

CDS Planning Local Review Body

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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

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2024 in reference to the above application.

I support the proposal to build a much needed community hub and sports facility in the village.

As the village grows it is vitally important that we have a community hub and sports centre. We have a good community and provide a number of services in the village: for the older community we have the Soup Club, and Winter Warmer lunch club; for teenagers we have just started a Youth Music project, and hold a monthly Family Fun and Food Sunday. We run weekly Healthy Walks and the Christmas Lights switch on each year is well attended. Last year there was a Community Gala with National Lottery Funding with over 300 people attending. There is absolutely no shortage of a sense of community, but these are held in separate locations and no sporting facilities. A hub would only build on that sense of community providing services over and above those above, and its location in the centre of the village means it would be easily accessible to all residents.

I am somewhat at a loss to understand the reason given by the Planning Officer to reject the application because of a "*significant detrimental impact on the setting of a Category C listed church*". When I look at the buildings around it, especially a modern bungalow right alongside the church, the reason given by the Planner is somewhat hard to fathom? Similarly, planning permission has been granted to large house builders to build modern housing schemes - which personally I feel have a "*significant detrimental impact*" on the village of Stanley. The development at the head of Mill Brae case in point will do little to enhance Stanley Mills below it. It seems the rationale given to reject the planning application is somewhat subjective.

The justification given is that "*the proposal is not in accordance with the Development plan and therefore no material reasons which justify departing from the development plan*". However in the Development Plan it actually states "*there are five housing allocations proposed for Stanley. These will be Master planned to reinforce the Hub project, as well as supporting the Luncarty to Stanley cycle route and existing*

services." Therefore, I do not understand why the Planning Officer feels that the Hub is a departure from the plan?

Last but not least, I have been in Stanley for 9 years and have never attended or known of an event taking place in the hall which is to be demolished alongside St Columba's Church. I understand the hall is in a terrible state and that it is of little architectural interest so should not be a consideration by the Planning Officer.

Councillors should grant planning permission and overturn the Officer's decision: a decision that was not taken with the best interests of our growing community in mind.

Kind regards
Sue Burke