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Report to:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 March 2009
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Proposed Residential Development at Hunter High School, East Kilbride (Planning Consent EK/06/0605)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ▶ Seek approval for the Council to enter into a Section 75 Agreement with Barratt West Scotland and any other necessary parties to require the submission of financial contributions from the developer in respect of the above site towards the upgrading of existing sports facilities in the area

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that authorisation is given for officers to conclude a Section 75 Agreement to ensure the phased submission of final contributions towards the existing sports facilities in the area.

3. Background

- 3.1. Members will recall that the Planning Committee agreed at its meeting on 15 April 2008 to grant detailed planning permission for the erection of 79 dwellings and 132 flats with associated roadworks at the site of the former Hunter High School, Crawford Drive, East Kilbride.
- 3.2. Committee agreed to withhold the consent until the applicants had lodged financial contributions of £70,600 towards the upgrading of existing sports facilities in the area.
- 3.3. The applicant have subsequently advised that without a formal planning consent for this development they are unable to finalise any additional costs that require to be outlaid following receipt of Roads Construction and drainage approval for the site. Due to the current downturn in the housing market, they are unable to provide the £70, 600 contribution 'upfront'. They have therefore requested that the Council consider phasing the payment of the contributions through a Section 75 agreement, linked to the number of house completions. It is proposed that the full payment of £70,600 would be paid to the Council prior to the occupation of the 53rd unit.
- 3.4. In the circumstances I am satisfied that the Section 75 agreement will provide comfort that these payments will be made and therefore request that Committee give authorisation for officers to negotiate with the applicant.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

5.1. None. The applicants will be expected to meet the legal expenses of the Council.

6. Other Implications

6.1. None

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

7.2. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

19 February 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Value

- ♦ Improve the quality of the physical environment
- ♦ Improve the quality, access and availability of housing

Previous References

- ♦ Report to Planning Committee on 15 April 2008 on planning application reference EK/06/0605.

List of Background Papers

- ♦ Planning Application Report on EK/06/0605.

Contact for Further Information

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