

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2013

WINDYHILLS FARM, ARBROATH

REPORT BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This report deals with an application to amend the temporary workers' caravan site licence at Windyhills Farm, Arbroath in order to change the permitted operating periods and increase the maximum number of caravans allowed on site.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree:

- (i) that the temporary workers' caravan site licence be amended in order to allow a maximum number of twenty five caravans on site.
- (ii) and that the site operating periods be changed to 1 April – 31 August and 1 November – 31 January inclusive.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Application has been made to Angus Council on behalf of the site licence holder, Mr Peter Stirling, Windyhills Farm for amendments to the existing temporary workers' caravan site licence for Windyhills Farm, Arbroath. The amendments would increase the maximum number of caravans that can be accommodated on site from sixteen to twenty five and see the operating period change from 1 March – 30 November to 1 April – 31 August and 1 November – 31 January inclusive.
- 2.2 The site operates with the benefit of appropriate planning permission and it is confirmed that the above amendments would not result in any breach of the current planning consent. This permission will expire on 19 February 2014 unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.
- 2.3 Environmental Health Officers who have visited the site have confirmed that the proposed amendments would not result in any non-compliance with the required model standards in accordance with Council report 1067/08.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Windyhills Farm currently operates with a temporary workers' caravan site licence that allows a maximum number of sixteen caravans on site with an operating period of 1 March – 30 November.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The proposed changes would be compatible in respect of both the existing planning consent and the relevant model standards applicable to this type of site. Accordingly this application to amend the licence should be granted.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no human rights implications arising as a result of this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Head of Finance, Head of Law & Administration and the Head of Planning & Transport have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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

COMMUNITIES/E&CP/IG/GK

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