

PLANNING BOARD – 5 APRIL 2017

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 April 2017 at 3.15pm

Present: Councillors Brennan (for Provost Moran), Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McCormick (for McIlwee), Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Service Manager (Roads), Mr G Leitch (Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor Wilson extended his best wishes to those Members standing in the forthcoming local government elections and thanked those Members standing down for their service on the Planning Board.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Moran and Councillors McColgan and McIlwee, with Councillor Brennan substituting for Provost Moran and Councillor McCormick substituting for Councillor McIlwee.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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**Erection of 104 flats together with new access road off Ratho Street, car parking and closure of section of MacDougall Street to vehicular traffic from East Hamilton Street (in principle):
Ratho Street/MacDougall Street, Greenock (09/0223/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Canata and Seggie Chartered Architects for the erection of 104 flats together with new access road off Ratho Street, car parking and closure of section of MacDougall Street to vehicular traffic from East Hamilton Street (in principle) at Ratho Street/MacDougall Street, Greenock (09/0223/IC).

The report recommended that planning permission be refused as the proposal is contrary to Policy ECN1(c) of the Local Development Plan which seeks to safeguard the site for economic mixed use and presumes in favour of new development proposals for business, general industrial and storage and distribution (Use classes 4, 5 and 6).

The meeting adjourned at 3.25pm as the result of a fire alarm and reconvened thereafter at 3.45pm.

After discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal is contrary to Policy ECN1(c) of the Local Development Plan which seeks to safeguard the site for economic mixed use and presumes in favour of new development proposals for business, general industrial and storage and distribution

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(Use classes 4, 5 and 6). As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that consideration of the application be continued to the first meeting of the Planning Board following the local government elections on 4 May 2017.

On a vote, 3 Members, Councillors Brooks, Nelson and Wilson, voted for the amendment and 7 Members, Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McCormick and Rebecchi voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the proposal is contrary to Policy ECN1(c) of the Local Development Plan which seeks to safeguard the site for economic mixed use and presumes in favour of new development proposals for business, general industrial and storage and distribution (Use classes 4, 5 and 6).