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Inverclyde Council
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Your ref: 20/0245/IC
Our ref: NA-280-001
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Dear ██████████

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)
(SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2009
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE ACCESS, ROADS, OPEN SPACE,
LANDSCAPING, DRAINAGE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS (MAJOR); LAND
WEST OF QUARRY DRIVE, KILMACOLM .**

I refer to your e-mails of 25 May 2021 notifying the above application to the Scottish Ministers as Inverclyde Council is minded to grant planning permission in principle for the development, in which the authority has an interest and which is considered by the authority to be a significant departure from the development plan.

Having considered the proposal, the Scottish Ministers have decided, in terms of Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to require the application to be referred to them for determination. Accordingly, a Direction, given in terms of Section 46 is enclosed.

The Scottish Ministers have given this Direction as they consider the case raises issues of national significance with regard to the interpretation and application of Scottish Planning Policy, and in view of Inverclyde Council's interest in the proposed development, to allow further scrutiny of the reasons for proposing to approve it as a significant departure from the development plan.

Regulation 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 requires the planning authority to serve notice on the applicant for planning permission of the terms of the Direction, of the reasons for issuing it, that the application has been referred to Scottish Ministers and that the decision of Ministers will be final. In connection with the service of notice, your attention is drawn to regulation 48 of those Regulations which applies section 271 of the 1997 Act. I should be glad if your

Council would serve the required notice and let me have a copy. The planning authority is also required to include a copy of the decision to call in the application on the planning register in accordance with regulation 16 and paragraph 3(d) of Schedule 2.

In terms of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the application will be submitted to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) in Falkirk for an examination by a Reporter. I would be grateful if you would prepare all the application documentation and send it to dpea@gov.scot or contact DPEA to organise access to a secure document sharing platform for document transfer. Please note a hyperlink to documentation held on the planning authority website is not sufficient for DPEA purposes.

Any queries relating to the future handling of the case should be directed to DPEA.

Yours sincerely

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 46(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby direct that Inverclyde Council refer to them for determination the application for planning permission in principle under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 received by them from North Planning and Development Ltd on behalf of McTaggart and Mickel Homes Ltd, for residential development to include access, roads, open space, landscaping, drainage and other associated works, at Land West of Quarry Drive, Kilmacolm.

This Direction is given as Scottish Ministers consider the case raises issues of national significance with regard to the interpretation and application of Scottish Planning Policy, and in view of Inverclyde Council's interest in the proposed development, to allow further scrutiny of the reasons for proposing to approve it as a significant departure from the development plan.

This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Reference of Application) (Inverclyde Council) (Residential development to include access, roads, open space, landscaping, drainage and other associated works (major) at land West of Quarry Drive, Kilmacolm) Direction 2021.


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