

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILPLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE7 November 2018Report by Director of EnvironmentAPPEALS**1.0. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This report is to inform Members about two new appeals and an appeal decision that have been received from the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA).

2.0 NEW APPEALS

- 2.1. **APPEAL 0535** (ERC reference 2018/0001/HHN; DPEA reference HHA-220-6).

This appeal relates to the decision of the Council to issue a High Hedge Notice relating to a hedge at 70 Stamperland Hill, Clarkston. It was considered that the hedge (due to its height at approximately 4.3m, position and orientation) has an adverse impact on the reasonable enjoyment of the neighbours at 75 Stamperland Avenue through the loss of light. The High Hedge Notice requires the hedge along the rear boundary to be reduced in height initially to 2.8m and thereafter kept below 3.5m. The hedge owner has now appealed the decision.

- 2.2. **APPEAL 0536** (ERC reference 2018/0261/PN; DPEA reference PAC-220-2000).

This appeal relates to the refusal of prior approval for the erection of a 17.5m high telecommunications monopole supporting 3 antennas with the installation of 3 ground based equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet at land at Stewarton Road (adjacent to Crookfur Roundabout and backing onto Worsley Crescent), Newton Mearns. The application was refused as being contrary to Policy D17 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan as a result of its height and visual prominence the telecommunications monopole would be detrimental to the character and amenity of the area and is not considered to be sensitively sited.

3.0 APPEAL DECISION

- 3.1. **APPEAL 0532** (ERC reference 2014/0820/TP; DPEA reference PPA-220-2048).

This appeal relates to the erection of six 76.5 metre high wind turbines (to hub height) and anemometer mast with formation of access tracks; erection of sub-station and control building and formation of two borrow pits at land east of Shieldhill Farm and west of Moor Road, Newton Mearns. The application was refused by the committee on 14 March 2018.

- 3.2. The appeal was dismissed on 25 October 2018 and the appointed Reporter considered that although the proposed development would have significant beneficial effects in relation to its net economic impact, contribution to renewable energy generation targets and effect on greenhouse gas emissions there are adverse landscape and visual effects. The Reporter considered these adverse effects to be of considerable magnitude and as a result the development conflicts with the development plan.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 Members are asked to note the above.

Director of Environment
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