

MINUTE
of
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 15th April 2025.

Present:

Councillor Betty Cunningham (Chair)	Provost Mary Montague
Councillor Annette Ireland	Councillor Jim McLean (Vice Chair)
Councillor Chris Lunday (*)	Councillor Andrew Morrison

Councillor Cunningham in the Chair

Attending:

Michaela Sullivan, Head of Place; Michelle McGuckin, Chief Planner and Building Standards Manager; Nicola McEleny, Solicitor; Derek Scott, Principal Planner (Development Management); and John Burke, Democratic Services Officer.

(*) denotes remote attendance

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1175. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

1176. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment on an application for planning permission requiring consideration by the Committee.

It was agreed that the applications be determined as indicated at Appendix 1 accompanying this Minute, particular reference being made to the following:-

- (i) 2025/0043/TP – Construction and operation of a 40MW battery energy storage facility, together with associated infrastructure, substation, security fencing, CCTV, security lighting and landscaping at land at the east side of Glasgow Road, Eaglesham, G76 0DN.

The Principal Planner was heard further on the report, in the course of which he summarised the 315 representations that had been received.

He provided further information on the relevant planning policies and assessments and stated that the proposal was considered to comply with the terms of the development plan, including NPF4 and LDP2.

Members expressed concerns around the location of the site, as well as the lack of clarity on connection to a water source, the nature of planting taking place at the site and the access of construction vehicles to the site via Eaglesham village, additional conditions were suggested to mitigate those concerns.

Following discussion of the application, Councillor Ireland, seconded by Provost Montague, moved that the recommendation of the report be approved and planning permission granted, subject to the conditions laid out in the report of handling, as well as additional conditions relating to the matters raised at the meeting.

Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved as an amendment that the application be refused as it was contrary to NPF4 policy 8 and LDP2 policy D3.

On the roll being called, Councillors Cunningham, Ireland and Provost Montague voted for the motion. Councillors Lunday, McLean and Morrison voted for the amendment.

With 3 votes being cast for the motion and 3 for the amendment, Councillor Cunningham exercised her casting vote for the motion, which was declared carried.

The Committee, therefore, agreed to grant planning permission subject to the conditions set out in the report of handling and additional conditions as follows:-

“22. Prior to the commencement of any work on site, a construction traffic management plan shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The construction traffic management plan shall detail the routes to be taken by construction traffic travelling to and from the site. Thereafter, the construction traffic shall travel to and from the site in accordance with the approved construction traffic management plan throughout the duration of the construction phase, unless minor and temporary amendments are agreed in advance with the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of public road safety.

23. Further to the specifications shown on the approved landscaping plan (reference PL-001 (Landscape) Rev6), no planting shall take place within 10 metres of any battery energy storage container. Prior to the commencement of any work on site, a written scheme detailing the maintenance of the unplanted area within the compound, including the removal of any self-seeded vegetation within that area, shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, the maintenance of the unplanted area shall be carried out in accordance with the approved maintenance scheme.

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

24. Prior to the commencement of any work on site, written confirmation demonstrating the agreement of Scottish Water, or their successors, to supply the site with water shall be submitted for noting and recording by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a steady supply of water to the site.

APPENDIX

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Draft index of applications under the above acts to be considered by Planning Applications Committee
on 15th April 2025.

Reference No: 2024/0478/TP

Ward: 5

Applicant:

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Site: Land At The East Side Of Glasgow Road, Eaglesham, G76 0DN

Description: Construction and operation of a 40 MW battery energy storage facility, together with associated infrastructure, substation, security fencing, CCTV, security lighting and landscaping.

Please click [here](#) for further information on this application
