

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

22 MAY 1997

SUBJECT: PLANNING APPEAL DECISION  
TAYMOUTH TERRACE, CARNOUSTIE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Abstract:** This report presents the findings of the Reporter appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the appeal against the refusal of Angus Council to grant consent for the erection of a signboard at Taymouth Terrace, Carnoustie.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee notes the successful outcome of the above appeal.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Development Control Committee at the meeting on 14 November 1996 refused Advertisement Consent for the erection of a signboard, alongside the railway line, at Carnoustie Golf and Leisure Centre, Taymouth Terrace, Carnoustie.
- 2.2 The applicant Low & Duff (Developments) Ltd appealed against the refusal and the Reporter's conclusions and decision are presented below.

**3 REPORTER'S DECISION**

- 3.1 Regulation 4(1) limits the exercise of the powers of control of advertisements solely to the interests of amenity and public safety, and these matters are elaborated in regulation 4(2). Accordingly, on the basis of the site inspection and the written submissions, I consider that the determining issue in this appeal is whether the proposed display would be contrary to the interest of the amenity.
- 3.2 The free-standing sign in dispute attracts particular attention by its unusual long thin proportions. As a free-standing sign, it is seen in the context of the newly landscaped driving range, whereby its large size is, in my judgement, intrusive. It is prominent when viewed from the railway line and the golf course. To a person standing on the course, the sign breaks the skyline, making it more intrusive. I have every sympathy with your clients' wish to ensure that the business is successful and am impressed that a driving range of this standard has been developed on a derelict site. Nevertheless, I concur with the council that a sign of this size has undue visual prominence and is out of place in this location.
- 3.3 I have considered all the other matters raised, but none outweighs those that led to my conclusion. For the above reasons, and in exercise of the powers delegated to me, I hereby dismiss your clients' appeal.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications.

**5 CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

AA/JJ/SP

13 May 1997

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