

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Minute of Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 8 April 2015.**

**Present:**

Councillor Kenny Hay (Chair)	Councillor Barbara Grant
Councillor Betty Cunningham (Vice Chair)	Councillor Gordon McCaskill
Provost Alastair Carmichael	Councillor Stewart Miller

Councillor Hay in the Chair

**Attending:**

Sean McDaid, Graham Shankland and Ian Walker, Principal Planners, Development Management; John Marley, Transportation Co-ordinator; and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**Apology:**

Councillor Paul O'Kane.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1506.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**1507.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 11 March 2015 (Page 1371, Item 1453(ii) refers), when it was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to allow a site visit to take place, the committee resumed consideration of application 2014/0416/TP – Erection of 76 bed care home with formation of access road and car parking and alterations to access from Mearns Road at Blue Acres Nursery, 416 Mearns Road, Newton Mearns by Care Concern Group.

Having heard Councillor Hay state that the site visit had taken place on 7 April 2015, Councillor McCaskill expressed concerns about the eastern aspect of the site which in his opinion was unsafe. In reply, the Principal Planner explained that these concerns would be addressed by an appropriate condition being attached to the proposed planning consent.

Provost Carmichael commented on the steep gradient of the access road to the proposed site and expressed concern that the road surface might be dangerous for those visiting the proposed care home during the winter months.

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In reply, the Principal Planner advised that the applicants proposed to reduce the gradient in the course of which the Transportation Co-ordinator advised that as the access road would not be adopted, regular gritting would require to be undertaken to ensure that the road surface was safe during the winter months.

Councillor Miller commented on the proposed parking provision at the site which in his opinion was inadequate and suggested that given the limited number of parking spaces available, relatives visiting residents of the proposed care home might have to park their cars on Mearns Road.

In reply, the Transportation Co-ordinator stated that the Roads and Transportation service was satisfied with the parking provision proposed at the site.

Councillor Grant stated that in her opinion, there was no proven need for the development and as a result the proposed development was contrary to the policies in the Adopted East Renfrewshire Local Plan. She also shared Councillor Miller's concerns about the parking provision at the site.

In reply, the Principal Planner stated that the demographics within East Renfrewshire provided evidence that there was a proven need for the proposed care home.

At this stage, Councillor Hay, seconded by Councillor Miller moved that the application be approved, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

Councillor Grant moved as an amendment that the application be refused as it represented an overdevelopment of the site. In the absence of a seconder, her amendment fell.

Thereafter, the committee agreed that the application be approved, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

In accordance with the terms of Standing Order 28(e), Councillor Grant asked for her dissent to be recorded.

CHAIR

**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**

Applications continued from Planning Applications Committee dated 11th March 2015 to be considered on Planning Applications Committee dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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**Reference No:** 2014/0416/TP

**Ward:** 5

**Applicant:**

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Pinner  
Middlesex  
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**Agent:**

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**Site:** Blue Acres Nursery 416 Mearns Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 5RY

**Description:** Erection of 76 bed care home with formation of access road and car parking and alterations to access from Mearns Road

**Decision:** Approved Subject to Conditions

