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Report to: **Planning Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **21 June 2005**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)**

Application No: HM/05/0131  
 Planning Proposal: Erection of Covered Walkway between Car Park and Train Station  
 (Notice of Intention to Develop)

### 1 Summary Application Information

- Application Type : Notice of Intention to Develop (NID)
- Applicant : South Lanarkshire Council
- Location : Hamilton Central Station/Duke Street  
Multi-Storey Car Park  
Hamilton

### 2 Recommendation(s)

#### 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) GRANT NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEVELOP.

#### 2.2 Other Actions/Notes

(1) The Planning Committee has delegated powers to determine this application.

### 3 Other Information

- ◆ Applicant's Agent: None
- ◆ Council Area/Ward: 47 Hamilton Centre/Ferniegair
- ◆ Policy Reference(s): **Hamilton Local Plan**  
Policy M10 – Improvements to Hamilton Central  
Area Transport Interchange  
Policy ED14 – Primary Shopping Area

- ◆ Representation(s):  
  - ▶ None received

- ◆ Consultation(s):

Strathclyde Police

Network Rail

Environmental Services

## Planning Application Report

### 1 Application Site

- 1.1 This Notice of Intention to Develop relates to a narrow strip of land alongside the railway line at the rear of St. John's Church on Duke Street, running between the south-western corner of the multi-storey car park and Hamilton Central Station.

### 2 Proposal(s)

- 2.1 The proposal involves the construction of a 2.5m wide glazed walkway leading from the multi-storey car park, alongside the railway line, under the Quarry Street bridge and onto the station platform. Lockable doors are to be provided at either end of the walkway, the opening times coinciding with the car park and controlled by South Lanarkshire Council staff. A help point will be provided at the car park entrance which will also be covered by CCTV, with further 5 cameras being provided within the walkway itself. The cameras will be linked to the control room in the car park. It is also understood that First Scot Rail will be installing a help point and CCTV on the platform sometime this year. The entire walkway will be well lit.
- 2.2 The present anticipated start date is September this year, although this is reliant on discussions with Network Rail.

### 3 Background

#### 3.1 Local Plan Status

- 3.1.1 The site lies within the town centre and is covered by local plan policy which defines and protects the primary shopping area. Policy M10 states that the Council recognises the importance of the integrated transport interchange in Hamilton Central Area and will support proposals for its operational and environmental improvements.

#### 3.2 Relevant Government Advice

- 3.2.1 Government guidance on transport planning is contained in National Planning Policy Guideline 17, Transport and Planning, which promotes public transport in an attempt to reduce reliance on car use, thereby reducing levels of pollution and congestion.

### 4 Consultation(s)

- 4.1 **Network Rail** – advised that the initial scheme encroached onto land containing operational apparatus and provided insufficient clearance from the operational line.  
**Response:-** These comments were taken on board by Roads and Transportation and amendments made to maintain the requisite clearance. The need to relocate plant will be the subject of further discussion with Network Rail.
- 4.2 **Strathclyde Police** – initially raised concerns over access control, lighting, personal security and crime prevention. However, they now confirm that these matters have been addressed through the provision of lockable doors, upgraded lighting and CCTV coverage.  
**Response:-** Noted.
- 4.3 **SLC Environmental Health** – have no objections.  
**Response:-**Noted.

## **5 Representation(s)**

- 5.1 The Statutory Neighbour Notification requirements have been undertaken. No letters of representation have been received in relation to this application.

## **6 Assessment and Conclusions**

- 6.1 This Notice of Intention to Develop involves the erection of a covered walkway to facilitate easier access between the Duke Street multi-storey car park in Hamilton town centre and the Central train station. The glazed walkway would provide travellers with direct access onto the platform and will only be open during the opening hours of the car park itself.
- 6.2 The proposal initially raised concerns relating to personal security and the potential for anti-social behaviour. However, these have been successfully addressed through the provision of lockable doors at either end of the passageway, high quality lighting, a help point and CCTV coverage. Strathclyde Police Crime Prevention have confirmed that they are satisfied with the amended proposals.
- 6.3 It is hoped that this facility will promote the use of the local rail network, this being in line with both local and national transport planning policy. I therefore recommend that the Notice of Intention to Develop is accepted.

