FURTHER INFORMATION ADDENDUM

FOR

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL LOCAL REVIEW BODY

21/0002/LRB

BYRE BETWEEN 3 AND 4 GLASSARD, ISLE OF COLONSAY

13th July 2021

Further Information

Following the first calling of the LRB Members have requested further information from planning officers in respect of this case.

1. Ascertain from Home Argyll what the demand is for 4 bedroomed properties on the Island of Colonsay.

Since the submission of the initial response to Members, officers have received details of the housing market pressures on the island. This has been provided by the council's Housing Services team. I have copied the response below for information and consideration.

There has been no turnover of affordable housing in the last few years on Colonsay.

There is an official pressure ratio of 8:0 – 8 households with identified need and no affordable housing turnover. This is a very high pressure ratio. There are currently 11 households on the waiting list with Colonsay as first area of choice in total.

These households are looking for 1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties. A further 4 people have chosen Colonsay as one of their top 3 areas of choice to live. In addition 76 households have ticked Colonsay as an area of choice. We need to carry out some further analysis to establish how many of them are actively looking to move to Colonsay.

We also know of people on the island who require affordable housing but have not registered their interest through the housing waiting list.

CONCLUSION

The reasons for refusal of planning application 21/00017/PP:

The application seeks to add a twelfth unit to a private access that already serves eleven. In this regard the proposal is not consistent with the provisions of policies LDP 11 and SG LDP TRAN 4 which provides for the servicing of a maximum of five units off a private access before requiring the road be brought up to adoptable standards. Such works would be financially prohibitive in this instance and outwith the control of the applicant to implement.

There are no material considerations identified of sufficient weight that justify the proposal as a departure from the provisions of the development plan.

It is respectfully requested that the review be dismissed and the refusal be upheld.