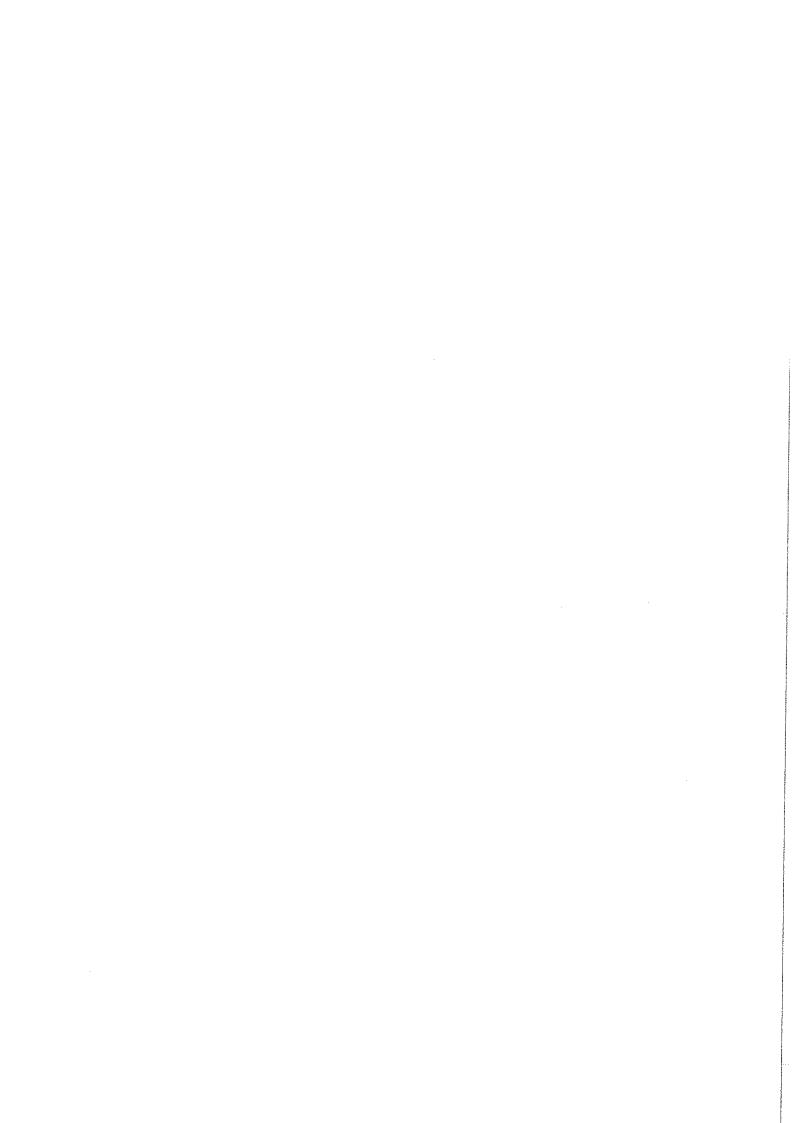
# APPOINTED OFFICER'S DECISION: DC10/252/FUL



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Ref No - DC10/252/FUL

# Refusal of Planning Consent

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACTS
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT)
(SCOTLAND) ORDERS

Proposal

Demolition of existing house and erection of

replacement dwellinghouse

Site

Former Anbarda

Old Dalnottar Road

Old Kilpatrick

West Dunbartonshire

**Applicant** 

Mr Owen Sayers

Agent

**David Findlay Architecture** 

Unit B4

Whitecrook Business Centre

Whitecrook Street

Clydebank G81 1QF

Class of Development

Local Development

**Decision Type** 

Delegated

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL, AS PLANNING AUTHORITY, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR POWERS UNDER THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTS AND ORDERS, AND HAVING CONSIDERED YOUR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, THE PLAN(S) DOCQUETTED AS RELATIVE THERETO AND THE PARTICULARS GIVEN IN THE ABOVE APPLICATION, HEREBY:-

DECISION:

REFUSE PLANNING CONSENT FOR THE REASON(S) CONTAINED

IN THE ACCOMPANYING PAPER(S) APART.

