

Addendum

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1.0 Update

- 1.1 Since the publication of the Planning Committee Report on 14th of October 2020, there has been 4 letters of support received for this application from the Economy Minister Diane Dodds, Cara Hunter MLA, Gregory Campbell MP and Karen Yates of the Causeway Chamber.
- 1.2 The letters of support have detailed the potential for job creation and investment in the Coleraine area especially considering the present circumstances and the impact the Covid 19 pandemic is having upon the retail sector in Coleraine. The letters of support have detailed a potential job creation of 80 jobs and 4.5 million of investment as a result of the proposed application. It has also been cited that this scheme will help support the already existing 600 jobs at Riverside.
- 1.3 The letters of support note the recent closure of existing business at Riverside Retail Park, consisting of DW Sports, Harveys, Benson Beds and Starplan. With the closure of these businesses at Riverside this has resulted in significant job loss. The proposed development would help offset the job losses experienced by Riverside during the present pandemic.
- 1.4 The letters have expressed concern at the length of time the application has been in the planning system and request that the Planning Committee give consideration to the potential job creation and investment potential this development could create for the Coleraine area.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee note the contents of this Addendum and agree with the recommendation to Refuse the application in accordance with Paragraph 1.1 of the Planning Committee report.