

Delegated or Committee Planning Application Report and Report of Handling as required by Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 relative to applications for Planning Permission or Planning Permission in Principle

Reference No:	20/01441/PP
Planning Hierarchy:	Local
Applicant:	Bute Island Foods Ltd
Proposal:	Erection of Food Production Facility and Associated Works (Revised Proposal Relative to Planning Application Reference 20/00333/PP to Incorporate Removal of New Access onto Barone Road, Use of Existing Access onto Meadows Road for all Vehicles and Increase in Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces to 78)
Site Address:	Former Gas Network Site, Meadows Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT NO. 1

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The attention of Members is drawn to the main Report of Handling dated 9th October 2020 that is currently before them for consideration in respect of the above application.

Since the writing of this report, expressions of support have been received from the following six sources:

Stephen Greenshields, Flat 1, 31 Gallowgate, Rothesay (e-mail received 13th October 2020)
Isobel Strong, Lilybank, Glebelands Road, Rothesay (e-mail dated 13th October 2020)
John McBride, 32 Roslin Crescent, Rothesay (e-mail received 13th October 2020)
Mrs Nile Lawrence, 24 Hillview Walk, Rothesay (e-mail received 14th October 2020)
Craig McAlister, Kerrytonlia Farm, Kingarth (e-mail received 14th October 2020)
Sean Lawrence, 23 Argyle Terrace, Rothesay (e-mail received 14th October 2020)

In addition to these individual e-mails, a letter dated 12th October 2020 has been received from Mrs Angela Callaghan, '*Bute Oasis*', 6 Argyle Street, Rothesay. Mrs Callaghan explains her support for the proposal in the letter and she has attached a petition from people who are in favour of the planned factory.

The additional six pages contain a total of 100 signatures with addresses and telephone numbers. None of the pages contain any statements that set out what the signatures relate to.

These most recent contributions have resulted in the following figures:

Those objecting to the proposal	–	74
Those supporting the proposal	–	33
Number of signatories to petition in favour of the proposal	–	100

2.0 SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED

The main points raised by the most recent contributors can be summarised as follows:

- Bute Island Foods have listened to the concerns of local residents by withdrawing the original proposal and submitting a new application showing different access arrangements and increased off-street parking
- Bute Island Foods has a great reputation for its specialist products internationally. They are a major island employer and, in the current troubling economic environment, their intention to provide even more jobs through the proposed expansion is a significant positive for Bute
- Secure and stable employment is needed to retain young people on Bute
- Other local businesses will benefit from the proposal as Bute Island Foods uses local tradesmen to carry out work at their premises and local bakers provide food for the canteen

Comment: These issues have been raised by other supporters and are addressed in the main Report on Handling that is currently before Members for consideration.

Note: Full details of these expressions of support can be viewed on the Council's website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The points made have been raised by other supporters and do not alter the recommendation contained in the main Report of Handling dated 9th October 2020; namely, that the application be **granted** subject to a discretionary local hearing and to the conditions, reasons and informative notes contained therein.

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Date: 20th October 2020

Reviewing Officer: Sandra Davies

Date: 20th October 2020

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