DATED THIS: 22nd day of October 2010

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL

AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICES.

CLYDEBANK G81 1TG

SIGNED ..

for WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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### **FOR NOTING**

Informatives

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# TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

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The review may be submitted in writing to:

West Dunbartonshire Council Planning Local Review Body Council Offices Garshake Road Dumbarton G82 3PU

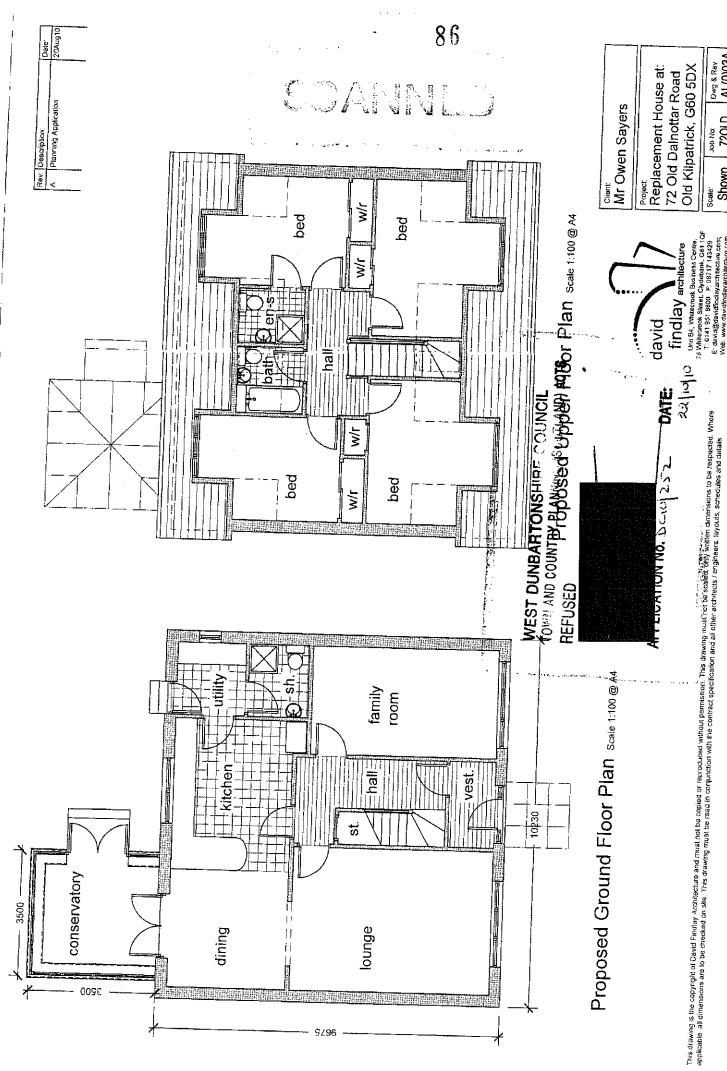
Telephone

01389 737210

Review forms can be obtained on request from the above address or can be downloaded from the Council's website:

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2. If permission to develop is refused or granted subject to conditions (whether by the Planning Authority or the Scottish Ministers), and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Planning Authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of his/her interest in the land in accordance with Part V of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.



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# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT OF HANDLING (Delegated)

**APP NO:** DC10/252/FUL

CASE OFFICER: Mr Bernard Darroch

ADDRESS/SITE: Former Anbarda, Old Dalnottar Road, Old Kilpatrick, West

Dunbartonshire

**PROPOSAL:** Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwellinghouse

# 1.0 Site Description/Development Details

Planning permission is ought for the demolition of an existing bungalow and the erection of a replacement house at 72 Old Dalnottar Road, Old Kilpatrick. The plot currently extends to approximately 630 square metres and is occupied by a 1930s style detached bungalow. The property is understood to be in poor internal condition, and it has been vacant for a number of years. It is currently boarded up and covered with graffiti.

