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### MacKenzie, Roddy

From:

Fraser, Andrew

Sent:

05 September 2011 10:27

To:

MacKenzie, Roddy

Subject: FW: B810 within 75m of private access to Springbank Cottage and Redding Rigg OS co-

ordinates E290940 N677545 [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Roddy,

Response from CSP.

Andrew

E: andrew.fraser@falkirk.gov.uk

T: 01324 50 4931 F: 01324 50 4843

From: James Chalmers (195) [mailto:Jim.Chalmers@centralscotland.pnn.police.uk]

Sent: 31 August 2011 08:21

To: Fraser, Andrew

Subject: RE: B810 within 75m of private access to Springbank Cottage and Redding Rigg OS co-ordinates

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#### Andrew

Sorry for delay. Our records show only one damage only outside the dwelling house known as Sandaig E291092 N677615 which is east of junction.

#### Regards

Jim

#### NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

From: Fraser, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Fraser@falkirk.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 08 August 2011 16:05 **To:** James Chalmers (195)

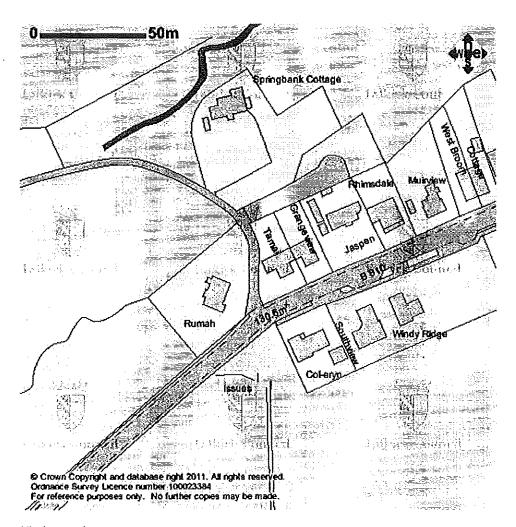
Subject: B810 within 75m of private access to Springbank Cottage and Redding Rigg OS co-ordinates

E290940 N677545

Jim,

Request from our development control people:

would you be able to provide details of damage-only accidents in the area described in the title? The location of the access is shown in the sketch below:



Kind regards,

Andrew.

Andrew Fraser
Senior Accident Investigation Officer
Falkirk Council
Development Services
Abbotsford House
David's Loan
FALKIRK FK2 7YZ

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## Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone Community Council

2 Nobel View Reddingmuirhead Falkirk FK2 0EF

2 Sept 2011

The Director of Development Services
Falkirk Council
Abbotsford House
David's Loan
Falkirk
FK2 7YZ
Att David Paterson

Dear Sirs

Objection to Planning Application P/11/0465/PPP Rumah, Reddingmuirhead.

Following consultation with members of our Community Council, I object to this planning application on behalf of Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council.

Our objection is on the following grounds.

- This development will further lead to the joining of the settlements of Shieldhill & Reddingmuirhead the proposed construction being on the Shieldhill side of Rumah the last house in Reddingmuirhead. This being contrary to the Polmont local plan chapter 13. Para 13.1 "The villages are grouped very closely, with many merging ,resulting in some loss of identity and blurring of the divisions between communities" Allowing this development will further lead to the joining of settlements.
- This application is for a further sub-division of the garden ground of this property and is over-development as a PPP has already been granted for another area of this garden ground: P/09/0572/PPP
- A previous planning application P10/0306/PPP has been applied for this parcel of land with the same of very similar proposal. This application was refused and also subsequently refused by a Planning Committee Review. My understanding is that you cannot reapply for planning permission when the details are the same or similar within 5 years of a refusal for the same site.
- The proposed access road is just below the brow of a hill and traffic entering or emerging from this access will be totally blind to traffic travelling from Reddingmuirhead. A previous application for development of this site P/08/0755/OUT was refused permission and one of the grounds for refusal "The proposal would result in an unacceptable risk to road safety, by virtue of the unacceptable intensification of the use of an existing junction in an area where traffic speeds commonly exceed the recognised limit" Application P10/0306/PPP was also refuse on grounds of road safety. Nothing has changed on this dangerous road other than traffic volumes continue to increase. A car proceeding west bound and awaiting opportunity to turn right from the Shieldhill Road into the proposed site access would be sitting in a blind position below the brow of the hill and round a bend for any other vehicles approaching from the east. Similarly a car awaiting to join the Shieldhill Road from the site and wanting to travel west will not be able to see an approaching vehicle coming from the east.

photograph taken from the position and height of a driver waiting to exit the site and looking east. This clearly shows how little can be seen.

