

PROPOSED HOUSE AT COLINTRAVE

Memo of meeting on site at Colintrave held 12.00hrs Wednesday 23rd November 2011

Present: Steven Gove Argyll & Bute Planning
 Alison McIlroy Argyll & Bute
 Mr James Houston Architect

Weather: Heavy rain, becoming light.

1. Mr Houston handed over copies of the Topographical Survey of the site showing which trees would be affected by the proposed new house. The survey was carried out by Kennedy Surveys, Saltcoats (Tel: 07801 076 495). They have confirmed that the main trees shown on the plan were accurately plotted.
2. Mr Houston confirmed that his client was determined to ensure that his new family home would be achieved with the minimum loss of trees.
3. It was confirmed that whatever number of tree had to be removed (probably 7 or 8) they would be replaced by at least the same number of new healthy standards of native species.
4. Alison McIlroy examined the condition of the site with particular reference to the trees and the existence of Ponticum. She was of the opinion that one of the larger Beech trees proposed for removal, near the centre of the site, could soon become unstable and would have to be removed anyway.
5. It was explained that while the majority of mature trees were Beech, it was not essential that all replacements be of the same species. For example the introduction of some Rowan would be appropriate.
6. Alison was concerned about the presence of the Ponticum and it was agreed that these plants would be eradicated.
7. Alison expressed the view that management of the remaining trees and any new planting would be important.
8. Mr Houston confirmed that the proposal was not speculative but very much a family project on the land which our client inherited from his mother. Consequently, there is a strong personal wish to maintain or improve the overall condition of the site.
9. While perhaps not relevant to the Environmental effects of the project, Mr Houston expressed his view that employment of local tradesmen was also important at this time.
10. Mr Houston thanked Steven and Alison for attending and hoped that a positive response would result.

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