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Report to:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 July 2005
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Application No	CL/05/0225
Planning Proposal:	Erection of Dwellinghouse

1 Summary Application Information

- Application Type : Detailed Planning Application
- Applicant : Mr & Mrs T McGowan
- Location : Plot 3
Railway Road
off Bellfield Road
Coalburn ML11 0LB

2 Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) Grant Detailed Planning Permission – (Subject to Conditions – Based on Conditions Listed)

2.2 Other Actions/Notes

The Planning Committee has delegated powers to determine this application

3 Other Information

- ◆ Applicant's Agent: Alex Cullen & Co.
- ◆ Council Area/Ward: 09 Douglas
- ◆ Policy Reference(s): Lower Clydesdale Local Plan (Adopted)
- Policy ENV2: Rural Area

- ◆ Representation(s):
▶ 0 Objection Letters

◆ Consultation(s):

Environmental Services

Roads and Transportation Services (South Division)

Scottish Water

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1 Application Site

- 1.1 The application site, extending to approximately 0.26 hectares, consists of an area of vacant ground adjacent to Railway Road on the edge of the settlement of Coalburn.
- 1.2 The site is bounded by similar unused vacant ground to the north and west and by an area of landscaping with Bellfield Road beyond to the south. A bus turning facility with residential properties beyond is positioned to the east of the site.

2 Proposal(s)

- 2.1 Detailed planning permission is sought for the erection of a one-and-a-half storey five bedroom dwellinghouse on the site. The submitted plans indicate consent is sought for a dwelling of 280 sq metres, including an integral double garage element. Vehicular access to the site is proposed to be taken from Railway Road, an existing private access road. External materials are proposed to be a render finish for the walls of the dwelling and a grey concrete roof tile.

3 Background

3.1 Local Plan Status

The adopted Lower Clydesdale Local Plan identifies the site as being within an area subject to Policy ENV2: Rural Area.

3.2 Relevant Government Advice/Policy

Scottish Planning Policy3: Planning for Housing, affirms that the planning system should encourage the creation of attractive, sustainable residential environments. New residential development must make efficient use of resources, reusing previously developed land wherever possible, supporting the aim of reducing energy consumption, and being accessible by forms of transport other than the private car. The Scottish Executive looks to planning authorities to maintain the effectiveness of existing greenbelts, safeguard the character and amenity of the countryside and protect the setting of towns. SPP3 advocates that most housing requirements, therefore, should be met within or adjacent to existing settlements, making efficient use of existing infrastructure and public services, helping to conserve natural heritage and protect rural amenity.

3.3 Planning History

There is no recent planning history for the site, however, an application for a single-storey dwellinghouse on land adjoining the current application site has been submitted (planning ref CL/05/0250). That application is subject to a separate report on the current agenda.

4 Consultation(s)

- 4.1 **Environmental Services** – no objections, subject to conditions.

Response: If Committee agree to approve this application, relevant conditions will be placed on the consent.

- 4.2 **Roads & Transportation Services** – have no objections to the proposal as the dwelling would take access from an existing private access road. Also state that the applicant should be made aware that the road could not be considered for adoption without substantial works, carried out at the residents' expense.

Response: Noted. The applicants are aware of the position in respect of the private access road.

- 4.3 **Scottish Water** – no objections and advise that there is an existing public water main available. Also state that there is a public sewerage system to which a connection may be made.

Response: Noted.

5 Representation(s)

- 5.1 The application was advertised as Development Potentially Contrary to the Development Plan as the site is outwith the settlement boundary of Coalburn. Following this publicity and neighbour notification, no letters of objection have been received.