The current proposal seeks to reduce the size of the plot to approximately 400 square metres (the remainder of the rear garden would become additional garden ground for the neighbouring property, which is owned by the applicant) and to erect a 1½ storey detached house. Internally, the new property would have four bedrooms on the upper level, a dining kitchen, family room, lounge and rear conservatory on the ground floor. Each of the bedrooms on the upper level would have a hipped dormer window, with two on the front elevation and two on the rear elevation. Externally, the property would be finished in dry dash render and interlocking concrete roof tiles. A driveway with space for 3 cars would be formed at the side of the house.

Prior to the submission of the application, pre-application discussions were undertaken and three proposals for the site were considered. These options consisted of; refurbishing the existing property with a rear extension and attic conversion, re-roofing the existing property with a rear extension and attic conversion, and demolishing the property and erecting a new house. The applicant's preferred option was the refurbishment of the property. The reduction in the size of the garden was discussed at that time and it was pointed out that this could impact on the acceptability of extending/replacing the house.

#### 2.Consultations

West Dunbartonshire Council Environmental Health and Roads Services, and Scottish Water all have no objection to the proposal.

# 3. Application Publicity

None.

#### 4. Representations

None.

## 5. Relevant Policy

West Dunbartonshire Local Plan

H4 – Housing Development Standards

H5 - Housing within Existing Residential Area

Policy H4 sets out criteria for assessing new housing developments. These include allowing for subsequent house extensions within 'permitted development' limits without adversely affecting the amenity of surrounding buildings, and reflecting a residential density which is appropriate to the surrounding area.

The site lies within an existing residential area and is covered by policy H5. This policy seeks to protect and enhance the character and amenity of the area, and indicates that any development should not be out of character in terms of its scale, density, design, plot size or use of materials. It also seeks to prevent overdevelopment of a site or any development that would have an adverse impact on the local amenity, access, parking or scale of neighbouring buildings. It further states that any new house and its garden should be in keeping with the surrounding area.

#### 6. Appraisal

There is a mix of housing in the surrounding area, ranging from a block of flats to terraced housing, and the erection of a larger 1½ storey replacement house is acceptable in principle. The new house would be pushed slightly further forward in its plot than the existing building, but there is no clear building line on this part of Old Dalnottar Road and the house would still be well set back from the street. The new house would be of a modern suburban style which is appropriate for this location, and the materials, access and parking arrangements would be acceptable. There would be no overshadowing or overlooking of existing properties.

However, the reduction in the size of the existing garden would result in the new house having a rear garden only 8m long at its longest point, and only 4.5m long relative to the conservatory. Whilst the total plot size of 630m² is reasonably large by modern standards, and compares favourably with some (smaller) houses nearby, the shallowness of the rear garden is not considered acceptable. The proposed property is a fairly large 4-bedroomed house, and combined with the proposed conservatory even a relatively small 'permitted development' rear extension would have the capacity to take up most of the rear garden. The first

floor rear windows would also be only 8m away from the boundary with what would now be the neighbour's garden.

These issues have been discussed with the applicant. It was recommended that a larger proportion of the existing plot be retained so that the rear garden is a minimum of 12m in depth. The agent prepared alternative plans showing such an arrangement, and an alternative layout with the rear garden tapering from 10m to 14m in length, but the applicant is unwilling to alter the proposal in either of these ways. The applicant is willing to move the house forward, however it is only considered acceptable to move the house further forward by around 1m which would still leave an inadequate rear garden.

Therefore, whilst the alteration of garden boundaries does not itself require planning permission, the result of this is that the plot is not long enough to satisfactorily accommodate the particular house proposed. This could be addressed by enlarging the garden onto land under the applicant's control, or by proposing a smaller new house. Overall, the proposal as it stands is considered to be unacceptable as it would represent overdevelopment of the site and would not have adequate private garden space or room for reasonable expansion within permitted development limits.

#### 7. Added Value

None.

## 8. Recommendation

Refuse planning permission.

#### 9. Reasons

01.

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