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‘A’ & ‘B’

Planning Committee

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick

Tuesday 30 August 2011 at 12.30pm

Present:

F A Robertson	L F Baisley
J Budge	I J Hawkins
W H Manson	G Robinson
J G Simpson	

Apologies:

None

In Attendance (Officers):

J Holden, Service Manager - Development Management
J Barclay Smith, Planning Officer - Development Management
F Bell, Solicitor
A Cogle, Service Manager - Administration
L Adamson, Committee Officer

Also:

F Grains, SIC
J Henry, SIC
M Boyne, Total E&P UK Ltd.

Chair

Mr F Robertson, Chair of the Planning Committee, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2011.

The Service Manager - Development Management advised that since the beginning of July, 45 Planning Applications had been approved under delegated authority, 31 Building Warrants had been issued and 13 Completion Certificates accepted.

11/11 **2011/160/PCD – To re-route the onshore export pipeline from the Total E&P UK Ltd. gas processing plant, land at Sullom Voe and Firths Voe, Shetland by Total E&P UK Ltd.**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning (RECORD Appendix 1). The proposed site was illustrated by a PowerPoint display of photographs and key information.

The Planning Officer (J Barclay Smith) advised that the application was presented to Committee as part of the application site relates to land in the ownership of the Council.

The Planning Officer explained the revised proposals for the export pipeline to Members of the Committee, which she advised for the most part does not depart significantly from the original proposals and would not cross the Brent/Ninian pipeline as often as had been previously proposed.

In advising of the key issues relating to the application, the Planning Officer said that the main impacts of the development would arise during the construction phase. These were summarised as follows:

- Impact on Birds: the timing of the development, with an exclusion period for construction during May – July.
- Impact on residential amenity: hours of working, 24 hour working in Firths Voe area for a limited period, no onshore blasting and noise monitoring.
- Impact on Traffic: A method statement will be required to manage the additional traffic during construction period and for the road crossings.
- Impact on Peat: Peat extract for the pipeline will be side cast for use in reinstatement, and peat slide risk assessment will be required by condition.

The Planning Officer said that having considered all the environmental information in relation to the application, the proposed development complies with the relevant policies of the Development Plan and is recommended for approval subject to the conditions listed in the report.

The Chair advised that a representative from Total E&P UK was in attendance at the meeting, should Members wish to ask any technical questions.

Mrs Baisley commented that the revised proposals would appear to be an improvement on the original application.

Mr Simpson moved that the Committee approve the application, subject to the Conditions in Section 10 of the report, and Mrs Baisley seconded.

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Chair