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Subject: FW: Richard & Laura Pollock - Dunboe Road - 2 No. Infill Dwellings (Planning ref No. LA01/2024/1283/O)

Good afternoon

Given the timeline on the Planning Committee hearing the above could I ask that this email is distributed to all Planning Committee Members.

I am writing on behalf of my constituents Richard & Laura Pollock to support their planning application LA01/2024/1283/O for the following reasons:

This planning application is for an infill development on Dunboe Road Castlerock and should be considered as such. I am concerned that the ribbon development reason for refusing the planning permission is based on garages being counted as part of the frontal;

This is one application made for both sites with agreement from the adjacent landowner No 30 and the southern site is the one Mr & Mrs Pollock intend to build on adjacent to No 36 with Mr Pollock's parents living at No 36 where he has grown up most of his life contributing fully to the local community and the family wish to continue this.

Mr & Mrs Pollock will also be living close to his parents who in time may require support to continue living in their own home and this is best provided by living in a neighbouring home;

There are no objections either from statutory bodies or neighbouring residents;

There is serious housing need, in fact a housing crisis as often expressed by me in the political and public domain particularly in this area and any opportunity to provide housing should be considered very seriously. My constituency office is constantly inundated with families looking to live in the area they grew up in and its impossible for them. Mr & Mrs Pollock are one of those families;

Based on the overall site context and the absence of any adverse impacts, I do believe that the planning committee could reasonably overturn the recommendation for refusal and grant approval on this planning application.

Kind regards
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