

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services)

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee : 6 December 2006

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**Subject: Dalmuir Park and Ride**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress to date on the development of a new Park and Ride facility adjacent to Dalmuir Station and to seek approval to go to tender for the construction phase.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Over recent years there have been many complaints from the local community adjacent to Dalmuir Station about the undesirable effects of commuter parking. Numbers of commuter cars are increasing, a trend which is expected to continue in the future. In response to this Road Services developed a potential parking scheme close to the Station accessed off Swindon Street.
- 2.2** Concurrent with this project is the work by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport who wish to upgrade Dalmuir Station to remove bridges, install lifts, replace portacabin accommodation with proper station facilities. Part of SPT's project was a 120-space car park in the same location as had been identified by Road Services.
- 2.3** Following discussion with SPT it was agreed that Road Services would develop the commuter parking scheme as a joint project, funded wholly by SPT.
- 2.4** In order to minimise the impact of the proposed car park on the local community, Council Officers reduced the proposed capacity to 95, and Planning Consent was sought on that basis.
- 2.5** Planning consent was granted in October 2006 following consideration by the Scottish Executive.
- 2.6** There is local concern about the loss of green space in the proposed site, and following representations by the Dalmuir Tenants and Residents Association, a proposal was developed to split the project into two phases – the first to create around 65 spaces to satisfy current demand. The second phase would follow at the time when the station improvements are undertaken. There is no definite timescale for the station work.

- 2.7 This phased proposal would retain much of the existing green space, and additional landscaping and lighting improvements can be incorporated into the first phase to improve local amenity.
- 2.8 This has been discussed with Senior SPT Officers who are supportive. Officers have met with the Residents Association, and outlined this as a suitable way to progress with a solution to a community-wide problem.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1 As a result of community concerns, the scheme has been significantly altered to achieve a workable solution which satisfies current commuter parking demand whilst retaining and improving the quality of the local environment.
- 3.2 It is proposed to seek competitive tenders for the work in late December for an anticipated earliest contract award in February.
- 3.3 The construction stage will be programmed subject to confirmation of SPT funding. It is possible that there may be some residual 2006/07 funds available within SPT. Otherwise, the scheme has been placed on the 2007/08 Priority 1 list by SPT.
- 3.4 The site works would therefore commence at the earliest in late February or more likely in early summer depending on SPT's funding requirements.
- 3.5 The work should take 3 months to complete and there should be minimal impact on the local community during that time.

### **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues at this time.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 SPT are fully funding this project, including professional fees and construction costs. No contract will be entered into until SPT have confirmed the funding.
- 5.2 The new facility will be added to the Register of Public Roads and will be maintained in the future by the Council.

### **6. Conclusions**

- 6.1 This scheme represents a balance of community need, amenity, convenience, and environment. There has been extensive consultation and all views have been considered. A funding package has been achieved through SPT's bidding process to place this project on their top priority list. Subject to final funding timetable, arrangements are being put in place to deliver a necessary quality asset which will benefit the whole Dalmuir Community for years to come.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 It is recommended that Committee note the development of this scheme to reach the current advanced stage, and to approve the proposal to go to tender in December.**

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**Date: 6 December 2006**

**Wards Affected:** 2

**Appendix:** None

**Background Papers:** None

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