MINUTE

of

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 15 February 2023.

Present:

Councillor Betty Cunningham (Chair)
Councillor Jim McLean (Vice Chair)
Councillor Paul Edlin

Councillor Chris Lunday Provost Mary Montague Councillor Andrew Morrison(*)

Councillor McLean in the Chair

Attending:

Julie Nicol, Planning and Building Standards Manager(*); Alan Pepler, Principal Planner (Development Management); Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; John Burke, Committee Services Officer; Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

(*) indicates remote attendance.

Apology:

Councillor Annette Ireland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

327. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

ROLE OF CHAIR

328. The Vice Chair advised that he would be acting as Chair for the meeting with the assent of the Chair. The Committee noted the position.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

329. The committee considered a report by the Director of Environment, on application 2022/0570/TP, seeking permission for the erection on 18 garages, including refuse/recycling stores and resident parking (adjacent to existing garages) within the rear of courtyards of existing apartment block development on land to the rear of Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham.

The Principal Planner (Development Management) was heard further on the report, in the course of which he summarised the 32 objections that had been received.

He provided further information on the relevant planning policies and assessments. In particular, it was noted that the application was contrary to policies D1 and D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 and Policies 14 and 15 of the National Planning Framework 4 as it would lead to the loss of amenity open space associated with the adjacent flatted developments and give rise to an intensification of use within the remaining amenity open space and access lanes to the detriment of the character of the area and to residential amenity. The proposal was also contrary to policies D1 and D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as it would result in a significant intensification of use for the area and the likely displacement of car parking onto the adjacent public road network, to the detriment of public road safety and to the detriment of safety of the existing users of the site.

In the course of discussion, concern was expressed regarding the development, in particular the roads access to the site and loss of parking.

Thereafter, the committee agreed that the application be refused for the reasons as set out in the report.

CHAIR