 The applicant has submitted a supporting statement particularly on the Shieldhill Road safety issue.

They have also made the statement that they had a meeting with planning officer Kevin Brown following the last refusal and he is supposed to have said "Falkirk Council planning dept have in principle no objections to the application based upon the site location, location of the construction on site, size of the dwelling and the general areas of design that would be considered from a planning perspective." This statement must be disregarded as it is the opinion of one officer and not the council.

Also in this supporting statement they include a letter from roads and design dept of the Council regarding Accident and Traffic Data. The letter stated that there have been no recorded personal injury accidents in the last 3 years. However this does not take into account the number of non recorded accidents. Just down from the site there is currently a garden wall which has been demolished as result of a recent accident. A few years ago a vehicle ended upside down in the field next to the site. In the past there was a fatality at the exact site of the proposed vehicle access.

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We ask the council to take these points into consideration and refuse this planning application.

Yours,

Danny Callaghan Convener Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

# **Application Comments for P/11/0465/PPP**

## **Application Summary**

Application Number: P/11/0465/PPP

Address: Rumah Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead Falkirk FK2 0DU Proposal: Sub-Division of Plot and Erection of New Dwellinghouse

Case Officer: David Paterson

#### **Customer Details**

Name: Mr Danny Callaghan

Address: 2 Nobel View, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk FK2 0EF

#### **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Community Councillor

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: object to the application on the following points.

Allowing this development which is to the west of the last house in Reddingmuirhead would possibly lead to the further developments between Reddingmuirhead & Shieldhill therefore eroding the separation of communities and would be contary to the local plan for Polmont para 13.1 and the Village plan for Shieldhill para 25.4

• The proposed access road is just below the brow of a hill and traffic entering or emerging from this access will be totally blind to traffic travelling from Reddingmuirhead. A previous application for development of this site P/08/0755/OUT was refused permission and one of the grounds for refusal The proposal would result in an unacceptable risk to road safety, by virtue of the unacceptable intensification of the use of an existing junction in an area where traffic speeds commonly exceed the recognised limit

Application P10/0306/PPP was also refuse on grounds of road safety. Nothing has changed on this dangerous road other than traffic volumes continue to increase.

A car proceeding west bound and awaiting opportunity to turn right from the Shieldhill Road into the proposed site access would be sitting in a blind position below the brow of the hill and round a bend for any other vehicles approaching from the east. Similarly a car awaiting to join the Shieldhill Road from the site and wanting to travel west will not be able to see an approaching vehicle coming from the east

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Address: Rumah Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead Falkirk FK2 0DU Proposal: Sub-Division of Plot and Erection of New Dwellinghouse

Case Officer: David Paterson

#### **Customer Details**

Name: Mr Alexander Whyte

Address: 9 Nobel View, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk FK2 0EF

#### **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Community Councillor

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: In view of serious concerns expressed regarding traffic on the B810 and efforts by the CC to improve traffic management in the area adjacent to Rumah i e Shieldhill Rd, It is not considered safe to increase the number of accesses on to this road. Supporting material should be disregarded as it chooses to forget a number of accidents recently, which only by luck did not result in any reported injury, including a collision into a telegraph pole, which had to be replaced, a vehicle landing upside down in a field and in the past one fatality at the very point where the new access would be. I have personally witnessed a near miss involving the Free Colliers March and a car which rounded that same corner as the policeman leading the march arrived at it.

To turn into the new access, if facing Shieldhill at any time when there is traffic from the West, would require the driver to sit just beyond the blind corner signalling right and hoping that no one was coming along behind. I also wonder if any of the supporting measurements were done from that position or from a sitting position as would be required of a car driver. It makes no sense to further complicate matters on a bad bend using highly selective data. The B810 should not be considered a very safe road using such material. I therefore, on behalf of the Comunity Council, urge refusal of this application.

