

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Elaine Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; Alasdair Lawrenson, Planning Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Jim Raymond, Tommy Farrell and Jimmy Carmichael.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

**1. APPLICATION NO 02/0852/OL: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES FOR ERECTION OF THREE DWELLINGHOUSES AT LAND AT SKARES, CUMNOCK BY MR T HEWITSON (Item 3, Page 2988, 99/03)**

There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which informed the Committee of the decision of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 17 January 2003 which referred consideration of this application to this Committee, with a recommendation for approval in view of (i) the wider economic and social benefits associated with the proposed development, for the local area; and (ii) the positive contribution which the proposed development could make to the future sustainability of the settlement of Skares by enhancing the potential for population retention within this rural area; and an executive summary sheet and report dated 28 December 2002 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on a proposed development of land for residential purposes for the erection of three dwellinghouses at land at Skares, by Cumnock.

**1.1 Consideration of Item**

It was noted that although one objection had been submitted in respect of this application, the objector was not present or represented at the meeting of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 17 January 2003, and, accordingly, no Hearing took place. It was further noted that there was no requirement for a Hearing at the Development Services Committee.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that one letter of objection had been received in respect of the outline planning application, 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 Building Control: Refusal for the reasons detailed within the report.

## **1.2 Determination of Application**

Councillor Faulds seconded by Provost Boyd, moved that the application be refused for the reasons detailed in the report.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment that the application be approved in view of (i) the wider economic and social benefits associated with the proposed development, for the local area; and (ii) the positive contribution which the proposed development could make to the future sustainability of the settlement of Skares by enhancing the potential for population retention within this rural area.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 13 votes to 2.

## **2. APPLICATION NO 02/0965/FL: ALTERATION OF CONDITIONS 1 (COMPLIANCE WITH RETAIL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS); 5 (RESTRICTION OF FLOORSPACE) AND 7 (ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE) OF PLANNING CONSENT 01/0560/OL FOR ERECTION OF FOODSTORE AND PETROL FILLING STATION ETC AT WEST LANGLANDS STREET, KILMARNOCK BY W M MORRISON, SUPERMARKETS PLC (Item 1, Page 2684, 99/03)**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 3 February 2003 (both circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented for determination a full planning application to be considered by the Development Services Committee under the Scheme of Delegation as it involved a retail development of over 2,000m<sup>2</sup> which constitutes a significant departure from the East Ayrshire Local Plan Finalised Version.

### **2.1 Consideration of Item**

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Building Control: Approval, subject to the conditions and reasons as detailed within the report.

### **2.2 Determination of Application**

It was agreed to approve the application subject to the conditions and reasons as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hours.