CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning Officer's Report

07 March 2017

Planning Matters

Hill of Rubislaw Development

Major development of 280 Flats and multistorey car park with associated amenities including Reception, Cafe/Bistro, Gym and outside amenity space at Hill of Rubislaw, Queens Road, Aberdeen for Carttera Private Equities Inc.

Public Consultation Meeting was held on the 18th November at the Chester Hotel on Queens Road.

Members of the Design Team and client body were in attendance to answer any queries.



Photograph above appeared in the Evening Express on 15th October 2016

COMPANY TO FIGHT PLANS FOR HERITAGE CENTRE AT NORTH-EAST QUARRY

Evening Express

BY ANDY GROUNDWATER, 3 MAR 2017 07:11



This news story appeared in the evening Express, 03/03/2017

"The boss of a firm hoping to build a flats complex on the edge of Rubislaw Quarry has vowed to fight to prevent a granite heritage centre being built at the site.

Canadian firm Carttera is aiming to press ahead with £25 million proposals for a complex of 280 apartments.

It also has planning consent for more than 100,000sq ft of offices at the same location.

However, businessman Hugh Black wants to transform part of the historic site – once Europe's biggest man-made hole – into a celebration of Aberdeen's granite tradition by building a heritage centre. And his firm Rubislaw Quarry Aberdeen Ltd confirmed it has appealed to the Scottish lands tribunal to change the deeds to allow the plan to proceed.

Jim Tadeson of Carttera responded that his company intended to do all they could to stop the development.

He said: "We were really shocked and disappointed to be notified of this proposal.

"Mr Black bought the site saying he planned to do nothing with it, saying he was a conservationist. That's why he got such a good deal."

Mr Black did not wish to comment."



Countesswells Development

Planning Permission granted 1st April 2016

Application Reference:

Local Authority Reference:

Proposal Description:

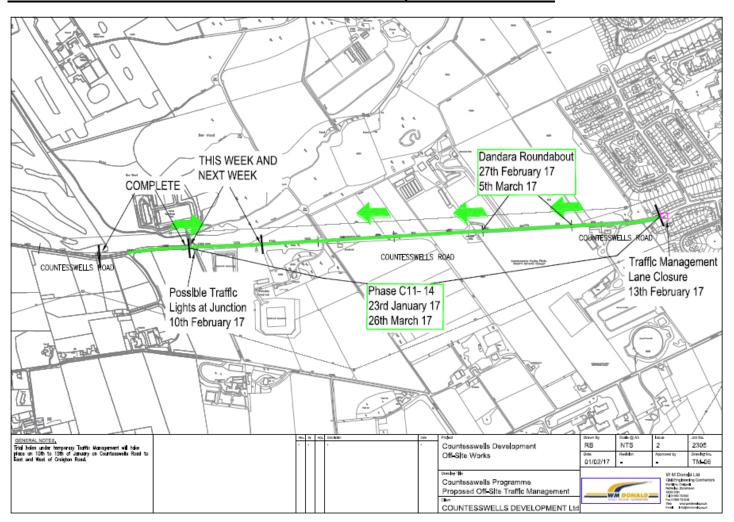
Residential-led mixed use development including approximately 3000 homes, employment, education, retail, leisure and community uses and associated new and upgraded access roads, landscaping and ancillary engineering works

Application type:

Address:

Aberdeen Local Dev' Plan Site OP58 Countesswells
Lying West of Hazlehead Park
between Cults & Kingswells

Countesswells Road will be closed from 16th January to 26th March 2017



Countesswells Road will be closed until 26th March to allow power cables to be laid to the new Countesswells housing development.

There will still be access to Ben Reid Garden Centre and Robert Gordon College playing fields.

There is still an on-going problem with road closures not being posted on the City Council website, Councillor Martin Greig is continuing to follow this up. He asked for better provision of information and was given the following information from the City Council: "Unfortunately, our IT department switched off the Council's 'Smart Journey' website with very little notice. This was due to the fact that the provider was no longer updating the system. This has left us in a bit of a hole as we can now only notify of roadworks using Transport Scotland's 'Tell-me-Scotland' website (link attached).

https://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk/notices/aberdeen-city/

Dandara Development

It has been reported that Dandara have had to dig up and re-install approximately 90 road drains on the Pinewood/Hazledene Road development as they were not up to standard when they were originally installed. Councillor Martin Greig has had useful discussions with officials about Dandara, the retention pond, water displacement etc. There is a lot of information and work going on. The key question about holding Dandara to account for problems remains largely unanswered but Martin is pursuing all issues raised.

Planning Applications as per weekly planning list February 2017:

None this month