

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 27 JUNE 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 27 June 2019 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr J Kerr and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr J McColl (Regeneration & Planning) and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

447 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod.

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Proposed Residential Development with Access, Open Space, Landscaping and Associated Works at North Denniston, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm).

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There were submitted (1) an introductory report by the Head of Legal & Property Services and (2) a report by the Planning Board on the pre-determination hearing held on 13 June 2019 in relation to a planning application by Gladman Developments Limited for a proposed residential development with access, open space, landscaping and associated works (in principle) at land at North Denniston, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (19/0041/IC).

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of Clydeplan. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (1) the proposed development is contrary to the Spatial Development Strategy of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan as it is an unjustified urban development which is outwith the development corridor identified in the Plan in that it fails to accord with the Green Belt objectives;
- (2) the proposal is contrary to Policies ENV2 and SDS8 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan together with Policy 14 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it fails to accord with the objectives of the Green Belt;
- (3) the proposal fails in respect of Policy RES1(a) of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan as development within one of the 'fingers' of countryside that extend towards the centre of Kilmacolm will erode both the character and the setting of the village;
- (4) the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan and Policy 1 of

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the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan. The proposal is also contrary to the placemaking aims of Policy SDS3 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

(5) the proposal is not a form of residential development in the Green Belt supported by Policy RES7 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

449 Mesh Implants – Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy**449**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms, as amended at the meeting:

“Inverclyde Council endorses the support that has been offered by St. Louis-based obstetrician-gynaecologist, Dr Dionysios Veronikis to travel to Scotland to train fellow obstetricians in the safe removal of transvaginal and other mesh implants from persons affected by the mesh implant situation in Scotland. Through our endorsement, we recognise the pain that some of our constituents feel due to mesh implants and we are committed to ensuring our local constituents and other persons in Scotland receive humane and fair treatment in regard to their painful and debilitating symptoms.

We now call upon the UK government to respond as a matter of urgency to allow our constituents and others to receive expeditious treatment. We also agree that mesh should not be re-introduced until a full, thorough review of the devices has been completed to ensure public safety.

We call upon all other Scottish local authorities to support us to show solidarity with Scottish people affected by this issue and remit it to the Council’s Chief Legal Officer to write to all local authorities to this effect”.

Decided: that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy, as amended, be agreed.