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'Col-eryn', Shieldhill Road, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk FK2 ODU. 11.08.11



Falkirk Council, Planning Department, Abbotsford House, Balnsford, Falkirk.

Ref: P/11/0465/PPP - Site adjacent to Rumah, Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to my previous correspondence to yourselves with regards to previous planning applications for this site and request that you submit all my previous letters to you as letters of objection against this planning application. My standpoint with regards to objecting to the previous applications and this current application remains and I wholeheartedly agree with the previous decisions to reject the applications. I also would like to make further representation in objection to the current proposal.

Firstly, as far as I am aware, there has been no change whatsoever to the terms and conditions of this application compared to the previous application that was rejected and I can see no reason to reverse the original decision. I made a previous comment that the applicant appears to continually apply for permission and continues to pursue planning permission without appropriate justification in the hope that consent shall be passed. I do hope that a final decision can be made to finally end this process. I am unsure as to how often a person is legally permitted to apply for planning on a specific site

this regard is due to the application being submitted with absolutely no neighbour notification forms being sent out. This is a point I have previously raised as a concern and still await confirmation as to whether there has been a breach of regulations with the failure to notify neighbours of this application. I am also concerned that this application has been processed during the summer holidays which gives some thought that the applicant may have hoped that the application may have been missed by the neighbours due to being away at the time of the advert in the local newspaper.

The main crux of my objection does, however, remain the road safety concerns regarding the entrance to the property. I firmly believe that if this application was approved, there is a huge risk of a person being killed in a road accident at this entry point. I site the following points in support of my concerns;

- The road up from Reddingmuirhead towards Shieldhill has a very steep incline towards the summit of the hill. After the summit of the hill, the road dips slightly making visibility over the summit restricted.
- 2. The road also bends greatly to the left at this point. This further restricts visibility in particular towards vehicular traffic in front heading up the hill towards Shieldhill.
- 3. At the top of the hill, at the left corner of the bend, there is a telegraph pole. This pole further restricts the view of traffic heading towards Shieldhill.
- 4. Although the applicant has provided data to support his application, these figures, in my opinion, have no bearing regarding road safety for vehicles coming up the hill towards Shieldhill. Any car waiting in the left hand lane to turn right into this access point will be at risk of being struck by a vehicle following up the hill behind them.
- It is my belief that the line of sight from below the summit of the hill will not give drivers sufficient time to see vehicles waiting in the left hand lane to turn right into the entrance to

the proposed property. The gradient in the hill is too severe to provide sufficient visibility around the bend. The statistics provided by the applicant only provide the visibility splay 2.5 metres back from the carriageway. This fact does not consider the scenario of vehicles stationary in the left hand lane waiting to cross into the proposed entrance. I consider it impossible for vehicles to see a stationary vehicle at this point until it will be too late for the car to stop. Is it not correct that road and personal safety is paramount and this situation has not been considered?

- 6. There have, to my knowledge, been at least three accidents on this road this year. In one case a car smashed into a wall having skidded at the top of the hill and there was also a two vehicle smash only a few metres away from the proposed entrance. I have also learnt of a vehicle being damaged having to take evasive action whilst trying to turn into the private road at the entrance to Rumah where the driver realised that a vehicle travelling behind it was driving too fast and too close to it and would have caused a more serious accident had the driver not swung into the private road. I do not know of any 'safe' roads that have seen three separate accidents in the past few months with it only by luck that there have been no injuries. This entrance increases the risk of accidents significantly and therefore the risk of casualties.
- 7. Furthermore, this entrance is on the only pavement on the main road from Shieldhill to Reddingmuirhead. This is the only route for schoolchildren to walk to and from the nearby Braes High School. The pavement is heavily used by children at times of day when traffic is at its peak. This proposed access across the pavement will increase the risk of injury to these children.
- 8. As I have stated in previous letters, the scenario of a stationary vehicle waiting to turn into the entrance would be a sitting target for vehicles driving at speed up the hill. The risk of a three car collision with an oncoming vehicle also coming down the hill is considerable. The impact of such a crash would inevitably lead to the death of the unsuspecting persons in the stationary vehicle at the centre of the collision.
- The drawings attached to the planning application draw a line of sight which I cannot believe
  to be correct. The line around the corner is not a true reflection of the visibility splay as
  there are several trees as well as the telegraph pole in the way.
- 10. Although I cannot confirm the dates, I am aware that roadworks were on the carriageway during the Easter holiday period. This is around the time that the speed survey was conducted and this would impact severely on the statistics provided by the applicant.

