MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL REVIEW BODY held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2012

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: Iain Jackson, Governance Officer (Adviser)

Hazel MacInnes, Committee Services Officer (Minute Taker)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CONSIDER NOTICE OF REVIEW REQUEST: LAND SOUTH WEST OF CILL BHEAG, DERVAIG, ISLE OF MULL PA75 6QN

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the only parties entitled to speak at the meeting would be the Local Review Body Panel and Mr Jackson, who would provide procedural advice, if required.

The Chair asked the Panel if they considered that they had enough information before them to determine the request for review.

Councillor Kinniburgh advised that he did not feel he had sufficient information before him to come to a decision on the Review. He advised that it was difficult to work from the plans that had been provided and added that it could be difficult to determine if the reason for refusal was justified without seeing the site. Councillor Trail agreed with the comments of Councillor Kinniburgh.

The Chair highlighted that the Planning Department had advised that the site was too small for the development but the applicant was of the opinion that the site was sufficient in size to accommodate the development and acceptable amenity space and a precedent for this had been set at a development further down from the site. He advised that he required clarification on this and seeing the site could be an advantage.

Councillor Trail highlighted that the applicant had given figures of the area of his site and advised that he would like written confirmation from the Planning department on the area of the site. He advised that it would also be helpful if a location plan could be provided on a 1:1250 scale as opposed to the 1:10000 scale that had been provided in the papers.

The Panel further discussed the matter and agreed that if they received confirmation of the area of the site and a plan on a 1:1250 scale then a site visit would not be necessary at this stage.

Decision

Agreed to request further written submissions from the Planning Department in respect of –

Confirmation of the area of the site.

A location plan of the site on a 1:1250 scale.

Reconvened meeting of Argyll and Bute Local Review Body held on 19 December 2012 in the Council Chamber, Kilmory, Lochgilphead

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: lain Jackson, Governance Officer (Adviser)

Fiona McCallum, Committee Services Officer (Minute

Taker)

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the only parties entitled to speak at the meeting would be the Local Review Body Panel and Mr Jackson, who would provide procedural advice, if required.

The Chair asked the Panel if they considered that they had enough information before them to determine the request for review to which the panel unanimously agreed that the plans submitted did not assist them in assessing the suitability of the site for development of a dwellinghouse.

Decision

Agreed to hold an accompanied site visit to determine the suitability of the site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and requested that the applicant and Planning Authority attend to respond to any questions the Local Review Body may have.

Reconvened meeting of Argyll and Bute Local Review Body held on 26 February 2013 in Dervaig Village Hall, Isle of Mull

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law

(Adviser)

Lesley Cuthbertson, Planning Officer Judith Stephen, Planning Technician Simon Proud, Applicant's Representative The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the only parties entitled to speak at the meeting would be the Local Review Body Panel and Mr Reppke, who would provide procedural advice, if required.

The Chair asked members if they had all the information they needed to come to a decision on the review and they all agreed that they did have sufficient information.

The Chair then indicated that having looked at the small site and its location close to the newly built house he had concerns about this being overdevelopment of a small site which would be out of keeping with the current pattern of development. It would also have an adverse impact of the amenity of the neighbouring property. He suggested that it might well be possible to develop further in this locality provided that the plot was more appropriately sited and took account of the existing pattern of development which had larger plot sizes. He felt that there were better ways of adding to the development in this area and therefore agreed with the reasons for refusal set out by the Planning Officers in their report of handling.

Councillor Kinniburgh said that he felt that the proposal was out of keeping with the pattern of development and was overdevelopment as determined by the Planning Officers.

Councillor Trail said that he agreed with his colleagues view on this application; that the application would represent overdevelopment and therefore supported the reason for refusal set out by the Planning Officer.

Decision

That the application for review be refused on the basis that the proposal was out of keeping with the current pattern of development which had larger plot sizes and a less intensive development within the site boundary. There would be an adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property and it could create an undesirable precedent for a more intensive urban style development pattern in this area which would be out of keeping with the wider settlement pattern and would constitute overdevelopment as set out in the planning report.

Appendix A

ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL REVIEW BODY

NOTE OF MEETING OF SITE INSPECTION RE CASE 12/0013/LRB LAND SW OF CILL BHEAG, DERVAIG, ISLE OF MULL TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013

In attendance: Councillor Sandy Taylor, Argyll & Bute LRB (Chair)

Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law

Lesley Cuthbertson, Planning Officer

Judith Stephen, Planning Technician Simon Proud, Applicant's Representative

The Argyll and Bute LRB (ABLRB) agreed on 19 December 2012 to conduct a site inspection in order to establish whether or not a dwellinghouse could be accommodated on the site and to invite a representative from Planning to attend along with the Applicant to answer any questions the LRB may have in relation to these matters.

The ABLRB convened on Tuesday 26 February 2012 at 1.00pm at Land South West of Cill Bheag, Dervaig, Isle of Mull.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. The Chair explained the purpose of the site visit was to establish the exact location of the application site and to relate that to the existing pattern of development in the area.

The Chair explained that the LRB members had already had an informal look at the site as they had travelled into the village.

The Chair then invited the interested parties present to explain the proposed boundaries between the application site and the recently built property. The Planning Officer and Mr Proud answered questions from members on the extent of the plot size for the house belonging to Mr Proud and its boundaries with the application site.

Mr Proud pointed out that the measurements were to the wall not the fence as far as calculating the total area of the site.

The Members also made inquiry about the ownership of neighbouring land and this was clarified by Mr Proud.

The site visit concluded with an invitation to parties to attend at the Dervaig Hall for the meeting.