

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: 16 DECEMBER 2003

DESIGNATION OF CONSERVATION AREAS IN DARVEL (2) AND LAIGH FENWICK

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the Planning & Building Control Division's progress on the designation of two new Conservation Areas in Darvel and an expanded Conservation Area in Laigh Fenwick.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In terms of Section 61 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, Planning Authorities are under a duty to designate Conservation Areas where an area is of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

- 2.2 The East Ayrshire Local Plan (adopted April 2003) contains proposals to designate the following Conservation Areas:

- Darvel Central Conservation Area including East Main Street (part of), West Main Street (part of), Temple Street (part of), Ranoldcoup Road (part of) and Jamieson Road (part of);
- Morton Park Conservation Area, Darvel including Morton Park and Mairs Road (part of), Countess Street (part of) and Ranoldcoup Road (part of); and
- Laigh Fenwick Conservation Area including Main Road (part of), Mansheugh Road (part of), Waterslap (part of) and Kilmaurs Road (part of).

- 2.3 The Proposals relating to Darvel will result in two new Conservation Areas. The Proposal relating to Laigh Fenwick involves cancelling the existing Conservation Area and designating a new, extended Conservation Area. Maps indicating the exact boundaries of the Conservation Areas are attached to this report.

- 2.4 As these proposals were brought forward by the East Ayrshire Local Plan, the local plan process afforded the public an opportunity to comment on these Conservation Area proposals. At the Local Plan Inquiry, representations on the Laigh Fenwick proposals were considered fully. No objections were received to the proposal to designate Conservation Areas in Darvel. The

Reporter's report recommended no changes to the Conservation Area proposals contained in the Plan.

- 2.5 The Local Plan was approved by Committee and formally adopted by the Council in April 2003.

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 To formally designate the Conservation Area, East Ayrshire Council must now advertise in the Edinburgh Gazette and at least one local newspaper. Although not a legal requirement, the Planning & Building Control Division also propose to notify each property owner or occupier within the new Conservation Areas.

- 3.2 Interested parties will be able to view detailed maps of the proposals at the offices of the Planning and Building Control Division at 6, Croft Street, Kilmarnock.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no personnel implications for the authority as a result of this proposed course of action. Any additional work required in notifying owners and occupiers of the Councils proposals will be incorporated into the work programme of the Planning and Building Control Division.

6 LEGAL AUTHORITY

- 6.1 The duty to designate Conservation Areas is contained within the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the progress towards the designation of the Conservation Areas.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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