I therefore respectfully request that this planning application be refused on the grounds of road safety. I am aware that the Scottish Government has a National Objective to reduce the level of Killed or Seriously Injured casualties from traffic collisions up until 2020 and it is the responsibility of Police and Local Authorities to do all they can to reach their targets by keeping our roads safer. Allowing access at this location would be a failing on the part of the council and would provide a further unnecessary risk which could cause a fatality on our roads.

Having spent a large amount of time writing several letters on this proposal I hereby hope that this issue can finally come to an end. My concern is that the applicant will continue time and again to apply for permission until you eventually concede to his constant demands. I most definitely hope that this will not be the case. There are several other points that I have made previously regarding the impact upon drainage, wildlife, the environment and the look of the rural area which I have gone into in detail in previous letters. I again reiterate that you take all these points into consideration whilst determining this application.

Yours Faithfully
Colin Heg

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Mr & Mrs J. Morton Jaspen House, Shieldhill Road, Reddingmuirhead Falkirk. FK2 0DU August 12, 2011





The Director of Development Services, Abbotsford House, Davids Loan, Falkirk. Fk2 7YZ

Dear Sirs,

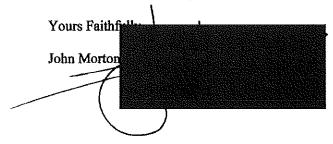
With reference to the recent planning application P/11/0465/PPP (Rumah, Shieldhill Road, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk FK2 0DU). I wish to register an objection to the planning application on the basis of general inaccuracies of information provided on the planning application and supporting documentation. Particular information provided by the Roads & Design department (Mr Duncan Gardner – Letter Ref:- 3055100/NS/TM5-1/DEHG dated 4th May 2011) is inaccurate and misleading in that during our occupancy of Jaspen House (approx. 4-years) there have been two significant road traffic accidents which have resulted each time in the cars being written-off and significant structural damage to the road-side boundary wall of both our own and our neighbour Mr James Leckie's property. This damage can be viewed on the current google earth street view from 2-years ago with the actual damage from the most recent incident still visible at this time within Mr Leckie's property. On both occasions the accidents occurred early morning with no pedestrians, particularly school children, injured or killed. This is purely down to timing of these incidents. Our wall has also suffered glancing blows from out of control cars causing damage which also still remains clearly visible for your inspection if required. Police have attended these incidents with at least one of these resulting in charges being pressed.

There have been many instances of cars travelling at excessive speed in both an East and Westerly direction on the hill to/from Shieldhill, with only last winter a car overturning and sliding upside down on the road adjacent to the land of the proposed application again due to speed. Again, police were in attendance. Your traffic management survey fails to highlight these incidents and the fact that police regularly sit with speed-guns at Nobel Drive to catch speeding drivers coming off the hill.

There have been requests at community council meetings for an automated radar speed reduction sign to be installed at the current 30 mile per hour sign on entry from Shieldhill to Reddingmuirhead. This has always been rejected due to costs with no particular regard to any duty of care that the Council may actually have responsibility for..... What price safety!!

I do not believe that this is a considered and safe application for access on to a safe road when the supporting information provided is so fundamentally flawed, inadequately researched and inaccurate.

Thanks for your consideration of this letter. I hope that it supports a rejection of the proposed application. I also hope that subject to going to writing there are no further more serious incidents resulting in fatalities or injury to pedestrians, particularly to children making their way to and from the Braes High School.



Reddingrigg Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead Falkirk FK2 0Du 15th August 2011

The Director of Development Services Falkirk Council Abbotsford House David's Loan FK2 7YZ

Dear Sir

Planning Application P/11/0465/ppp Rumah, Shieldhill Road, Reddingmuirhead.

We object on the following points :-

The access to the plot is directly onto a bad bend on the Shieldhill Road where traffic coming up hill could easily cause an accident if there was a vehicle turning into the site.

