

# Planning Committee

Thursday, 31st August, 2017

## PLANNING COMMITTEE SITE VISIT – NOTE OF MEETING

Members Present: Councillor Lyons (Chairperson);  
Councillors Armitage, Bunting, Johnston and  
Mullan.

Officers in Attendance: Ms. E. Hanratty, Mr. R. Taylor, Ms. T. Harbinson,  
Mr. D. Hassan and Ms. E. McGoldrick.

Also in Attendance: Mr. G. Beckett, Development Control,  
Department for Infrastructure Roads Service.

### Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Dorrian, Garrett and Hussey.

### Site Visit

Further to its decision of 20th June, the Committee convened at 12:30 pm at the City Hall for the purpose of undertaking site visit in respect of the following:

#### **LA04/2016/0400/F - Apartment development (28 units) on lands at 230 Belmont Road**

The Chairperson reminded the Members that, given the issues which had been raised regarding the traffic and impact on the trees, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of the application to enable a site visit to be undertaken to allow the Committee to acquaint itself with the location and the proposal at first hand. The Committee also agreed that the Council's Tree Officer be invited to attend the site visit and Transport NI be asked for clarification on their position and to attend the next Planning Committee, if possible.

The case officer advised that Mr. G. Beckett, Development Control, Department for Infrastructure, Roads Service, was in attendance to answer any queries the Committee might have regarding the access road and highway safety, together with Mr. D. Hassan, Tree Officer, from the Council to answer any tree protection related queries.

During discussion, Mr Beckett informed the Members of the average traffic statistics, peak hours for the area, and average trips to be taken on the access road, and the process of how the Roads Service assess such developments.

The Tree Officer explained the process of Tree Protection Orders, the relevance of the condition of the proposed trees to be removed, and health and safety aspects. He also highlighted the planning conditions outlined in the report in respect of the requirement of hard surfaces to protect the trees which would be retained.

(Councillor Mullan left the site visit at this point)

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**LA04/2015/0670/F Residential development of 53 units comprising 33 detached, 4 semi-detached and 16 apartments on lands at Castlehill Manor, Castlehill Road\*\***

The Chairperson reminded the Members that, given the issues which had been raised regarding access and drainage at the site, the Committee had agreed to defer consideration of the application in order to undertake a site visit to allow the Committee to acquaint itself with the location and the proposal at first hand.

The Committee noted that the applications would be reconsidered in due course.

The site visit concluded at 2.30pm.

Noted.

Chairperson