to require developers to consider the provision of digital infrastructure to new homes and businesses as an integral part of new development.

## **Decision**

**As there was general agreement this alteration was agreed.**

## **Decision**

**Council agreed:-**

**(1) the Proposed Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 and Proposed Action Programme, subject to the following adjustments:-**

- i) Housing supply target 450 units;**
- ii) MU06 Gilston, Polmont residential use removed from plan;**
- iii) H07 Crawfield Road, Bo'ness site removed from plan;**
- iv) MU07 Former Maddiston Fire Station, Maddiston residential use removed from plan;**
- v) Cumbernauld Road, Longcroft new housing site;**
- vi) Parkhall Farm and the Haining, Maddiston reinstated as per LDP1;**
- vii) Gateside, Bonnybridge reinstated housing site as per LDP1;**

- viii) Grandsable Road, Polmont included as a site for business and tourism use;
  - ix) IR04 Community Facilities - Changing Places Toilets, and
  - x) IR11 Digital Infrastructure, and
- (2) that an 8 week consultation of the Proposed Plan, as adjusted, was undertaken in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance.