Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Local Review Body

Venue: Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN - PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE CHANGE OF DAY FOR THIS MEETING,

Date: Monday, 02 December 2019

Time: 13:00

Executive Director: Place

Contact:

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Further Information:

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1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

2 Order of Business

Including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

4 Minute of Previous Meeting

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6 Private Reports

No private items for discussion at this meeting

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 January 2020 at 1.00 pm

Plans and papers relating to the applications on this agenda can also be viewed at https://planning-applications.midlothian.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning

Minute of Meeting



Local Review Body

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 22 October 2019		Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Russell Imrie (Chair)	Councillor Diane Alexander
Councillor Colin Cassidy	Councillor Stephen Curran
Councillor Jim Muirhead	Councillor Keiran Munro
Councillor Peter Smaill	

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lay-Douglas and Councillor Milligan.

2 Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been previously circulated.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minute of Meeting of 10 September 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5 Public Reports

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Local Review Body Decisions	Peter Arnsdorf

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was a report submitted by the Director Education, Communities and Economy to present the formal decision notices issued following the decisions taken by the Local Review Body (LRB) at its meeting in September 2019.

The Council's LRB considers reviews requested by applicants for planning permission, who wish to challenge the decision of planning officers acting under delegated powers to refuse an application or to impose conditions on a grant of planning permission. The decision of the Local Review Body on any review is final, and can only be challenged through the Courts on procedural grounds.

At its meeting on 10 September 2019 the following decisions were made and are detailed in the Decision Notices:

- 18/00756/DPP: Middleton Limeworks, Gorebridge dismissal of review.
- 18/00759/S42: Land at Wester Cowden Farm, Wester Cowden, Dalkeith dismissal of review.
- 19/00159/DPP: 26 Mavisbank, Loanhead dismissal of review.
- 19/00326/DPP: 17 Tipperwell Way, Howgate, Penicuik –dismissal of review.
- 19/00336/DPP Land at 1A Kirkhill Terrace, Gorebridge dismissal of review.

Decision

To note the LRB decision notices.

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Notice of Review Request Considered for the First Time – 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge – Determination Report (18/00759/S42)	Peter Arnsdorf

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2019 by the Director Education, Communities and Economy regarding the above application. The purpose of this report was to provide a framework for the Local Review Body to consider a 'Notice of Review' for the erection of a temporary building at 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge.

The Planning Authority on 31 May 2019 refused planning permission for the erection of a temporary building at 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge (19/00247/DPP). Appended to the report was the Notice of Review Form and supporting statement, a copy of the case officer's report and a copy of the decision notice.

The Local Review Body had made an accompanied visit to the site on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

In accordance with the procedures for the Local Review Body, the Planning Advisor gave a brief overview of the review Hearing procedures and outlined the background to the case. Thereafter, oral representation was received firstly from the applicant, Mr Mark Skinner, City Access Scaffolding Ltd, then from Mhairi-Anne Cowie, the Local Authority Planning Officer.

The Committee gave careful consideration to the merits of the case based on all the information provided both in writing and in person at the Hearing. In particular consideration was given to the impact this would have on neighbouring properties as well as recognising the needs of the business for this temporary structure.

After a detailed discussion during which the Committee agreed the principle of a temporary structure being in place, the period of time required before erecting a permanent structure was debated.

Councillor Cassidy seconded by Councillor Munro moved that the temporary structure remained in place for 2 years.

As an amendment Councillor Muirhead, seconded by Councillor Smaill moved that the temporary structure remained in place for 1 year.

On a vote being taken 3 members voted for the Motion and 4 for the Amendment which accordingly became the decision of the Committee.

Decision

To uphold the Review Request and approve planning permission for the erection of a temporary building at 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge (19/00247/DPP).

Subject to the following conditions:

 The building hereby approved is permitted for a temporary period only and shall be removed within one year of the date of this permission (by 22 October 2020) and the land returned to its condition prior to the development commencing within one month of the building being removed.

Reason: The retention of the building for longer than one year would have a significant detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, as well as the amenity of neighbouring residents; however the material considerations of the application mean a temporary building is considered acceptable.

Action

Planning Manager

6 Private Reports

No private business to be discussed.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 December 2019 at 1.00 pm.

The meeting terminated at 1.35 pm.

Grant of Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Local Review Body Monday 2 December 2019 Item No: 5.1

Local Review Body: Review of Planning Application Reg. No. 19/00247/DPP

City Access Scaffolding Ltd 16 Lady Brae Gorebridge EH23 4HT

Midlothian Council, as Planning Authority, having considered the review of the application by Mr Mark Skinner, 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge, EH23 4HT, which was registered on 30 August 2019 in pursuance of their powers under the above Act, hereby **grant** permission to carry out the following proposed development:

Erection of temporary building (retrospective) at 16 Lady Brae, Gorebridge, in accordance with the application and the following plans:

<u>Drawing Description.</u>	<u>Drawing No/Scale</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Location Plan	1:1250	05.04.2019
Illustration/Photograph		05.04.2019
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Subject to the following conditions:

1. The building hereby approved is permitted for a temporary period only and shall be removed within one year of the date of this permission (by 22 October 2020) and the land returned to its condition prior to the development commencing within one month of the building being removed.

Reason: The retention of the building for longer than one year would have a significant detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, as well as the amenity of neighbouring residents; however the material considerations of the application mean a temporary building is considered acceptable.

The Local Review Body (LRB) considered the review of the planning application at its meeting of 22 October 2019. The LRB carried out a site visit on the 22 October 2019.

In reaching its decision the LRB gave consideration to the following development plan policies and material considerations:

Development Plan Policies:

- 1. DEV2 Midlothian Local Development Plan Development in the built-up area;
- 2. DEV 6 Midlothian Local Development Plan Layout and design of new development;
- 3. ECON4 Midlothian Local Development Plan Economic development outwith established business and industrial sites; and
- 4. ENV18 Midlothian Local Development Plan Noise

Material considerations:

1. The individual circumstances of the proposal.

In determining the review the LRB concluded:

The retention of the building for longer than one year would have a significant detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, as well as the amenity of neighbouring residents; however the material considerations of the application mean a temporary building is considered acceptable.

