

AGENDA ITEM

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: FALKIRK COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN –
FINALISED DRAFT (DEPOSIT VERSION)**
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 7 MARCH 2007
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached report on the Falkirk Council Local Plan (Finalised Draft – Deposit Version) was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on 13 February 2007 and following consideration, it was agreed that it be referred on to the full Council for approval.

2.0 GILSTON, POLMONT

- 2.1 Members should note that the major economic development opportunity identified for Gilston, Polmont (Opportunity ED.POL1, page 186) makes reference to, and reflects, the existence of an extant outline planning permission for the site. This includes a residential component of up to 150 houses, which is not included in the terms of the approved Falkirk Council Structure Plan.
- 2.2 Since the report to Policy and Resources Committee was drafted, it has been confirmed that this permission has now lapsed. It is considered that the reference to this consent should be removed, and that the uses referred to under ED.POL1 should be amended to ‘office/industry/distribution with ancillary leisure and tourism’, as permitted by the Structure Plan, with the removal of reference to the residential use.

3.0 CARRONGROVE, DENNY

- 3.1 A planning brief has been prepared for the Carrongrove Mill site at Denny to guide future development following closure of the paper mill in 2005. The brief was considered under an earlier item on the agenda of this Council meeting.
- 3.2 Within the Local Plan, the Carrongrove site is allocated for business and industry retention under Policy EP2, and highlighted as Opportunity ED.DEN6 for industrial and business development. However, the planning brief promotes mixed use development on the site. Accordingly, if the Council has approved the brief, then consequential changes are required to the Local Plan. The EP2 policy designation should be removed and Opportunity ED.DEN6 amended to allow for mixed use development, with reference to development having to meet the terms of the approved brief.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Council endorses the recommendations as outlined in the attached report and as approved by the Policy & Resources Committee, subject to the amendment highlighted in paragraphs 2.2 and 3.2 above.

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Director of Development Services
28 February 2007