During the last 2 years there has been at least three accidents to mind - on the bend and ending into garden walls, the other before the bend overturned. Luckily there were no serious injuries.

The traffic survey data for 07/04/2011To 13/04/2011 was recorded during the School Holidays when therwas less traffic using this road. We feel this does not give accurate survey of the usual volume of traffic using this road.

The Surveyer's report takes the angle of the plot access from the pavement area and not from the other side of the road which is a blind bend.

Please take these points into consideration when making the decision.

Yours faithfully,

James Aitken &

Miss May Aitken





From: MacKenzie, Roddy

Sent: 06 December 2011 14:42

To: Morris, John

**Subject:** RE: Request for Local Review - Rumah, Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead (Ref AP/11/003/REV\_DD) Sub-division of Plot and Erection of Dwellinghouse

John,

I have no additional comments to add to this planning application.

Roddy

#### Morris, John

From:

e-mail sandy whyte 🌑

Sent:

05 December 2011 11:04

To:

Morris, John

Cc:

callaghan danny; Anne Marie Barclay

Subject: Rumah

John,

### Ref AP/11/003/REV\_DD/DP

May I take the opportunity to reaffirm the Community Council's view on this development. There remain serious concerns regarding traffic and access issues on this one. There have been new signs placed on the Shieldhill Road along with some improved road markings but concensus seems to be that in reality little can be done to reduce speeds here or improve the corner.

As I understand it, the police view is that there is no point in changing the speed limit to the west downwards to 30 mph as, due to the layout of the road ie a straight with good visibility between Rumah and Hillcrest, it is likely to make no difference. However they have made efforts to use the speed gun there, though there are issues regarding the safety of the officers doing this work, and have caught some speeding drivers. Even at reduced speed the danger to anyone accessing or egressing the proposed driveway and those following or cresting the blind summit is too great. Work done by the Falkirk Council and measurements and photos from this are evidence enough to support what locals have always thought. This corner and blind summit remains a concern in its present form and would be worse if another hazard is introduced. An accident there in recent weeks involving a taxi and a yellow car is thought, in common with many such events, not to have been reported. This occured during the school rush. It is thought that there were no injuries.

There are also clearly issues regarding what is subdivision of the plot, a practice which over the years has been detrimental to many areas.

It is doubtful too that associated construction traffic and deliveries could be safely managed as the lane adjacent is private and there is no other obvious lay down area available.

We therefore urge that common sense prevails and that the proposal is refused and this appeal is dismissed.

Sandy Whyte (Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone Community Council)

#### Morris, John

From:

Danny Callaghan

Sent:

08 December 2011 12:21

To:

Morris, John

Subject:

AP/11/003/RED DD

Attachments: P9020201.JPG

Hi John Morris

I have received your notification of the planning application P/11/0465/PPP Rumah, Shieldhill Road, Reddingmuirhead and the applicant asking for a review of the decision.

I wish that my previous comments are included but also wish to make further comments.

- 1. I attach a picture taken showing the view from the approx position and height that a driver would have driving a normal saloon car looking east, this quite clearly shows the reduced visibility of egress from the site and wish this to be included in my comments.
- I commented on my original submission that there is a garden wall just down from the application site which is badly damaged due to an accident. This wall has now been repaired in last week in November
- 3. I commented that there are minor accidents at this spot which do not result in injuries and are therefore not notified to the police. There was a collision at the end October between a yellow car and a taxi at the location of the site. The yellow car had stopped close to the site travelling west and the taxi was overtaking and had to pull in quick as other traffic was approaching from the west and collided with the front wing of the yellow car. We do not have details of the registration numbers
- 4. At our Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council meeting on 10 Nov 2011 we had a report from the local community police officer regarding sppeding on the Shieldhill Road and they report that they had warned warned 50 motorist and ticketed 15 motorist in the Shieldhill Road area. They had carried out speed checks on the stretch of road west of the application site and had booked some motorist for speeding.
- From the Central Scotland Police web site area section
   Shieldhill/California PACT Priorities November December 2011
   Address complaints of motorists exceeding the speed limit at Shieldhill Road.

Regards
Danny Callaghan
2 Nobel View
Reddingmuirhead
Falkirk
FK2 0EF