Dated: 22/10/2019

Peter Arnsdorf

Planning Manager (Advisor to the Local Review Body) Communities and Economy Midlothian Council

On behalf of:

Councillor R Imrie Chair of the Local Review Body Midlothian Council

NOTICE TO ACCOMPANY REFUSAL ETC.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Notification to be sent to applicant on refusal of planning permission or on the grant of permission subject to conditions, or

Notification to be sent to applicant on determination by the planning authority of an application following a review conducted under section 43A(8)

- 1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may question the validity of that decision by making an application to the Court of Session. An application to the Court of Session must be made within 6 weeks of the date of the decision.
- 2. If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part V of the town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Advisory note:

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding the Local Review Body procedures or this decision notice please do not hesitate to contact Peter Arnsdorf, Planning Manager tel: 0131 2713310 or via peter.arnsdorf@midlothian.gov.uk

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Notice of Review: 19 George Drive, Loanhead Determination Report

Report by Dr Mary Smith Director of Education, Communities and Economy

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a framework for the Local Review Body (LRB) to consider a 'Notice of Review' for the extension to dwellinghouse at 19 George Drive, Loanhead.

2 Background

- 2.1 Planning application 19/00563/DPP for the extension to dwellinghouse at 19 George Drive, Loanhead was granted planning permission subject to a condition on 21 August 2019; a copy of the decision is attached to this report. The condition on planning permission 19/00563/DPP is as follows:
 - The sarnafil upstand proposed between the existing extension and the proposed extension and the sarnafil roof finish proposed on the extension are not approved: the external roof finish on the extension shall match the size, colour, texture and profile of the roof finish on the adjoining existing extension and shall be laid in a continuous plane with the roof tiles on the adjoining existing extension.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the existing building in terms of policy DEV2 of the adopted Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017.

The applicant is requesting that this condition is removed from the grant of planning permission.

- 2.2 The review has progressed through the following stages:
 - 1 Submission of Notice of Review by the applicant.
 - 2 The Registration and Acknowledgement of the Notice of Review.
 - 3 Carrying out Notification and Consultation.

3 Supporting Documents

- 3.1 Attached to this report are the following documents:
 - A site location plan (Appendix A);
 - A copy of the notice of review form and supporting statement (Appendix B). Any duplication of information is not attached;
 - A copy of the case officer's report (Appendix C);

- A copy of the decision notice, excluding the standard advisor notes, issued on 21 August 2019 (Appendix D); and
- A copy of the relevant plans (Appendix E).
- 3.2 The full planning application case file and the development plan policies referred to in the case officer's report can be viewed online via www.midlothian.gov.uk

4 Procedures

- 4.1 In accordance with procedures agreed by the LRB, the LRB by agreement of the Chair:
 - Have scheduled a site visit for Monday 2 December 2019; and
 - Have determined to progress the review by way of written submissions.
- 4.2 The case officer's report identified that no consultations were required and no representations have been received.
- 4.3 The next stage in the process is for the LRB to determine the review in accordance with the agreed procedure:
 - Identify any provisions of the development plan which are relevant to the decision;
 - Interpret them carefully, looking at the aims and objectives of the plan as well as detailed wording of policies;
 - Consider whether or not the proposal accords with the development plan;
 - Identify and consider relevant material considerations for and against the proposal;
 - Assess whether these considerations warrant a departure from the development plan; and
 - State the reason/s for the decision and state any conditions required if planning permission is granted.
- 4.4 In reaching a decision on the case the planning advisor can advise on appropriate phraseology and on appropriate planning reasons for reaching a decision.
- 4.5 Following the determination of the review the planning advisor will prepare a decision notice for issuing through the Chair of the LRB. A copy of the decision notice will be reported to the next LRB for noting.
- 4.6 A copy of the LRB decision will be placed on the planning authority's planning register and made available for inspection online.

5 Conditions

5.1 The nature of the proposal is such that it is considered that no conditions would be required if the LRB is minded to grant planning permission.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the LRB:
 - a) determine the review; and
 - b) the planning advisor draft and issue the decision of the LRB through the Chair

Date: 21 November 2019

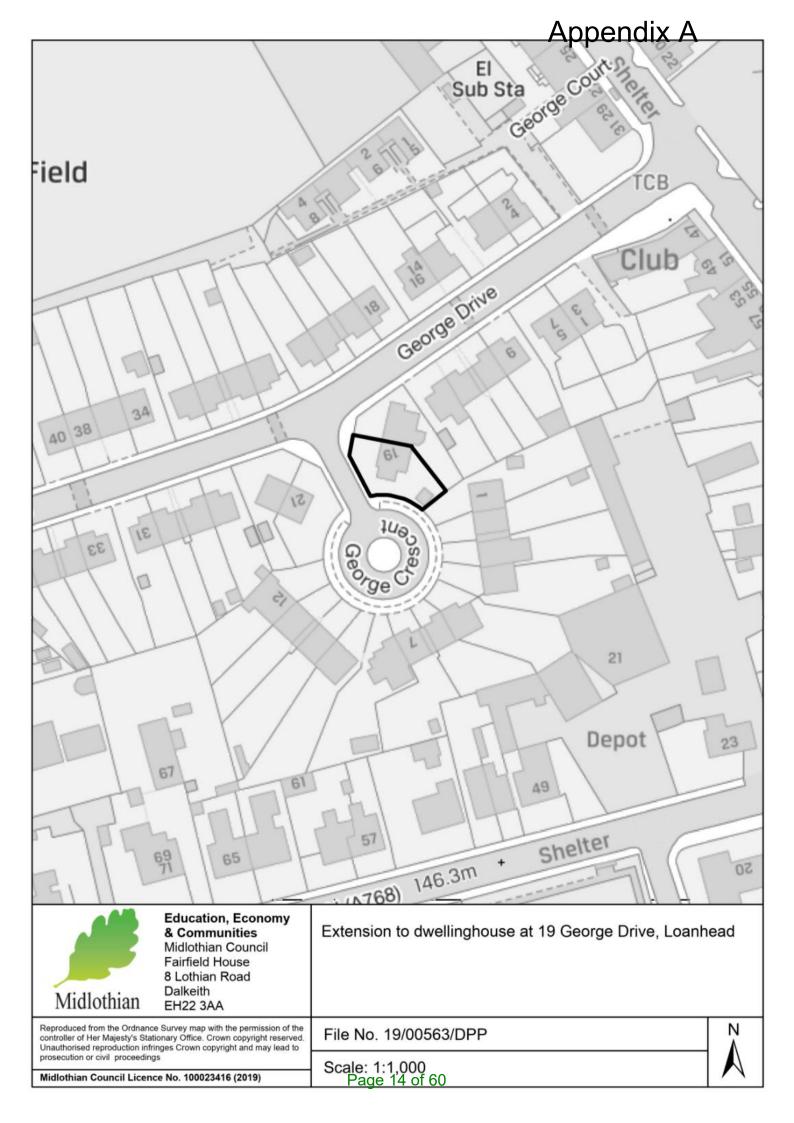
Report Contact: Peter Arnsdorf, Planning Manager

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Tel No: 0131 271 3310

Background Papers: Planning application 19/00563/DPP available for

inspection online.



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Last Name: *	Building Consultancy	Building Number:	13		
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Extension Number:		Address 2:			
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Loanhead		
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		Postcode: *	EH20 9RH		
Email Address: *	davidpatonbc@btconnect.com				
Is the applicant an individ	ual or an organisation/corporate entity? *				
Individual Organisation/Corporate entity					

Applicant Details						
Please enter Applicant d	etails					
Title:	Mr	You must enter a Bu	ilding Name or Number, or both: *			
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First Name: *	Thomas	Building Number:	19			
Last Name: *	Dick	Address 1 (Street): *	George Drive			
Company/Organisation		Address 2:				
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Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	EH20 9DL			
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Site Address	Details					
Planning Authority:	Midlothian Council					
Full postal address of the	e site (including postcode where available)					
Address 1:	19 GEORGE DRIVE					
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Address 5:			Page 16 of 60			
Town/City/Settlement:	LOANHEAD					
Post Code:	EH20 9DL					
Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites						
Northing	665616	Easting	328074			

Description of Proposal
Please provide a description of your proposal to which your review relates. The description should be the same as given in the application form, or as amended with the agreement of the planning authority: * (Max 500 characters)
Single storey extension to the side of property and associated internal alterations to the dwelling house.
Type of Application
What type of application did you submit to the planning authority? *
Application for planning permission (including householder application but excluding application to work minerals). Application for planning permission in principle.
Further application.
Application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
What does your review relate to? *
Refusal Notice.
☑ Grant of permission with Conditions imposed.
No decision reached within the prescribed period (two months after validation date or any agreed extension) – deemed refusal.
Statement of reasons for seeking review
You must state in full, why you are a seeking a review of the planning authority's decision (or failure to make a decision). Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. If necessary this can be provided as a separate document in the 'Supporting Documents' section: * (Max 500 characters)
Note: you are unlikely to have a further opportunity to add to your statement of appeal at a later date, so it is essential that you produce all of the information you want the decision-maker to take into account.
You should not however raise any new matter which was not before the planning authority at the time it decided your application (or at the time expiry of the period of determination), unless you can demonstrate that the new matter could not have been raised before that time or that it not being raised before that time is a consequence of exceptional circumstances.
Please refer to separate document in the Supporting Documents section.
Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the Determination on your application was made? *
If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising the new matter, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should be considered in your review; * (Max 500 characters)
Please refer to the additional Supporting Documentation that is attached to this application.

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to submit with your notice of review and intend to rely on in support of your review. You can attach these documents electronically later in the process: * (Max 500 characters) Approved existing and proposed drawings, existing views, FastFit roof details, Sarnafil colour options and Local Review Body					
additional supporting documentation.					
Application Details					
Please provide details of the application and decision.					
What is the application reference number? *	19/00563/DPP				
What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	21/06/2019				
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	21/08/2019				
Review Procedure					
The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review and may at any time during the review process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determine the review. Further information may be required by one or a combination of procedures, such as: written submissions; the holding of one or more hearing sessions and/or inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.					
Can this review continue to a conclusion, in your opinion, based on a review of the relevant information provided by yourself and other parties only, without any further procedures? For example, written submission, hearing session, site inspection. * Yes X No					
Please indicate what procedure (or combination of procedures) you think is most appropriate for the handling of your review. You may select more than one option if you wish the review to be a combination of procedures.					
Please select a further procedure *					
By means of inspection of the land to which the review relates					
Please explain in detail in your own words why this further procedure is required and the matters set out in your statement of appeal it will deal with? (Max 500 characters)					
The site visit will help to establish the minor impact that the third material will have on the	surrounding area.				
In the event that the Local Review Body appointed to consider your application decides to in					
Can the site be clearly seen from a road or public land?* Page 18 of © Yes X No					
Is it possible for the site to be accessed safely and without barriers to entry? *					
If there are reasons why you think the local Review Body would be unable to undertake an unaccompanied site inspection, please explain here. (Max 500 characters)					

Checklist - App	olication for Notice of Review				
Please complete the following checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary information in support of your appeal. Failure to submit all this information may result in your appeal being deemed invalid.					
Have you provided the name	and address of the applicant?. *	X Yes ☐ No			
Have you provided the date a review? *	and reference number of the application which is the subject of this	X Yes □ No			
	n behalf of the applicant, have you provided details of your name hether any notice or correspondence required in connection with the or the applicant?	X Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A			
	ent setting out your reasons for requiring a review and by what procedures) you wish the review to be conducted? *	Yes No			
Note: You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. You may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.					
	cuments, material and evidence which you intend to rely on ich are now the subject of this review *	▼ Yes □ No			
Note: Where the review relates to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission or modification, variation or removal of a planning condition or where it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in conditions, it is advisable to provide the application reference number, approved plans and decision notice (if any) from the earlier consent.					
Declare – Notice of Review					
I/We the applicant/agent certify that this is an application for review on the grounds stated.					
Declaration Name:	Mr David Paton Building Consultancy				
Declaration Date:	11/10/2019				

Planning Consent for 19 George Drive, Loanhead - 19/00563/DPP

Proposed Development:

Proposed single storey extension to allow the re-modelling of the ground floor of the property to provide an accessible shower room for the registered disabled owners of the property.

Reason for the review:

The addition of the condition that the proposed extension matches the roofing material of the existing extension without any upstand detail between existing and new, as opposed to introducing a third roofing material to the site.

Reasons for challenging the condition attached to the Planning Consent:

Our client is registered disabled and has chosen to self-fund a disabled adaptation of their home to allow the property to continue to function for them as the existing bathroom and bedrooms are on the first floor. The alterations would allow the client to future proof their home to allow sleeping and sanitary facilities to be on the accessible level of the property, to improve their quality of life.

The roof construction of the existing sunroom is a lightweight conservatory roof replacement product (FastFit), designed to improve the thermal properties of older conservatories that are no longer thermally efficient.

The proposed extension roof is a traditional structural flat roof, joisted to allow the rooflight to be installed which will allow light into the relocated kitchen below.

As the roof pitch we are tying into is between 9.5° and 10°, traditional slate roofs as per the existing main roof of the property, cannot be constructed at such a shallow pitch.

The upstand detail between the existing and new extensions is required to provide a weathertight seal between the two roofs as standard lapping of two roof types would not guarantee a lasting solution to the issue.

The existing glazed wall between the old and new extensions must be removed and replaced with a structural wall to support the end of the existing roof which in turn will allow us to build the new roof alongside. The upstand allows the break between finishes to be lapped and a vertical barrier to prevent water ingress at the construction joints.

It is a traditional construction to provide an upstand between an extension and a conservatory / sunroom.

Sarnafil produce a dark grey single ply roof membrane, which would provide a close colour match to the existing FastFit roof covering.

We feel that a rendered blockwork extension with Sarnafil flat roof is appropriate as the existing sunroom roof construction is a lightweight replacement system from 2013 which is inappropriate for a new extension as it is unable to meet the current Building Regulations. The extension is infilling a corner of the property footprint with a solid construction and the remaining sunroom is delineated as a lightweight construction.

We note that there were no comments submitted on the portal by the 12 notified neighbouring properties, which indicates that the proposed design is not detrimental to the character of the building or local area.

The manufacturer noted the installed system on the sunroom is discontinued and replaced with a similar product. They were also not sure a suitable seal or joint, on the same plane, can be created between the new and old finishes to guarantee a watertight roof.

The sunroom roof is a FastFit system which is a cost-effective way of upgrading existing conservatories to improve thermal performance, not a product designed for new extensions.

Creating a hybrid roof with a level plane junction seems to be creating problems later down the line. This would involve puncturing the waterproof layer of the new roof to attach the coated metal sheeting products to match the sunroom.

We are looking to detail the junction so that the solid replacement gable wall between the conservatory and new extension will support both roofs and we can create a vertical upstand to separate the two finishes and allow an appropriate lap detail to prevent water ingress.

Our reason for trying to remove the planning condition is purely based on good building practice and minimising any maintenance issues further down the line for our client.

Views on a separate sheet show the limited impact the proposes extension will have on the surrounding area due to the existing boundary treatment and positioning on the site as well as aerial views of existing properties nearby on The Loan in Loanhead which have multiple roof coverings on the front, side and rear of the buildings.

Raised matters with appointed officer made the determination:

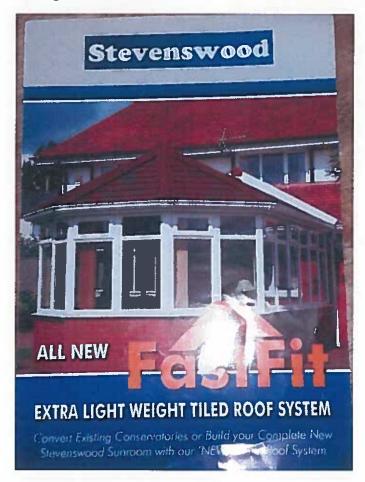
- a) The conditioned roof finish is a coated metal sheet that will need to be fixed into the new roof of the extension, which will require the waterproof layer of the new roof to be penetrated by screws and fastenings. We are concerned that trying to match two roof constructions on the same plane will result in maintenance issues and potential water ingress in the property, especially as the sheet manufacturer has noted that the system does not support this type of connection between two independent roof types. Re-roofing the sunroom was an option the planning officer has subsequently mentioned but this is a huge expense to place on a disabled couple who are self-funding a disabled adaptation instead of applying for a disabled adaptation grant via Midlothian Council. (Grant funding would probably not cover the cost of alternative roofing for an existing part of the building that is in perfect working order)
- b) During the discussions with the appointed officer, before the application was determined, the issue of an upstand and third roofing material on the site was not mentioned to us.
- c) If the original conservatory roof had not been replaced with the FastFit system, the application to extend the property to allow the accessible shower room on the ground floor would have required a upstand / parapet and third roofing material on the site due to the glass / metal frame of the conservatory, slate on the original house and the new extension roof. The manufacturer of the FastFit sunroom roof noted the installed system on the sunroom is discontinued and replaced with a similar product. The manufacturer is not sure a suitable seal or joint, on the same plane, can be created between the new and old finishes to guarantee a watertight roof.

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Planning Consent for 19 George Drive, Loanhead - 19/00563/DPP



Existing Roof finishes 2019



2013 Roofing system installed over the conservatory

Planning Consent for 19 George Drive, Loanhead - 19/00563/DPP



Aerial view of The Loan, Loanhead showing multiple roof finishes within properties.

Slate, felt, glass and membrane finishes to the front, side and rear of the buildings.

Planning Consent for 19 George Drive, Loanhead - 19/00563/DPP



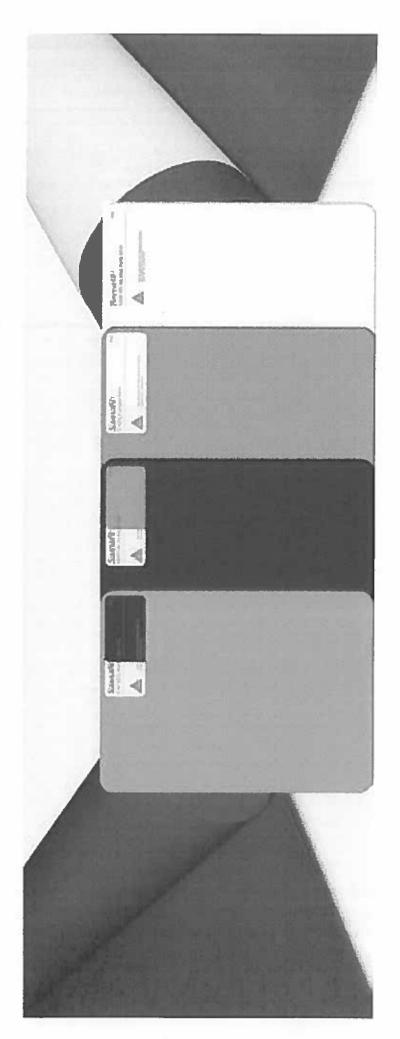
View from George Drive 2014



View from George Crescent 2014



Aerial view of The Loan, Loanhead showing multiple roof finishes within properties.



