

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Traffic; Pamela Clifford, Principal Planner; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**1. HEARING PROCEDURE**

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

2. APPLICATION NO 04/1150/OL: PROPOSED 3 TO 4 STOREY OFFICE DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SQUARE, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CAR PARK IN HIGH STREET WITH ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS TO MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AT FOREGATE NORTH CAR PARK, GREEN STREET, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, LANDSCAPED AREA, HIGH STREET, KILMARNOCK, BY SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 5 April 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on an outline planning application for a proposed 3 to 4 storey office development, public square, environmental improvements and car park in High Street with associated alterations, improvements to multi-storey car park at Foregate North Car Park, Green Street, Multi-Storey Car Park, Landscaped Area, High Street, Kilmarnock.

2.1 Consideration of Item

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that 9 letters of objection together with a petition signed by 24 people had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application, and gave the recommendation, viz:- Approval (i) subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed within the report; and (ii) that the issuing of the Planning Decision Notice be withheld until the application has been referred to and cleared by the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997.

2.2 Planning Hearing

The Committee then heard Mr W Robertson, Mr J Bennie, Mrs M McGill and Mrs G Roberts in respect of their objections. Members of the Committee asked questions of the objectors, all in accordance with the Hearing Procedure.

The Committee then heard Mr J Walker, on behalf of the applicant, in support of the application. Members of the Committee asked questions of the applicant, all in accordance with the Hearing Procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

2.3 Determination of Application

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved approval of the application:-

- (i) subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards liaise with the applicant, the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Strathclyde Police about the possibility of extending any CCTV provision to include the pedestrian linkages from the office development to the proposed car park; and
- (iii) that the issuing of the Planning Decision Notice be withheld until the application has been referred to and cleared by, the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment to continue the application :-

- (i) as the case for developing the open space at High Street for a car park had not been made;
- (ii) to enable a full examination of Kilmarnock Town Centre car parking in terms of capacity and usage; and
- (iii) to examine alternative sites for the office development.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1443 hours.