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Your ref:
If calling ask for: Colin McDowall
Date: 17 October 2005

Robert Freel (Secretary),
Stonehouse Community Council,
75 Lockhart Street,
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Dear Sir

Request for Information
Outstanding Planning Applications Stonehouse
Stonehouse Hospital (HM/04/0369)
East Mains (HM/05/0339)

I refer to your request for information, received on 19 September, 2005.

Please find below the information requested in relation to the two planning applications as detailed above.

- a) Planning Application HM/04/0369 – Former Stonehouse Hospital Site was granted outline consent in November, 2004 subject to a Section 75 Agreement covering capital contributions towards community facilities. Whilst that agreement has not been concluded, it is likely that any contributions will be paid out at detailed application stage. The amount of the contribution will obviously depend on the number and type of housing eventually approved.

Given that the application is in outline only, no detailed water or sewage plans have been submitted. The application site is covered by a policy in the adopted Hamilton District Local Plan that recognised that the hospital was likely to close as a result of the rationalisation of health facilities and that the site would be released for development. The policy requirement to retain employment opportunities within the site has been achieved through the development of the new hospital on adjoining land. Proposals for the remaining land are to be determined on their merits. In this case, housing is considered the most appropriate use of the site given the largely residential nature of the surrounding area. Further, residential development on this site would be in keeping with both Structure Plan policy and guidance in SPP3, which seek the re-use of brownfield sites such as this, in preference to greenfield and Greenbelt sites. I consider that the proposals are acceptable in principle and that they are in accordance with the development plan.

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- b) Planning Application HM/05/0339 for the erection of 73 dwellinghouses at East Mains, Stonehouse is currently being considered. Amendments to the proposed scheme regarding landscaping, recreation facilities, layout and noise control have been requested and these are being considered by the applicant. A financial contribution of £600 per dwellinghouse has been requested in this instance. This would be used for the improvement of existing sport/recreational facilities within the area. Whilst drainage details for the site have not been submitted with the planning application these details have been requested. In terms of the adopted Hamilton District Local Plan the site is identified as a site for industrial development under Policy ED2 and the proposed development has been advertised as Development Potentially Contrary to the Development Plan. Within the Consultative Draft South Lanarkshire Local Plan the site has been identified as a Pressure for Change site under Policy STRAT5 whereby the Council will assess these sites in terms of their appropriateness for change of use, when considered in terms of national, strategic and local policy contexts and requirements. Those sites deemed to be appropriate will be incorporated in the Finalised Local Plan.

In line with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the Council has in place a procedure by which a review of the way in which we handle requests for information can be carried out. If you are dissatisfied by the way the Council has dealt with your request or about any decision made in connection with your request, and wish a review to be carried out, please inform me of this by 12 December, 2005. In doing so, it would be helpful if you could quote the reference number found at the top of this letter and state the matter which has given rise to your dissatisfaction.

Any review will be handled by staff not involved in the original decision.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act. The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

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For further details, please see the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info.

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If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are given below.

Yours faithfully



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