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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING APPLICATION DELEGATED WORKSHEET:

Planning Application Reference: 19/00563/dpp

Site Address: 19 George Drive, Loanhead

Site Description: The application property comprises a semi-detached 2 storey dwellinghouse on a corner plot within a residential area. There is a single storey extension attached to the south side of the house. The property is finished externally in a cream colour painted render, with white upvc windows and a slate roof.

Proposed Development: Extension to dwellinghouse

Proposed Development Details:

It is proposed to erect a single storey extension on the south side of the property attached to the east side of the existing extension. The proposed extension will measure 2.7m deep and 2.8m wide. The proposed extension is to have a rendered finish to match the existing house and a sarnafil single ply roof with a sarnafil upstand connecting the proposed roof to that of the existing extension.

Background (Previous Applications, Supporting Documents, Development Briefs):

History sheet checked.

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Erection of conservatory 19 George Drive, Loanhead Application permitted

07/00283/FUL

Erection of pitched roof over existing bay window 19 George Drive, Loanhead Application permitted

Consultations:

None required.

Representations:

None received.

Relevant Planning Policies:

The relevant policy of the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017 is;

DEV2 – Protecting amenity within the built-up area - seeks to protect the character and amenity of the built-up area.

It is noted that policy DP6 House Extensions, from the now superseded 2008 Midlothian Local Plan, set out design guidance for new extensions requiring that they are well designed in order to maintain or enhance the appearance of the house and the locality. The policy guidelines contained in DP6 also relate to size of extensions, materials, impact on neighbours and remaining garden area. It also states that front porches to detached or semi-detached houses are usually acceptable provided they project less than two metres out from the front of the house. It also allowed for novel architectural solutions. The guidance set out within this policy has been successfully applied to development proposals throughout Midlothian and will be reflected within the Council's Supplementary Guidance on Quality of Place which is currently being drafted.

Planning Issues:

The main planning issue to be considered is whether or not the proposal complies with the development plan policies and, if not, whether there are any material planning considerations which would otherwise justify approval.

The proposed extension is of limited size and is located on the side elevation adjoining the existing extension. It is the usual practice of the Planning Authority to require matching materials on extensions. The main dwellinghouse roof is finished in natural slate. The existing extension (formerly a conservatory with a glazed roof) has been fitted with a lightweight slate effect roofing system. Correspondence with the agent confirmed the roof was installed in October 2013. Images from Google Street View show the roof as complete in June 2014. The new roof does not constitute permitted development and does not benefit from planning permission. However, under S124 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 where there has been a breach in planning control, no enforcement action can be taken after the end of a period of 4 years after works being substantially completed. The roof was installed more than 4 years ago and is now considered to be lawful in planning terms.

The roofing system on the existing extension, although now lawful, does not match the slate on the roof of the existing dwellinghouse. However, taking into account the shallow pitch of the roof of the extension, the difference in material is not overly prominent. The extension is proposed to be finished with a sarnafil roof. This would introduce a third roofing material to the application site resulting in a fragmentary piecemeal appearance detrimental to the appearance of the existing building. If planning permission is forthcoming, taking in to account the small scale of the proposed extension and its location adjacent to the existing extension it would be appropriate to condition that the proposed extension roof is in the same plane and matches the material and finish of the roof of the existing extension with the proposed upstand deleted.

A 1.8m high hedge encloses the side garden with 1.8m high double access gates leading to a driveway to accommodate 1 car. The driveway remains unaffected by the proposed extension. The hedge ensures that the extension is well screened and will not have a significant impact on the character of the surrounding area or the street scene.

Sufficient garden area will remain.

The extension will not have a significant impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Recommendation:
Grant planning permission

Appendix D

Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Reg. No. 19/00563/DPP



David Paton Building Consultancy 13 High Street Loanhead EH20 9RH

Midlothian Council, as Planning Authority, having considered the application by Mr Thomas Dick, 19 George Drive, Loanhead, EH20 9DL, which was registered on 24 June 2019, in pursuance of their powers under the above Acts, hereby grant permission to carry out the following proposed development:

Extension to dwellinghouse at 19 George Drive, Loanhead, EH20 9DL,

in accordance with the application and the following documents/drawings:

Document/Drawing	Drawing No/Scale	<u>Dated</u>
Location Plan	19-33-004 1:1250 1:20	24.06.2019
Existing Elevations, Floor Plan And Cross Sections	19-33-EX 1:1250 1:500	24.06.2019
Proposed Elevations, Floor Plan And Cross Sections	19-33-002 1:50	24.06.2019

This permission is granted for the following reason:

The proposed extension will not have a significant impact on the character of the existing dwellinghouse or the amenity of neighbouring properties and complies with the aims of policy DEV2 of the adopted Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017

Subject to the following condition:

The sarnafil upstand proposed between the existing extension and the proposed extension and the sarnafil roof finish proposed on the extension are not approved: the external roof finish on the extension shall match the size, colour, texture and profile of the roof finish on the adjoining existing extension and shall be laid in a continuous plane with the roof tiles on the adjoining existing extension.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the existing building in terms of policy DEV2 of the adopted Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017.

Dated 21 / 8 / 2019

DR

Duncan Robertson

Lead Officer - Local Developments, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3ZN

Any Planning Enquiries should be directed to:



e Coal Planning and Local Authority Liaison Direct Telephone: 01623 637 119

Email: plai

planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk

Website:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

INFORMATIVE NOTE

The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Coal Authority as containing potential hazards arising from former coal mining activity. These hazards can include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and previous surface mining sites. Although such hazards are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur in the future, particularly as a result of development taking place.

