

Minute

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 31 May 2023, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Owen Tierney, Kristopher D Leask, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, Jean E Stevenson, John A R Scott, Ivan A Taylor and Duncan A Tullock.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning and Community Protection.
- Jamie Macvie, Service Manager (Development Management).
- Susan Shearer, Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning).
- Paul Maxton, Solicitor.
- Donald Wilson, Roads Authority Officer.

Observing

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Kirsty Groundwater, Team Manager (Communications).

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Owen Tierney.

1. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Committee **suspended Standing Order 8.11** to enable members to participate in the meeting from a remote location, as a party had the right to be heard in person or through a representative and the decision to be made was as a result of a quasi-judicial or regulatory hearings process, such as a planning application or an appeal.

2. Planning Application 22/423/PP

Proposed Realignment of Section of A961 in Holm, including Culvert, Attenuation Basin and Ancillary Works

James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, representing the applicant, Orkney Islands Council, and David Custer, Service Manager (Engineering), Orkney Islands Council, agent for the applicant, were present during consideration of this item.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Development Management), the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. That three letters of objection relating to the application for planning permission in respect of the proposed realignment of a section of the A961 in Holm, including culverting a burn, creation of an attenuation basin and ancillary works, had been received from the following:

- Jim Leitch, Feolquoy, Evie, KW17 2PJ.
- Eoin Ross, Ortleigh Cottage, St Marys, Holm, KW17 2RT.
- Leslie Sinclair, 31A Broad Street, Kirkwall.

After hearing statements from Jim Leitch and Leslie Sinclair, objectors, which were read out by the Clerk, and after hearing representations from David Custer, agent for the applicant, Orkney Islands Council, on the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Owen Tierney, the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.2. That the concerns of the objectors had been considered in the assessment of the proposal but were of insufficient weight to warrant refusal.

2.3. That the proposed development had been fully assessed and was in accordance with the undernoted policies:

- Orkney Local Development Plan 2017:
 - The Spatial Strategy.
 - Policy 1 – Criteria for All Development.
 - Policy 2 – Design.
 - Policy 8 – Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage.
 - Policy 9 – Natural Heritage and Landscape.
 - Policy 13 – Flood Risk, SuDS and Waste Water Drainage.
 - Policy 14 – Transport, Travel and Road Network Infrastructure.

- Supplementary Guidance:
 - Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage (2017).
 - Natural Environment (2017).
- Planning Policy Advice:
 - Historic Environment (Topics and Themes) (2017).
 - Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1 (2020).
- National Planning Framework 4.

2.3. That planning permission be granted in respect of the proposal for the realignment of a section of the A961 in Holm, including culverting a burn, creation of an attenuation basin and ancillary works, subject to the conditions attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:16 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Owen Tierney.