

SITE VISIT REPORT: MONDAY 21st August 2023

Committee Members: Alderman, Boyle, Coyle, Hunter, Scott, Stewart, S McKillop (Vice Chair) and; Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, Kennedy, McGurk, McMullan (Chair), Peacock, Nicholl, Storey, Wallace and Watton

11:30am

LA01/2021/1131/F Lands 20m south west of 58 Cromore Road and lands 50m south east of 58 Cromore Road, North Ballyleese Townland, Portstewart

App Type: Full Application
Proposal: 5no. bubble domes for holiday use, including associated reception unit, access, guest and staff parking and landscaping

Present: Ald Coyle, Hunter, Stewart Cllrs Archibald and Watton Official S Mathers and J Lundy

Comments:

Officials pointed out the proposed access to the reception area and 11 car parking spaces. The tree removal was also shown. Members queried the land ownership, the officer showed the site location plan indicating the red line of the site and blue lands.

The members and officials moved to the path that accesses the site. Officials pointed out the location of the proposed path linking to the existing and advised that it is for pedestrian use only with a proposed golf buggy to transfer luggage from the reception area to the PODs. Walking the path to the site Officials pointed out the proximity of Cromore House and the mature vegetation.

At the access to the site, Members queried the number of PODs and their location. These were shown on site, the agent had inserted poles of the location and these were pointed out also. The plan showing the siting of the proposed PODs the location of the existing WWTP and overhead lines were pointed out. The levels of the site and the adjacent property were pointed out along with the vegetation. Members asked what boundary treatments were to be removed. Officials showed the landscaping plans the trees to be removed. The proposed pond was also shown on the map. The proximity of the Cromore Bridle path was also pointed out that links Mill Road to Agherton Road. Officials pointed out the location of the PODs set back off the gable of Cromore House as requested by Historic Environment Division.

Members asked the status of Cromore House and if plans had been submitted for its redevelopment? Officials advised that the last use was a nursing home and now vacant, there are no planning applications within the system.

J.Lundy