It is recommended that information outlining how the former mining activities affect the proposed development, along with any mitigation measures required (for example the need for gas protection measures within the foundations), be submitted alongside any subsequent application for Building Standards approval (if relevant). Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant safety and engineering risks and exposes all parties to potential financial liabilities. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should wherever possible be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design is developed and agreed with regulatory bodies which takes into account of all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

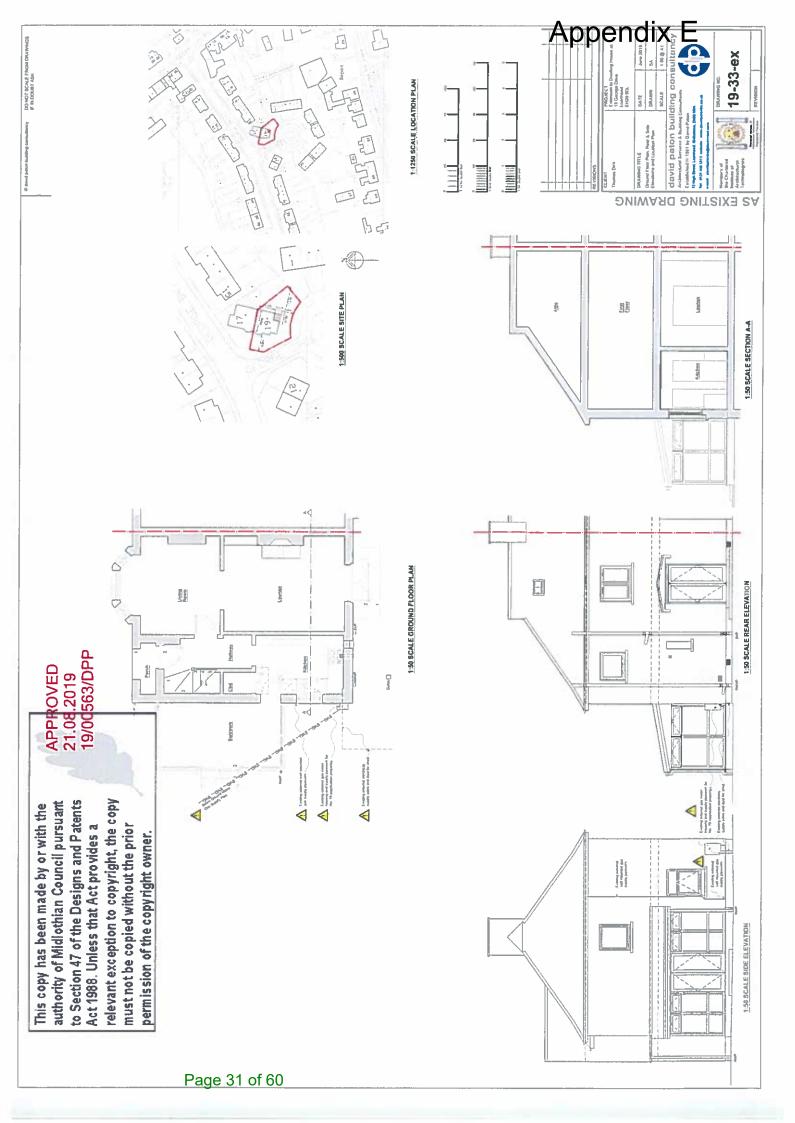
Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, digging of foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action.

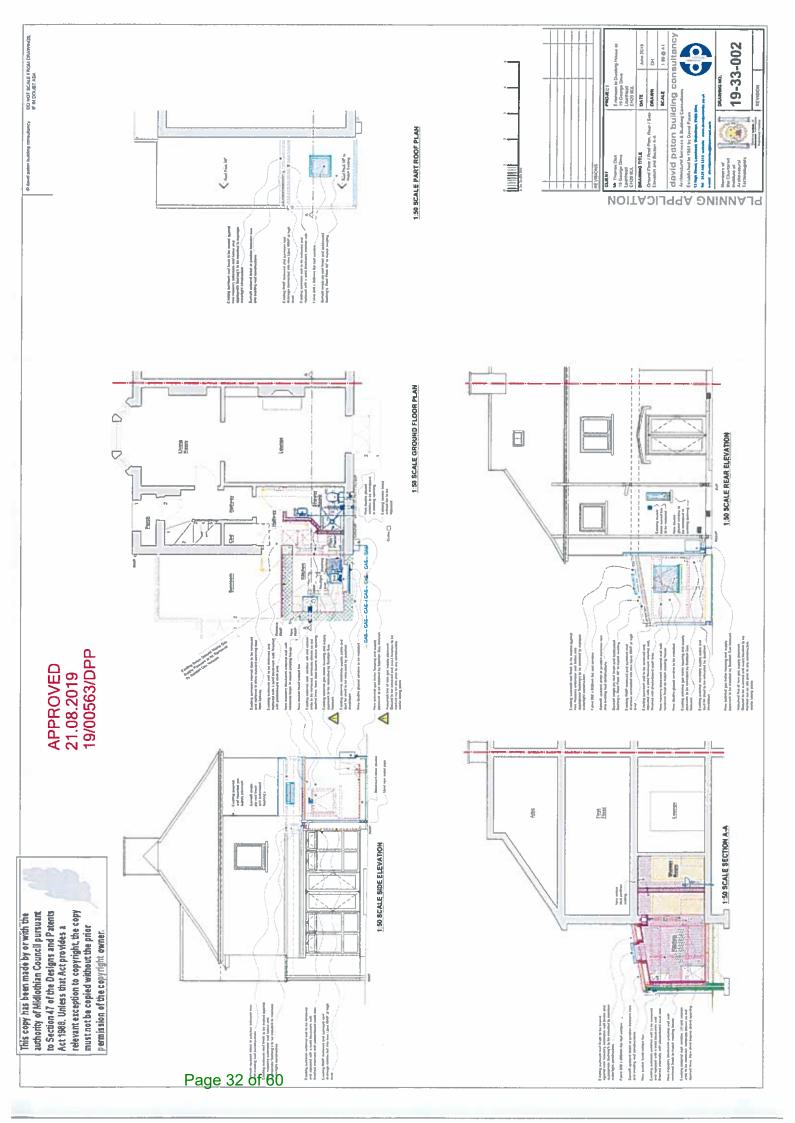
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Property specific summary information on past, current and future coal mining activity can be obtained from: www.groundstability.com or a similar service provider.

If any of the coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

This Informative Note is valid from 1st January 2019 until 31st December 2020







Notice of Review: 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik Determination Report

Report by Dr Mary Smith Director of Education, Communities and Economy

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a framework for the Local Review Body (LRB) to consider a 'Notice of Review' for the installation of replacement windows (retrospective) at 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik.

