

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of special meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 7 July 2005

### **Chair:**

Councillor Graham Scott

### **Councillors Present:**

David Baillie, Archie Buchanan, Tony Carlin, Sam Casserly, Gerry Convery, Jim Daisley, Alan Dick, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Tommy Gilligan, James Handibode, Carol Hughes, Hector Macdonald, Tom McAlpine, Billy McCaig, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, Ian McInnes, Denis McKenna (Depute), Mary McNeill, Brian Reilly, Bob Rooney, Chris Thompson, Jim Wardhaugh

### **Councillors' Apologies:**

Pam Clearie, Cathie Condie, Gerry Docherty, Ian Gray, James Malloy, Edward McAvoy, Michael McCann

### **Attending:**

#### **Corporate Resources**

A Norris, Administration Assistant; L Paterson, Administration Officer

#### **Enterprise Resources**

M Little, Operations and Area Manager, Planning and Building Control (Hamilton); C McDowall, Head of Planning and Building Control; T Meikle, Area Manager, Planning and Building Control (East Kilbride); C Park, Assistant Transportation Officer

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### **1 Declaration of Interests**

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No interests were declared.

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### **2 Application EK/05/0161 – Erection of New Secondary School at Existing Site of St Bride's High School, 1 Platthorn Drive, East Kilbride**

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A report dated 29 June 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application EK/05/0161 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school at the existing site of St Bride's High School, 1 Platthorn Drive, East Kilbride.

Because of the substantial body of public interest in the proposed development, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the objectors to the proposal and the applicant. The objectors were not present at the meeting, therefore, there was no requirement to hear the applicant.

As part of the Council's investment programme in secondary schools, the existing St Bride's High School, East Kilbride would be demolished and a replacement school would be erected on the site to accommodate pupils from St Andrew's High School and St Bride's High School, East Kilbride.

The application had been assessed against the relevant policies contained in the Adopted East Kilbride and District Local Plan. The site lay within a designated residential area and Policy RES 5 (Residential Amenity) applied. This Policy stated that the Council would oppose the loss of houses to other uses and resist any development which would be detrimental to the amenity of those areas. It was considered that the proposed development complied with this Policy. The use of the site for a secondary school was long established and offered the opportunity to

replace the existing buildings which had been erected on an ad hoc basis with a new improved facility.

Points raised in a further representation received on 7 July 2005 from K Robb were referred to at the meeting and addressed by officers.

**The Committee decided:** that planning application EK/05/0161 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school at the existing site of St Bride's High School, 1 Platthorn Drive, East Kilbride be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report
- ◆ referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers as the application had been the subject of a substantial body of objection and the Council had a financial interest in the development

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### **3 Application HM/04/0370 – Residential Development (Outline) at Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton**

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A report dated 29 June 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/04/0370 by Turner and Townsend Project Management Limited for a residential development (outline) at the site of Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton.

Because of the substantial body of public interest in the proposed development, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the objectors to the proposal and the applicant. The objectors were not present at the meeting, therefore, there was no requirement to hear the applicant.

Earnock High School, Hamilton was due to close as part of the Council's school development programme and it was proposed that the site be used for a residential development. The application had been assessed against the relevant policies contained in the Hamilton District Local Plan. The site lay within a residential area where Policy RES 1 (Residential Areas) applied. This Policy stated that proposals which involved residential development would be acceptable in principle. The application had also been assessed in respect of satisfactory access provision, traffic generation and loss of playing fields. Details of the assessment were provided in the report.

**The Committee decided:** that planning application HM/04/0370 by Turner and Townsend Project Management Limited for a residential development (outline) at the site of Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report
- ◆ referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers as the application had been the subject of a substantial body of objection and the Council had a financial interest in the development

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### **4 Application HM/05/0022 – Residential Development (Outline) at Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton**

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A report dated 23 June 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/05/0022 by Turner and Townsend Project Management Limited for a residential development (outline) at the site of Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton.

**The Committee decided:**

that planning application HM/05/0022 by Turner and Townsend Project Management Limited for a residential development (outline) at the site of Earnock High School, Wellhall Road, Hamilton be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

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## **5 Application HM/05/0267 – Erection of New Secondary School, Nursery and Associated Works at Blantyre High School, Boswell Drive, Blantyre**

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A report dated 22 June 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/05/0267 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school, nursery and associated works at Blantyre High School, Boswell Drive, Blantyre.

**The Committee decided:**

that planning application HM/05/0267 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school, nursery and associated works at Blantyre High School, Boswell Drive, Blantyre be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

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## **6 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.