

EDINBURGH TRAM (LINE ONE) BILL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 1 March 2005

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CONVENER

*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Phil Gallie (South of Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)

*Rob Gibson (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

Mr Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Jane Sutherland

LOCATION

Committee Room 4

† 3rd Meeting 2005, Session 2—held in private.

Scottish Parliament

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 12:18*]

Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill: Preliminary Stage

The Convener (Jackie Baillie): Good afternoon and welcome to this meeting of the Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill Committee, which was called at fairly short notice to consider only one agenda item—a late objection. I have received apologies from Phil Gallie and Jamie Stone.

We need to consider the reason for the lateness of the objection from Kenmore Capital Edinburgh Ltd. Before we consider anything else, we must first decide whether the objector has shown good reason for not lodging the objection within the specified objection period. The objection arose only when Kenmore carried out pre-purchase investigations of the property concerned. The Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill is widely known about and no route change or change of circumstances has occurred since the end of the objection period. If Kenmore purchases the property in question, that is ultimately its choice and one that is made in full knowledge of the proposals in the bill.

Do other members have a view?

Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab): I share your view, convener. On that basis, the request to lodge a late objection is not valid and I move that we do not accept it.

Rob Gibson (Highlands and Islands) (SNP): I agree. There will be ample opportunity to discuss the tramline in the vicinity of the property concerned during the consideration stage and to find out about the effects on property in the area. The objection would not add to our sum of knowledge.

The Convener: There seems to be unanimity of opinion, which suggests that the committee is not minded to accept the late objection. Is that correct?

Members indicated agreement.

Meeting closed at 12:21.

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