2 Background

- 2.1 Planning application 19/00211/DPP for the installation of replacement windows (retrospective) at 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik was refused planning permission on 10 July 2019; a copy of the decision is attached to this report.
- 2.2 The review has progressed through the following stages:
 - 1 Submission of Notice of Review by the applicant.
 - 2 The Registration and Acknowledgement of the Notice of Review.
 - 3 Carrying out Notification and Consultation.

3 Supporting Documents

- 3.1 Attached to this report are the following documents:
 - A site location plan (Appendix A);
 - A copy of the notice of review form and supporting statement (Appendix B). Any duplication of information is not attached;
 - A copy of the case officer's report (Appendix C);
 - A copy of the decision notice, excluding the standard advisor notes, issued on 10 July 2019 (Appendix D); and
 - A copy of the relevant plans (Appendix E).
- 3.2 The full planning application case file and the development plan policies referred to in the case officer's report can be viewed online via www.midlothian.gov.uk

4 Procedures

- 4.1 In accordance with procedures agreed by the LRB, the LRB by agreement of the Chair:
 - Have scheduled a site visit for Monday 2 December 2019; and
 - Have determined to progress the review by way of written submissions.
- 4.2 The case officer's report identified that there were no consultations required and one representation received. As part of the review process the interested party was notified of the review. No additional comments have been received. All comments can be viewed online on the electronic planning application case file.
- 4.3 The next stage in the process is for the LRB to determine the review in accordance with the agreed procedure:
 - Identify any provisions of the development plan which are relevant to the decision;
 - Interpret them carefully, looking at the aims and objectives of the plan as well as detailed wording of policies;
 - Consider whether or not the proposal accords with the development plan;
 - Identify and consider relevant material considerations for and against the proposal;
 - Assess whether these considerations warrant a departure from the development plan; and
 - State the reason/s for the decision and state any conditions required if planning permission is granted.
- 4.4 In reaching a decision on the case the planning advisor can advise on appropriate phraseology and on appropriate planning reasons for reaching a decision.
- 4.5 Following the determination of the review the planning advisor will prepare a decision notice for issuing through the Chair of the LRB. A copy of the decision notice will be reported to the next LRB for noting.
- 4.6 A copy of the LRB decision will be placed on the planning authority's planning register and made available for inspection online.

5 Conditions

5.1 The nature of the proposal is such that it is considered that no conditions would be required if the LRB is minded to grant planning permission.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the LRB:
 - a) determine the review; and
 - b) the planning advisor draft and issue the decision of the LRB through the Chair

Date: 21 November 2019

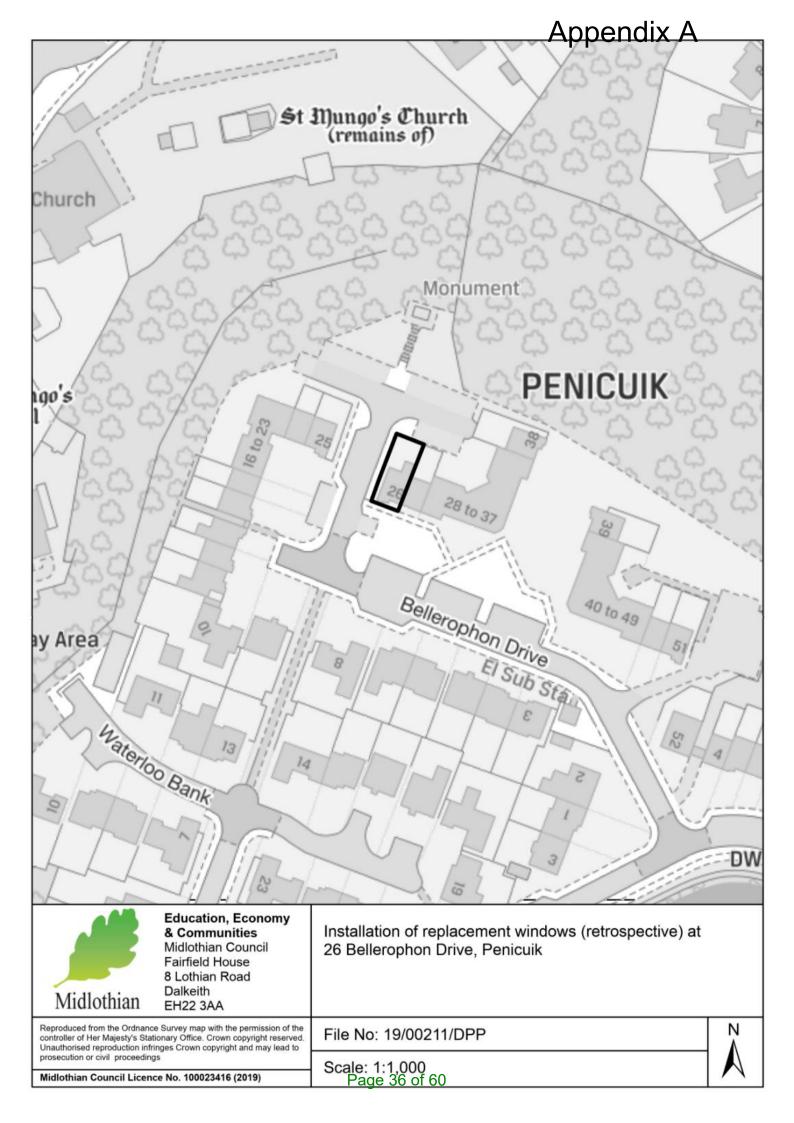
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Background Papers: Planning application 19/00211/DPP available for

inspection online.



