

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: 20 DECEMBER 2002

02/0367/LB: PROPOSED COMPLETE DEMOLITION OF GREE VIADUCT,
BY DUNLOP FOR BRB (RESIDUARY) LTD

UPDATE REPORT FOLLOWING REQUEST BY THE COMMITTEE FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT

Report by Head of Planning and Building Control

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the up-to-date situation in respect of the Listed Building Application for demolition of the Gree Viaduct by Lugton.

1.2 The Committee at its meeting on 25 October 2002 agreed to defer consideration of this application in order that the applicant's Board of Directors be asked to:

- (a) Confirm whether they were prepared to participate or contribute to a project designed to retain the viaduct for use as a future cycle route, and if not that
- (b) they be asked to provide a firm commitment with regard to entering into a planning agreement with East Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Council to contribute to the construction of a bridge over the Lugton Water for the use of pedestrians and cyclists.

2. APPLICATION DETAILS

2.1 **Site Description:** The application relates to the Gree Viaduct, a concrete rendered, mass concrete/rubble/brickwork structure with 11 No. spans, which crosses the Lugton Water and its valley at a rural location approximately 2km to the south west of Lugton. The Lugton Water forms the boundary between East and North Ayrshire Council. The greater part of the Viaduct, 7 spans, lies within North Ayrshire.

2.2 **Proposed Development:** Listed Building Consent is sought for the demolition of that part of the Viaduct lying within East Ayrshire, due to the extent of its deterioration. A parallel Listed Building application seeking consent for demolition of that part of the Viaduct within North Ayrshire Council was approved with conditions on 18 November 2002. That application has now been referred to the Scottish Ministers.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 Discussions are taking place with the applicants further to the Committees decision. Officers are currently clarifying the terms of relatively positive correspondence from BRB (Residuary) Ltd. It is hoped that a firm set of proposals will be available sufficient to enable the application to be again presented to the next Northern Area Local Planning Committee.

4. RECOMMENDATION

41. It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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Head of Planning and Building Control

5 December 2002

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List of Background Papers

1. Deferred Report to Northern Area Local Planning Committee – 25 October 2002
2. Statutory Forms and Plans.
3. Statutory Notices/Certificates.
4. Consultation Replies.
5. Previous Application: KL/W/LB/95/079A.
6. Approved Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan.
7. Adopted Stewarton Local Plan.
8. East Ayrshire Local Plan (Finalised Version with Modifications).

Anyone wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Stuart McAdam on (01563) 576757.