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**Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)**

**7 June 2005**

## **Previous References**

- ◆ None

## **List of Background Papers**

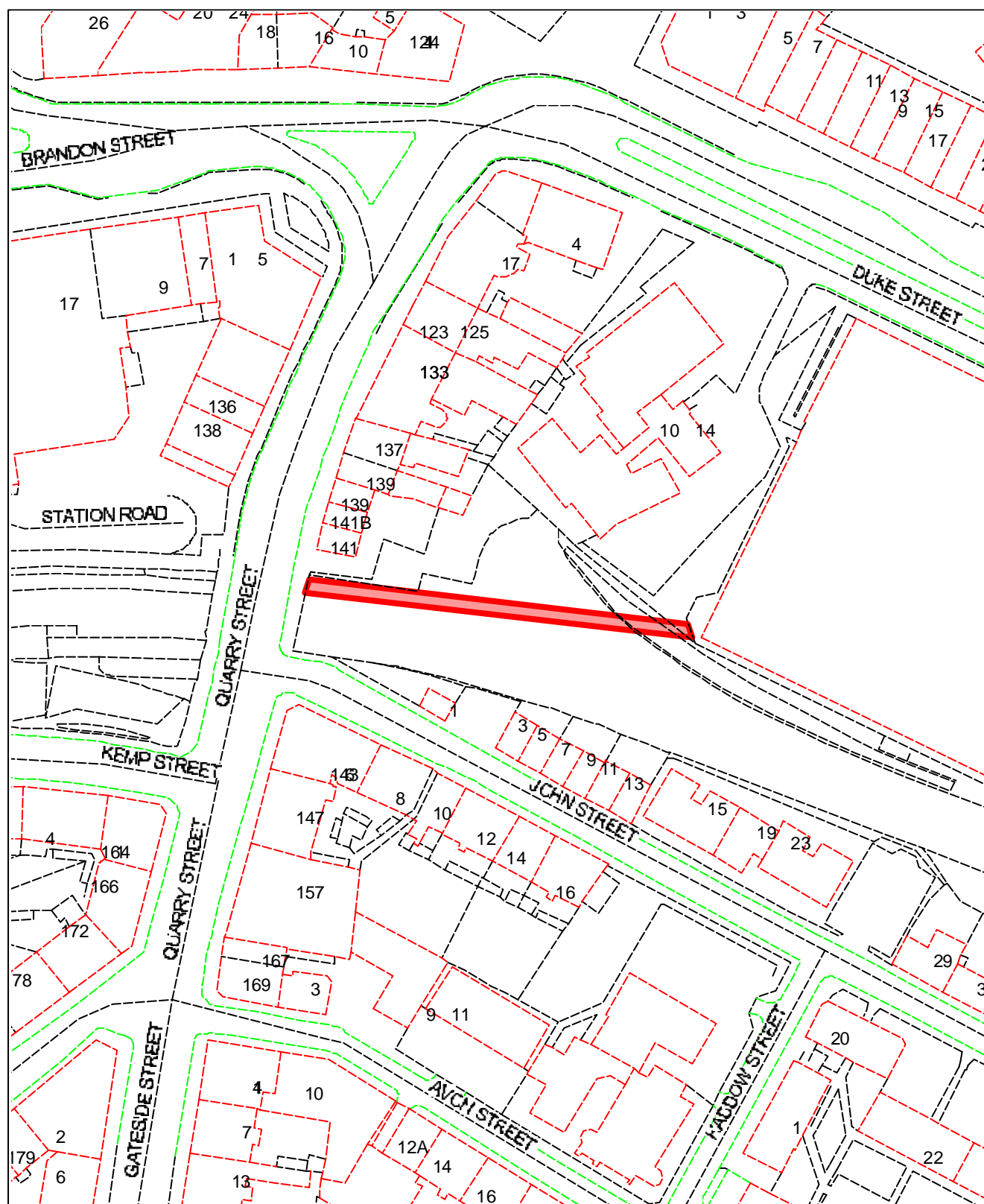
- ▶ Application Form
- ▶ Application Plans
  
- ▶ Consultations
  - Network Rail 29/03/05
  - Roads and Transportation Services (Hamilton Area) 22/03/05
  - Environmental Services 29/04/05
- ▶ Representations

## **Contact for Further Information**

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