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**Sent:** 18 January 2011 13:47  
**To:** Dance, Vivien; Colville, Rory; Kelly, Daniel; Mackay, Neil (Councillor); Marshall, Bruce; McCuish, Roderick; McQueen, James; Currie, Robin; Devon, Mary-Jean; Kinniburgh, David; MacMillan, Donald; MacAlister, Alister; McNaughton, Alex; Reay, Al  
**Subject:** Planning Committee Meeting 19th January

Dear Councillors

Re Planning Application 10/01302/pp, Mr and Mrs Cairns, Erection of Dwelling house to Ground North of Dean House, East Abercromby Street, Helensburgh

I write in advance of tomorrows meeting to urge you to grant permission for the above house, without a further local hearing. The Planning Report is in favour Permission being granted and as this has been hanging around since August-almost 5 months already, I plead with you not to hold a further discretionary hearing. Certain neighbours close to this proposed site have unremittingly lobbied friends, relatives and neighbours (near and far) to write in against this plan, which is the reason behind the huge number of objectors. Supporters of Mr and Mrs Cairns realised what was being done and tried to respond in support (2 of whom, Mrs Anna Rogers and Mrs A McGillivray are incorrectly listed as objectors) hence the high number of supporters.

A prior applicant in the area (Colonel Ronald, 9 East Rosdhu Drive) withdrew an application and has since sold his house and moved away following the dreadful treatment, intimidation and vitreol written by these neighbours during his planning application. This is not democracy, this is certain individuals trying to hijack a fair process and bully their way through the Planning Process.

Not a single comment made by the objectors has been upheld by Planning, and I urge you to let this application be passed with no further delay. A recent application almost identical to this one 2 blocks away at 6 West Abercromby Street was passed locally by Planning within 4 weeks, a 3 bedroom coach house style dwelling extremely similar in style, size and location (also in the rear garden of a victorian house) and the owners have already been able to receive their permission, and have been able to proceed with their lives. The only discernible difference between the 2 proposed plans are the reactions of the neighbours, in one case the neighbours were supportive and welcoming, in another, 4 notable neighbours (Messrs Cox, Connelly, Riddler and Linzee-Gordon) have driven a clear and blatant campaign to railroad the process and I urge you to pass this now, not to hold a further hearing.

The applicants in this case, Mr and Mrs Cairns are long term residents of Helensburgh, Mr Cairns was Manager of Clydesdale Bank Dumbarton for 20 years, and has been fighting a 10 year battle with Bowel Cancer. They are hoping to build a house next to their daughter so that in an uncertain future, they will be close to each other, for mutual support and nursing assistance should this be needed. Please please put them out of their misery and pass this application, 5 months is too long, and the Planners have supported it and I urge you to do the same and pass it, even with the large number of representations that have been made.

We will be attending tomorrows meeting, to hear the discussion of the Councillors and hope you have the compassion to use your discretion to pass this application now rather than imposing a further delay.

Many thanks

Mrs Gill Fish, (daughter of Mr and Mrs Cairns) [REDACTED]