

Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation & Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Application Ref: 22/01959/FLL – Mixed use development comprising alterations to church, relocation of memorial, erection of community centre with sport/education facilities, offices, community cafe, 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

Dear Ms Simpson

I am writing to express my support for the much-needed sports/community Hub in Stanley village. It is quite unbelievable that the whole project could be jeopardised by an extremely old church hall due to be demolished which as far as I can remember (nearly 30 years) has never been used or wanted (including the church) in the village and has recently been structurally condemned by a local engineer. I fully understand that we must endeavour to keep listed buildings of interest but the hall in question is of little architectural value and its loss inconsequential.

Conversely the war memorial is something we should be trying to improve by opening out the surrounding area giving the memorial a prominent position within the community which it rightly deserves.

Councillors should without question overturn the planning officer's decision. This decision was obviously not taken in the interests of the ever-growing community in Stanley a fact which was emphasised by the 200+ letters of support for the project received prior to refusal. This proposed Hub is a massive opportunity for Stanley to finally get the community focal point it deserves and needs.

Regards

James Brown

