

Scone and District Community Council

Notes re 2 public meetings held to discuss Scone Housing Planning Proposal 16/02127/IPM.

Meeting 1 19/01/17 at 7.30pm, RDML. Committee V. Shand, (VS) H Mackinnon, D. Dykes,(DD) D. McKerracher (DM), M. Rhodes (MR). G. Clark.(GC) Apologies, B. Paterson, J. Belch. Mr J.Swinney, MSP present.

1) Brief outline of current situation.

(DM). LDP passed planning 2010 for 700 houses. Concerns over wording of plan re CTRLR constructed or committed before houses are built, resulting traffic congestion, more housing planned along route of A93 and A94 through Scone.

1300 page planning application submitted just before Xmas. Timing?

Study Group (MR) subcommittees were formed to analyse all sections of plan, deliver information fliers to the all houses in the village and immediate environs, lobby local councillors, contact Scottish Natural Heritage, Friends of the Earth and Historic Environment Scotland etc. Main aim to postpone building until CTRLR is built.

Open floor questions and comments.

Was pollution a good reason for objecting? Has it been measured over a long period? Different times of the day?

Increased traffic along Stormont Road? Gridlock congestion at Bridgend.

(DM) Access to the site will be up the Balboughty core path from the A93.

How many trees will be cut down for the house building? Ans: 168 are marked.

Funding for CTRLR? (DM) Tay Cities Deal, (which has not been applied for yet), developer contributions and PKC.

School and surgery at full capacity. Facilities such as guides, scouts etc huge waiting lists, no helpers and small premises.

Employment? No new industries planned.

(MR) a study should be carried out re destination and origin of traffic flow through Scone and Bridgend.

Mr Swinney commented about realistic sequencing of infrastructure projects. CTRLR is the answer to reduce traffic going through Scone.

(DM) Dualling of A90 was supposed to take traffic up through Dundee but not so successful owing to large numbers of roundabouts, traffic lights and long steep gradients through Dundee. A94 chosen as preferred route by heavy traffic.

(MR) CTRLR is supposed to help air quality in the centre of Perth.

(GC) Scot Gov states infrastructure first.

What are we objecting to? LDP or the development itself?

(DM) There will be houses as in local plan, already passed. Cannot object to this fact.

Timing of scheme? No definite timing from AJ Stephens, start 2017 30/50 houses per year depending on market demand. They have housing access to all the land available around Scone. PKC building the CTRLR around 2020/2022.

Flooding concerns : area has lots of wells and surface water, can SUDS pond cope with this? How will surrounding areas be affected. (GC) SEPA floodmap shows 2/3 of area is in a high floodrisk area.

Pollution is our own responsibility, more walking and bus transport, cycle paths etc

Park and Ride not used properly, not enough buses and cycling too dangerous.

Who has the final say?

(DM) If PKC development committee refuse, then appeal to Scottish Office reporter. Make sure comments include ref number

Public meeting 2 26/01/17 7.30 RDMI

V.Shand, H. Mackinnon, B. Paterson, D. McKerracher, D. Dykes, C. Price (Study group)

Apologies J. Belch, M. Rhodes, G. Clark. Mr P.Wishart, MP present

Introduction by V. Shand. Time is short, sample letters to help with comments will be available.

(DM) general points made included LDP passed for 700 houses but embargo was placed on any development over 10 until CTRL was built, not being adhered to. Committed and constructed wording not clarified.

The CC has a 37 page document of comments after splitting the 1300 pages into sections for Study group and CC members to study and report on. Leaflets to each house to highlight concerns re material considerations ie air pollution drainage, traffic congestion etc. Access to site up core path from A93 at Balboughty necessitating passing places using up green belt land? Will not be up Scone Brae too narrow, steep, no footpath, kerbed on both sides.

Open floor comments

Air pollution data must be collected over a year to show valid statistics.

Traffic congestion and pollution in Bridgend has increased dramatically in last few years , therefore can only get worse (a Bridgend resident). Bridgend CC commented on 650 helpful leaflets produced by Scone CC and Study Group and distributed by newsagent at the bridge.

Timing of CTRL committed by 2020, open by 2023? Not enough funding in place yet.

General comments on what to base objections on were: archaeology, wildlife, drainage, school places.

Sewage and drainage comments included: main sewer is down main road, 2 others parallel down Abbey Road and along the edge of the village to the Quarrymill area towards sewage works. Groundwater from the site will drain into the Crannock burn with SUDS and water retention ponds. There is not enough information on the handling of the drainage issue in the planning proposal.

Ctrl drawings are not accurate, with a roundabout on the edge of the development at the A94 indicating a possibility of redesignating greenbelt land for increased building in the future.

CTRL will not take traffic away, 100 houses built before construction, will money be found for this or will we end up with 700 houses and no bridge?

Scone Housing survey 49% of houses responded 98% against.

Cycle routes and more walking? Discount should be made on the cost of electric cars to reduce pollution.

School and doctor's surgery full. No extensions planned.

MSPs must be lobbied so no houses built until bridge is finished.

Concern expressed about heritage hidden under the proposed site, what will be destroyed in the building process?

Trial trenches should be dug to investigate this aspect.

The attendance at both meetings was in excess of 400 with the press, MSPs and a local MP present.

Both meetings closed at 9pm.