

# ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY – JANUARY 2016

### **CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

- a) **Opportunity to Suggest New Development Sites** – Dumfries & Galloway Council.  
Closing date: 29 January 2016

The Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP2) for adoption in 2019. As part of this process, it has launched a Call for Sites and Comments stage where the Council is inviting all members of the public, landowners, developers and any others with any interest in development in the region to send in details of potential development sites that they would like to see included in LDP2. This could be land for housing or business development and must be within or next to the settlement boundaries that are shown in the current LDP.

More details are available at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP).

Following the last CC meeting, details of consultation were sent to Andrew Plunkett re Bladnoch Bridge Estate's relationship with the conservation area.

The suggestion was also made at the December meeting that consideration should be given to the status of Southfield Park and Jak undertook to provide additional information. The documents linked to the planning applications are no longer available on the Council's planning portal. 3B Construction was granted Outline Consent in 1989 for erection of 18 houses on Southfield Park. The scheme evolved and planning permission was subsequently granted in 2008 for erection of 34 houses comprising eighteen semi-detached, ten detached with integral garages, and six detached with detached garage. Nine of the houses would be 'affordable' by being sold at a 15 per cent discount. The 3B board at the site also confirms the provision of a public park that would see a third of its grassland retained to be used as a park which would be maintained throughout the year.

The application was subject to a special meeting of Wigtown and District Community Council back in 2007 and it agreed to raise no objection to the plans, subject to the lowering of three proposed houses' roofs to save the view across the field towards the sea and that it be noted there are parking concerns for Harbour Street.

### **FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS**

- a) **2015 consultation on Management of Inshore Special Areas of Conservation and Marine Protected Areas** – Scottish Government. Scheduled for Winter 2015/16

This consultation proposes possible fisheries management approaches for 14 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and 6 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). This follows on from a similar consultation in 2014. The SACs are protected by provisions in the EU Habitats Directive. The MPAs are protected by provisions in the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. A number of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) under the EU Wild Birds Directive are also likely to benefit from the proposals if implemented.