

**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**

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<b>Reference No:</b>	20/01441/PP
<b>Planning Hierarchy:</b>	Local
<b>Applicant:</b>	Bute Island Foods Ltd
<b>Proposal:</b>	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)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Former Gas Network Site, Meadows Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute

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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT NO. 2**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At the meeting of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, Members agreed to hold a virtual pre-determination hearing and virtual site visit in respect of the above application. The hearing has been scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Since this decision, expressions of support have been received from the following three sources:

Brigitte Milroy, Flat 2/2, 10 The Terrace, Ardbeg Road, Rothesay (e-mail received 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Barbara Rimmington, 7 Kames Terrace, Port Bannatyne (e-mail received 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Robert Macintyre, Whinney Brae, Serpentine Road, Rothesay (e-mail dated 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

These most recent contributions have increased the number of supporters by three and mean that the overall level of representation is now as follows:

Those <b>objecting</b> to the proposal	–	74
Those <b>supporting</b> the proposal	–	36
Number of signatories to petition <b>in favour</b> of the proposal	–	100

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED

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

- As a company, Bute Island Foods won Business Innovator of the Year 2018 and seems to get awards every year. It provides its vegan products to Asda, Sainsbury, Tesco and Spar and it is understood that Marks and Spencer's are also looking forward to selling its products - an invaluable flagship to put Argyll and Bute firmly on the map
- Its success demands that it increases its workforce and, to enable this, it is now applying for a new factory. As a major employer, it is felt essential to ensure that the company stays on the island and the Council is urged to consider the value of such an asset, which is a great way to induce young repopulation in an ageing community

**Comment:** These issues have been raised by other supporters and are addressed in the main Report on Handling that remains 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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020; namely, that the application be **granted** subject to the conditions, reasons and informative notes contained therein and to consideration of the proposal at the discretionary local hearing to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

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**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Reviewing Officer: Howard Young**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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