6 Assessment and Conclusions

- 6.1 I consider the determining issues in this instance to be the proposal's compliance with local plan policy and with the terms of the Council's Residential Development Guide.
- 6.2 In terms of local plan policy, the adopted Lower Clydesdale Local Plan identifies the site as within the Rural Area, subject to Policy ENV2. This policy generally favours development of an appropriate form in the Rural Area, subject to criteria contained within SLP2: Rural Areas policy. This policy allows for house building within the Rural Area in cases where there is an agricultural or economic requirement; where re-use or conversion of an existing building is involved; or where development is to take place on derelict or degraded land which constitutes significant dereliction or blight. Following a detailed assessment, I conclude that this proposal cannot meet any of the above requirements and is therefore contrary to the development plan.
- 6.3 Notwithstanding the above, the application site consists of vacant ground that I consider has little or no potential for an alternative appropriate rural use. In addition, the presence of residential development to the north of the application site means that there will be no effective extension of the settlement. In view of this, I consider an approval contrary to the development plan is warranted in this instance.
- 6.4 In terms of compliance with the Residential Development Guide, the proposal accords with the relevant requirements in respect of plot ratio, window-to-window distance, garden area, access and parking. In addition, the design and scale of the dwelling proposed will not have an overpowering, significantly overshadowing or visually intrusive impact on neighbouring properties. I conclude that the proposal accords with the Residential Development Guide.
- 6.5 In conclusion, I consider the proposal to be an acceptable departure from the Rural Area Policy, for the following reasons:-
- ◆ there are no infrastructure implications;
 - ◆ the proposal reuses vacant, underutilized land and will broaden housing choice consistent with the principles of SPP3: Planning for Housing; and
 - ◆ the proposal does not effectively extend the settlement due to the location of residential development to the north of the site.

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29 June 2005

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ▶ Application Form
- ▶ Application Plans

- ▶ Consultations
 - Environmental Services 27/04/2005
 - Scottish Water 15/04/2005
 - Roads & Transportation Services 24/06/2005

- ▶ Representations
 - None received

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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CONDITIONS

- 1 That the development hereby permitted shall be started within five years of the date of this permission.
- 2 That the development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the plans hereby approved and no change to the design or external finishes shall take place without the prior written approval of the Council as Planning Authority.
- 3 That before any development commences on site or before any materials are ordered or brought to the site, details and samples of all materials to be used as external finishes on the development shall be submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority.
- 4 That before development starts, full details of the design and location of all fences and walls, including any retaining walls, to be erected on the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority.
- 5 That before the development hereby permitted is occupied or brought into use, all the fences or walls for which the permission of the Council as Planning Authority has been obtained under the terms of Condition 4 above, shall be erected and thereafter maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.
- 6 That the land hatched brown on the approved plans shall be reserved free of all building, structures and other works.
- 7 That before the dwellinghouse hereby approved is completed or brought into use, a dropped kerb access to the site shall be constructed in accordance with the specification and to the satisfaction of the Council as Roads and Planning Authority.
- 8 That before the dwellinghouse hereby approved is completed or brought into use, a turning space shall be provided within the site to enable vehicles to enter and leave the application site in forward gears at all times.
- 9 That before the dwellinghouse hereby approved is completed or brought into use, a private vehicular access or driveway of at least 12 metres in length shall be provided.
- 10 That before the dwellinghouse hereby permitted is occupied, 3 car parking spaces shall be provided within the curtilage of the plot and outwith the public road or footway and shall thereafter be maintained to the satisfaction of the Council as Planning Authority.
- 11 That before the dwellinghouse hereby approved is occupied, a drainage system capable of preventing any flow of water from the site onto the public road or into the site from surrounding land shall be provided and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council as Roads and Planning Authority.

- 12 That notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(Scotland) Order 1992 (or any such order revoking or re-enacting that order), no development shall take place within the curtilage of the application site other than that expressly authorised by this permission without the prior written consent of the Council as Planning Authority.

REASONS

- 1 To accord with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- 2 In the interests of amenity and in order to retain effective planning control.
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- 4 These details have not been submitted or approved.
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- 6 To safeguard the amenity of the area.
- 7 In the interest of public safety
- 8 In the interest of public safety
- 9 To prevent deleterious material being carried into the highway.
- 10 To ensure the provision of adequate parking facilities within the site.
- 11 To ensure the provision of a satisfactory drainage system.
- 12 In the interests of amenity and in order to retain effective planning control.

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Planning and Building Control Services

Plot 3, Railway Road, off Bellfield Road, Coalburn

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