

**NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
17 AUGUST 2007**

**06/0695/FL – ERECTION OF 22 FLATTED DWELLINGS AND
ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AT RUGBY PARK, DUNDONALD PLACE,
KILMARNOCK FOR MANOR KINGDOM**

UPDATE REPORT – INFORMATION FROM STRATHCLYDE POLICE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update and advise Members on the comments received from Strathclyde Police further to the above planning application that was approved (subject to conditions and a Section 75 Legal Agreement) by the Central Local Planning Committee on 30 March 2007. The planning consent has now been released.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At the meeting of the Central Local Planning Committee, Members requested that the Head of Planning and Economic Development write to Strathclyde Police seeking assurance that the Events Order with regard to parking would be enforced on Match Days.

2.2 **Site Description** - The application site for the flatted development comprises 0.55 acres of land which is currently used for car parking for the Park Hotel. Access is via Dundonald Place. The site is bound by the Park Hotel and remaining car parking to the north. To the south lie residential dwellings on Dundonald Road, Dundonald Place and Rowanhill Place to the east is the Rugby Park Stadium with residential dwellings beyond and to the east are modern two storey flatted dwellings and two storey semi detached dwellings at Rowanhill Place.

2.3 **Approved Development** - The approved development comprises 22 flatted dwellings situated in a contemporary courtyard development. The building rises to four storeys in height at the north-east corner of the application site reducing to three storeys then two storeys where the building is adjacent to the bungalow on Dundonald Place and the two storey flatted dwellings on Rowanhill Place.

3. RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM STRATHCLYDE POLICE

3.1 The Division conveyed the Committee's comments and the Match Commander for Strathclyde Police in his reply advises that he is responsible for imposing vehicular restrictions and taking account of all prevailing circumstances relating to public safety, which is paramount. The restrictions that are in place at present are considered necessary to ensure the safety of the public entering and exiting the vicinity of Rugby Park Stadium. He wishes to reassure Members that the arrangements in place remain flexible and

advises that matches at Rugby Park with lower attendances, attract limited vehicular restrictions.

3.2 In general terms, the restrictions are as follows:-

- Residents will have no vehicular access to/from Rugby Park and Springhill Place during the period 30 minutes prior to kick off until 15 minutes after kick off. Residents will also have no access during the period 10 minutes prior to the final whistle and 30 minutes thereafter.
- “No Waiting” cones are placed on Rugby Road on match days. No such provision applies to Springhill Place.

3.3 Strathclyde Police have also advised that they have had discussions with representatives of Manor Kingdom (the applicants). In addition to the above they have advised the applicant’s that:-

- These closure periods may be modified for specific matches at the discretion of Strathclyde Police.
- Traffic restrictions for other stadium events, such as pop concerts will be assessed on an individual basis by Strathclyde Police.

4. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the response that has been received from Strathclyde Police and agree that this information be forwarded to the applicant with the request that it be included in the information handed out to new residents of the flats.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Planning application no: 06/0695/FL
2. Letters from Strathclyde Police

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