

Procedure Notice of Renfrewshire Council Local Review Body

Planning Authority Response to Request for Further Information

Proposal: Formation of extension to watersports storage compound with associated boundary fence, access, and road.
Location: Ground A, Lochlip Road, Lochwinnoch
Application type: Planning Permission
Application Number: 22/0414/PP

This procedure notice is in response to the LRB request for further written submissions setting out an assessment of the proposed development in relation to the relevant policies set out in National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).

The following policies within NPF4 are considered to be relevant.

Policy 1 - Tackling the climate and nature crises
Policy 2 - Climate mitigation and adaptation
Policy 3 - Biodiversity
Policy 8 - Green belts
Policy 20 – Blue and Green Infrastructure
Policy 30 - Tourism

Policy 8 aims to support nature networks and the management of land to help tackle climate change. Part of this is to support development within the green belt where it makes provision for outdoor recreation, play, and sport or leisure and tourism relates uses, and developments that provide opportunities for access to the open countryside. The proposed development meets the requirements of policy 8 in terms of the green belt location and its function, landscape character, external appearance, and environmental quality.

Policy 20 intends to protect and enhance blue and green infrastructure and their networks. Proposals that result in fragmentation or net loss of existing blue and green infrastructure will only be supported where it can be demonstrated that the proposal would not result in or exacerbate a deficit in blue or green infrastructure provision, and the overall integrity of the network will be maintained. The conditions in their current form seek to ensure the integrity of the access routes within the site is protected. Policy 20 refers to compatibility with country parks, and the development is considered to be compatible with the character of this part of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.

Policy 30 aims to promote sustainable tourism development. The development is aligned with this policy intention in respect of compatibility with the surrounding area, opportunities for sustainable travel, and opportunities for provision of access to the natural environment

The above development complies with the relevant NPF4 policies provided the proposed conditions are attached in their current form.