



29 March 2024

CDS Planning Local Review Body

Application Ref: 22/01959/FLL

I am responding in respect of the review of the above application regarding mixed use development comprising alterations to church, relocation of memorial, erection of community centre with sport/education facilities, offices, community café, formation of replacement MUGA, landscaping, parking and associated works, land 30 metres west of St Columba's Episcopal Church, 19 Perth Road, Stanley – Stanley Development Trust.

I very much do wish to make further representation and comment in support of this proposal.

The reason given for the refusal of application i.e. in the opinion of the planner the proposed community centre would be detrimental to the existing character of existing structures namely the church and war memorial. In reality this assumption is incorrect and I question whether or not the planner actually visited our village to view the proposed site. Had he/she done so they would have learned that the church hall at the rear of the building is derelict, unsafe and as a result has not been in use for more than two decades. Additionally, the associated proposed land for the community hub has also not been in use for years and is currently an eyesore to anyone passing by. As I understand it the church representatives themselves are in favour and supportive of this project.

I believe the relocation of the war memorial element of the application has been removed but there was actually a precedent for this to happen as the War Memorial in Luncarty was relocated some years ago. If anyone cares to join us when we remember our dead on 11 November each year they will see just how little room we have to do this. The relocation plan would have solved that problem.

As for the proposed Hub not looking 'nice' I refer you to the recently agreed plan for the planning application for the Murrayshall complex. The architect drawings show a massive concrete building with no character whatsoever. How on earth did that get approved? Once built this particular complex will be of very little benefit to the local community as it is primarily aimed at visitors to the Murrayshall estate. The proposed Stanley Hub on the other hand will definitely be an asset to the local community including the adjacent villages of Murthly, Bankfoot and Luncarty.

With the new housing estates springing up within and around our village it is only a matter of time before Stanley falls into the category of a small town and the proposed Stanley Hub is a facility that is very much needed.

Please take another look at this proposal and make the right decision for it to go ahead.

Thank you.

Mrs Geraldine Hardy