

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

10 February 2016

Report by Director of Environment

APPEALS

1.0. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report is to inform Members about a new appeal that has been lodged, and a new decision issued by the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA).

2.0. NEW APPEAL

- 2.1. **APPEAL 0521** (ERC reference 2014/0228/TP; DPEA reference PPA-220-2033). This appeal relates to the erection of a 50 metre high wind turbine with access track and sub-station at land circa 458 metres south-west of Nether Carswell, Kingston Road, Neilston. The application was granted subject to conditions at the Committee on 4 November 2015. The applicant has appealed three of the conditions that were attached (conditions 2, 3 & 5 regarding wind speed monitoring, noise monitoring and how complaints are handled).

- 2.2. It should be noted that it is the entire decision that will be the subject of assessment by the Reporter, who has a number of options including upholding the decision of the Council; amending the conditions; or refusing the permission outright.

2.3. NEW DECISION

- 2.4. **APPEAL 0520** (ERC reference 2015/0253/TP; DPEA reference PPA-220-2031). This appeal related to the erection of 2 detached dwellinghouses with open space at land between 14 and 16 Newton Place, Newton Mearns. The appeal was dismissed. The reporter found that the open space contributed positively to the setting of the adjacent listed building (Mearnskirk Church). She also found that the loss of most of the current open space would undermine its value and function; and that inserting development would diminish local character and amenity to a significant degree. She therefore found no justification to set aside the general policy presumption against the loss of the open space.

3.0. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. Members are asked to note the above.

Director of Environment
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