

**SITE VISIT REPORT: MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*Committee Members: Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, S McKillop (Vice Chair), McKeown; Councillors Anderson, Baird, Dallat O'Driscoll (Chair), Hunter, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, P McShane, Nicholl, Scott*

**Time 11:55am**

**LA01/2019/0420/F**

**App Type: Full application**

**Proposal: Retrospective Application for existing roadside pillars and area of tarmac & stone to be used as a storage yard. Items to be stored include portacabin, shipping container, lorry, road roller digger and cars**

**Present:** Councillors Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter and Nicholl

**Apologies:** Alderman Baird

Officials D Dickson, M Wilson

**Comments:** The Officer showed the Members the application site, identifying the extent of the site and the go-kart track to the rear. It was explained that this was a retrospective application seeking to retain the various items located within the site including damaged cars, shipping container, lorries, and other items, including spoil heaps of stones. Members were informed that in considering the application and following the submission of further information it was identified that the applicant was seeking a Class B4 Use for Storage and Distribution and therefore is considered under PPS 4 which does not allow for such a use in the rural area. Members were also informed that the applicant has not demonstrated that there will not be an unacceptable impact to the water environment given the end of life vehicles present but will submit these details should the principle be considered acceptable. Members were shown where the applicant's car sales was located and it was agreed it was not necessary to view these premises.

There was a query raised and discussion on whether the site may be immune given the length of time the development has been there. However, the officer

explained that this is explored in detail in the PCR under Section 8 and the first few paragraphs. The officer went on to say while this was an argument presented by the agent, greater weight has been given to the satellite imagery on Google maps. This shows, that although the field may have been used in the construction of the go kart track, it was not formally being used as a hardstanding area for storage, and a change of use has occurred and the need for a planning application.

M Wilson 25/01/2021