

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Planning Committee: 14 August 2013

Subject: DC12/228: Residential development of 124 units and associated landscaping, roads and parking at former site of Clydebank College, Kilbowie Road, Clydebank by Barratt West Scotland

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To update the Committee of discussions held over the provision of CCTV in the vicinity of Kilbowie Road.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of report.

3. Background

- 3.1** An application for planning permission for a development of 124 flats and houses at the former Clydebank College site was reported to Planning Committee on 6 March 2013. The application was approved subject to conditions.
- 3.2** During the consideration of the application it was suggested that the developer had previously agreed to install a CCTV camera on the site as a replacement for one which was formerly mounted on the college buildings. However, upon further investigation there was no record of any such prior agreement and this was reported orally to the 3 April 2013 Planning Committee. The Committee therefore requested that further discussions be held with the developer and other relevant parties, and that an update on the CCTV issue be submitted to a future meeting.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The original planning application for housing development on the site (DC07/194, approved in June 2007) does not contain any reference to the CCTV camera in the file or committee minutes, and the matter was not included in any planning condition or legal agreement. The applicant, Barratt West Scotland, has indicated that their own records for the site do not contain any reference to previous discussions about CCTV. There may at some point have been internal discussions within the Council or involving the former CCTV trust and/or Clydebank College, but due to staff changes and the winding up of the CCTV trust it has not been possible to establish exactly what took place. However, it does not appear that there was an agreement

with the applicant, and the matter was not considered as part of the original planning application.

- 4.2** Nonetheless, it is acknowledged by all parties that it would be advantageous to reinstate a CCTV camera in this location. The Council's Community Safety Service (which now operates the CCTV in the area) has expressed a desire to complete the coverage at this end of Kilbowie Road, and the applicant has agreed to allow them to install a pole and apparatus on the site. A location has been identified at the south-west corner of the site for the pole and apparatus. This would be within a landscaped area and would provide good coverage of Kilbowie Road and Radnor Street with no adverse impact on the amenity of the new houses. Details of the manner in which the CCTV camera/pole would be connected to the power supply are still under discussion, but it is hoped that it would be possible to take power from the new cables within the development site as this would be simpler and cheaper than digging up the footpath on Kilbowie Road.

- 4.3** The estimated cost of the installation of the CCTV camera at this location is approximately £7,000 - £8,000 and the Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Service has committed to meet the costs of these works.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There are no known risks associated with this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this measure.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** No consultations were required to be carried out.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** An assessment has been carried out on the proposal in respect of the Council's five main strategic priorities for 2012 – 2017. It is likely that the provision of a CCTV camera would improve the well-being of the local residents in the area by helping to prevent anti-social behaviour.

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Background Papers: None

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