Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

SITE VISIT REPORT: Monday 26th October 2026

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

LA01/2020/1235/O - Site adjacent to No. 53 East Road, Drumsurn

App Type: **Outline**

Proposal: **Proposed infill site for dwelling between 51 & 53 East Road, Drumsurn**

Present: Ald Boyle, Coyle, Cllr Archibald, Kennedy

Apologies:

Officials: Martin McErlain

Comments: The site visit commenced at the site frontage along East Rd. Members and the official made their way to the western end of the site/entrance laneway to No. 51 East Rd. The official outlined the extent of the original application site submitted in 2020 and confirmed that following an initial grant of permission in August 2021, the decision was subsequently judicially reviewed which resulted in the decision to approve planning permission being quashed. The decision is required to be re-taken afresh by the Council.

The official identified how the western application site boundary has been altered to exclude the western tip of the site and confirmed that the applicant has advised that this area now forms part of No. 51s curtilage, thereby remedying the original grounds for refusal. The officer clarified that the realignment of the western boundary does not result in the lands being assumed within the curtilage of No. 51 and identified the existing pillars and fence continue to define its residential curtilage of No. 51, with the portion of land now excluded from the application site forming a separate entity of land. Additionally, the officer confirmed that any increase in residential curtilage would require planning permission and that no application has been to date.

The officer confirmed that the original opinion to refuse planning permission for an infill site remained due to the dwelling at No.51 not having a frontage onto East Rd. Consequently, there is no built-up frontage at this location and no gap to infill.

The officer advised that a case has also been forwarded in regard to Policy CTY6 – Personal and Domestic Circumstances, however its had not been demonstrated that there compelling and site specific needs which merited a dwelling in this location and why the needs of the person could not be met with alternative solutions such as extension or annex.

Site Meeting concluded

Martin McErlain
26.10.26