

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2010 AT 1000 HOURS  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alan Brown, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Douglas Reid, John Campbell, Gordon Cree, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Finlay and Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officers; Avril Forrest, Solicitor; Mark Scott, Engineer, Roads and Transportation and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors John McGhee, Helen Coffey, Willie Coffey, Maureen McKay, Iain Linton, Jim Buchanan and Provost Stephanie Young

**CHAIR:** Councillor Alan Brown, Chair.

**HEARING PROCEDURE**

1. The Administrative Officer established that the Hearing Procedure was understood by all participants (circulated).

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**

2. **APPLICATION NO 10/0682/PP: CO-OPERATIVE GROUP FOODSTORES LTD: 23 EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 24 November 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on an application for planning permission for proposed demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site and adjacent vacant ground to form convenience retail store with associated access and car parking at 23 East Main Street, Darvel.

**2.1 Consideration of Item**

Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer reported the receipt of one letter of objection and a petition of 153 names, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Economic Development: Approval, subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

**2.2 Planning Hearing**

The Committee heard James Russell representing Rabinder Singh Gill in support of his objections.

Members of the Committee asked questions of the objector and his representative.

The Committee then heard Brian Lochrie, the applicant's representative, in support of the application.

Members of the Committee asked questions of the applicant's representative.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

### **2.3 Determination of Application**

Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer provided clarification on points raised during the Hearing.

Councillor Robert McDill, seconded by Councillor Jim Todd moved that the application be refused since the demolition of the existing vernacular buildings on site, and their replacement with a modern building with a glass frontage, would be detrimental to the amenity of the Conservation Area.

Councillor Alan Brown, seconded by Councillor Stuart Finlayson moved as an amendment that the application be approved subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 8 votes to 3.

It was further agreed to an additional condition to require the preservation and salvage of the existing stone skewput architectural feature prior to demolition of the buildings.

Councillors Robert Keohone, Drew McIntyre and John Knapp joined the meeting at this point.

### **3. APPLICATION NO 10/0115/PP: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: 12 GRASSYARDS ROAD, NEW FARM LOCH, KILMARNOCK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 24 November 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on an application for planning permission for erection of a special educational needs school and new vehicular and pedestrian access at 12 Grassyards Road, New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock.

#### **3.1 Consideration of Item**

Fiona Finlay, Principal Planning Officer reported the receipt of one letter of objection, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Economic Development: Approval, subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

#### **3.2 Determination of Application**

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

### **4. APPLICATION NO 10/0368/LB: ALCHEMIST PROPERTIES: FORMER JOHNNIE WALKER BUILDING, CROFT STREET AND STRAND STREET, KILMARNOCK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 24 November 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on an application for listed building consent for the installation of ventilation equipment to flat roof areas as an amendment to the approved design of 09/0637/LB at the former Johnnie Walker Building, Croft Street and Strand Street, Kilmarnock.

**4.1 Consideration of Item**

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the condition and for the reason detailed in the report and that the decision notice be withheld until the application has been referred to and cleared by Historic Scotland under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1038 hours.