

P29. Formation of Access at Land at Beancross Road, Wood Street, Grangemouth for Drumalbyn Properties LLP – P/18/0590/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the formation of access at land at Beancross Road, Wood Street, Grangemouth.

Councillor Coombes, seconded by Provost Buchanan, moved that the committee agrees to continue consideration of the item to allow a combined inspection of the site and hearing session to be held.

As an amendment, Councillor Bouse, seconded by Councillor Murtagh, moved that the committee refuses planning permission for the following reason(s):-

1. Inadequate information has been submitted to allow assessment of the proposed access. The access, as supported by the applicant's Transport Assessment, relates to industrial, commercial and residential development on a larger site out with the application site but within the applicant's ownership and control. Planning permission has not been granted or sought for that industrial, commercial and residential development and the land is not allocated in the Falkirk Local Development Plan and the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2, Proposed Plan (September 2018) for that development. Approval of the detailed access design proposed requires the Council to prejudge the proposal for industrial, commercial and residential development. This is not acceptable or appropriate. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy INF10 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan "Transport Assessments", Policy IR05 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2, Proposed Plan (September 2018) "Transport Assessments" and Scottish Planning Policy. In the interests of good planning this policy framework seeks to ensure the impacts of development on the performance and safety of the transport network are fully considered and assessed.
2. The proposed access is not suitable by reason of its design; location in relation to other access points on Beancross Road and; the vertical and horizontal alignment of Beancross Road. The proposal would be detrimental to road safety and the free flow of traffic on Beancross Road. The proposed access is therefore contrary to Policy DO2 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan 'Sustainable Design Principles' which seeks to ensure suitable development in relation to traffic and road safety.

Informative(s):-

1. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01A and 02.

Having heard the terms of the amendment, Councillor Coombes stated that she wished to withdraw her motion. In line with Standing Order 20.8, with the unanimous consent of those present at the meeting, Councillor Coombes withdrew the motion.

The amendment, moved by Councillor Bouse and seconded by Councillor Murtagh, then became the motion.

As an amendment, Provost Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Grant, moved that the committee agrees to continue consideration of the item to allow a combined inspection of the site and hearing session to be held.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, a vote was taken by roll call, there being 11 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (8) – Councillors Alexander, Black, Blackwood, Bouse, Coombes, Hughes, Munro and Murtagh.

For the Amendment (3) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Bissett and Grant.

Decision

The committee agreed the motion.