

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: 20 FEBRUARY 2004

**UPDATE REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATION 03/0490/FL:
FORMATION OF REAR DORMER WINDOW AND INSTALLATION OF
3 VELUX WINDOWS TO FRONT
AT 7 CROSS STREET, DARVEL
BY FLAME CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Report by Head of Planning and Building Control

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee in respect of the above application further to its being continued at the Northern Area Local Planning Committee on 23 January 2004. At that time, it was understood that the premises were in current use as a public hall, the applicant having indicated in the application forms that no change of use was involved.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The application was subject to an objection and during the initial hearing procedure on 23 January 2004, the objector raised the issue of the status of the use of the premises as a hall. There was an adjournment to consider the matter and it was agreed to continue the consideration of the application pending the investigation of the planning history of the premises. There was an undertaking that the matter be reported back to the next available Northern Area Local Planning Committee.

3. PLANNING HISTORY

3.1 The history of the premises has now been assessed. There is a record of planning applications having been issued for several developments on the premises however there is no evidence of these consents being implemented. The applicant has been requested to offer clarification about the history of the premises and has recently confirmed that the last time the premises were actively utilised as a hall was almost 20 years ago. There apparently has been some evidence of incidental storage use of the premises but this would have been unauthorised.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Based on the information now available, a new application will be required for the change of use and alterations/extension of a vacant building to form a public hall and the current application will have to be withdrawn.

The applicant and objector have been advised formally of this position. The Planning and Building Control Division will carry out a fresh round of consultations on the new proposal to establish whether any revision of consultation responses is forthcoming.

5. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Head of Planning and Building Control

12 February 2004
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application Form and Plans.
2. Statutory Notice/Certificate.
3. Consultations.
4. Letters of Objection.
5. Adopted East Ayrshire Local Plan.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above papers please contact Eddie McLennaghan on 01563 576787.

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