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Applications cannot be validated until all the necessary documentation has been submitted and the required fee has been paid.						
Thank you for completing this application form:						
ONLINE REFERENCE	100185362-001					
The online reference is the unique reference for your online form only. The Planning Authority will allocate an Application Number when your form is validated. Please quote this reference if you need to contact the planning Authority about this application.						
Applicant or A	Agent Details					
Are you an applicant or an agent? * (An agent is an architect, consultant or someone else acting on behalf of the applicant in connection with this application) Applicant Applicant						
Agent Details						
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Company/Organisation:	Kevin Smith Architectural Technologist					
Ref. Number:		You must enter a B	uilding Name or Number, or both: *			
First Name: *	Kevin	Building Name:				
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Extension Number:		Address 2				
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Luton			
Fax Number:		Country: *	UK			
		Postcode: *	LU4 8RB			
Email Address: *	kevin.smith970@ntlworld.com					
Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? *						
☐ Individual ☐ Organisation/Corporate entity						

Applicant Details						
Please enter Applicant details						
Title:	Mr	You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: *				
Other Title:		Building Name:				
First Name: *	Herbert	Building Number:	26			
Last Name: *	Rodgers	Address 1 (Street): *	Bellerophon Drive			
Company/Organisation		Address 2:				
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Penicuik			
Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland			
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	EH26 8NU			
Fax Number:	200					
Email Address: *						
Site Address	Details					
Planning Authority:	Midlothian Council					
Full postal address of the site (including postcode where available):						
Address 1:	26 BELLEROPHON DRIVE					
Address 2:						
Address 3:						
Address 4:						
Address 5:			Page 38 of 60			
Town/City/Settlement:	PENICUIK					
Post Code:	EH26 8NU					
Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites						
Northing	659893	Easting	323771			

Description of Proposal
Please provide a description of your proposal to which your review relates. The description should be the same as given in the application form, or as amended with the agreement of the planning authority; * (Max 500 characters)
Appeal against Refusal of Planning Permission for Retention of Replacement Windows under Application 19/00211/DPP
Type of Application
What type of application did you submit to the planning authority? *
Application for planning permission (including householder application but excluding application to work minerals). Application for planning permission in principle.
Further application.
Application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
What does your review relate to? *
Refusal Notice.
☒ Grant of permission with Conditions imposed.
No decision reached within the prescribed period (two months after validation date or any agreed extension) – deemed refusal.
Statement of reasons for seeking review
You must state in full, why you are a seeking a review of the planning authority's decision (or failure to make a decision). Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. If necessary this can be provided as a separate document in the 'Supporting Documents' section: * (Max 500 characters)
Note: you are unlikely to have a further opportunity to add to your statement of appeal at a later date, so it is essential that you produce all of the information you want the decision-maker to take into account,
You should not however raise any new matter which was not before the planning authority at the time it decided your application (or at the time expiry of the period of determination), unless you can demonstrate that the new matter could not have been raised before that time or that it not being raised before that time is a consequence of exceptional circumstances.
Please see separate document "Planning Policy Statement" dated 30-09-2019
Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the Determination on your application was made? *
If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising the new matter, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should be considered in your review: * (Max 500 characters)
Similar applications have come to light that we believe demonstrate how the local planning authority have been inconsistent in applying planning policy with applications of this type.

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to to rely on in support of your review. You can attach these documents electronically later in the	submit with your notice of review e process: * (Max 500 characters	and intend		
Cover letter dated 09-05-2019 Existing Elevations Proposed Elevations Planning Policy St 04-09-2019 Planning Policy Statement 04-10-2019	atement 08-05-2019 Cover letter	dated		
Application Details				
Please provide details of the application and decision.		_		
What is the application reference number? *	19/00211/DPP			
What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	09/05/2019			
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	10/07/2019			
Review Procedure				
The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review and may at any time during the review process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determine the review. Further information may be required by one or a combination of procedures, such as: written submissions; the holding of one or more hearing sessions and/or inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.				
Can this review continue to a conclusion, in your opinion, based on a review of the relevant information provided by yourself and other parties only, without any further procedures? For example, written submission, hearing session, site inspection. * Yes No				
In the event that the Local Review Body appointed to consider your application decides to in-	spect the site, in your opinion:			
Can the site be clearly seen from a road or public land? *	X Yes □			
Is it possible for the site to be accessed safely and without barriers to entry? *	⊠ Yes □	No		
Checklist – Application for Notice of Review				
Please complete the following checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary in to submit all this information may result in your appeal being deemed invalid.	nformation in support of your app	eal. Failure		
Have you provided the name and address of the applicant?. *	X Yes No			
Have you provided the date and reference number of the application which is the subject of review? *	his Yes No			
If you are the agent, acting on behalf of the applicant, have you provided details of your name and address and indicated whether any notice or correspondence required in connection will review should be sent to you or the applicant?	h the Page 40 of 60	N/A		
Have you provided a statement setting out your reasons for requiring a review and by what procedure (or combination of procedures) you wish the review to be conducted? *	⊠ Yes □ No			
Note: You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. You may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.				
Please attach a copy of all documents, material and evidence which you intend to rely on (e.g. plans and Drawings) which are now the subject of this review *	⊠ Yes □ No			
Note: Where the review relates to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission or modification, variation or removal of a planning condition or where it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in conditions, it is advisable to provide the application reference number, approved plans and decision notice (if any) from the earlier consent.				

Declare - Notice of Review

I/We the applicant/agent certify that this is an application for review on the grounds stated.

Declaration Name:

Mr Kevin Smith

Declaration Date:

04/10/2019



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Thursday, 4th October, 2019

For the attention of: Head of Planning

Development Control Midlothian Council Fairfield House 8 Lothian Road Dalkeith EH22 3A A

Re: Application 19/00211/DPP 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik, EH26 8NU.

Dear Sirs,

Planning approval 19/00714/DPP was granted on 15th December 2016 for replacement windows at the above address on condition that they be changed for timber windows.

Planning approval was refused on 10-07- 2000der reference 19/00211/DPP for the removal of the condition that required the window material to be changed from uPVC to timber.

We are making application for a Local Review of this decision and have uploaded the following documents for your consideration via the ePlanning. Scot web site:

- Cover letter dated 09-05 -2010 planning application 19/00211/DPP.
- Existing elevations and 1:5
 60ale site plan previously submitted under 19/00714/DPP and 19/00211/DPP.
- Proposed elevations previously submitted under 19/00714/DPP and 19/00211/DPP.
- Planning Policy Statement including location plan submitted under 19/00211 /DPP.
- New Planning Policy Statement dated 04-10-2019 giving the reasons for the L R&to consider in reviewing this
 case.

We look forward to working with you in bringing this to a satisfactory conclusion. In the meantime, should the LRB have any queries or want further clarification of any information submitted please contact me immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Smith



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26 BELLEROPHON DRIVE, PENICUIK, EH26 8NU

PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT

04-10-2019

INTRODUCTION

Application is made for a Local Review Body to review Planning refusal 19/00211/DPP. It is believed that a refusal has been made based upon a misapplication of planning policy. Therefore the LRB are invited to re-read the documents originally submitted, in particular the argumentation presented in the 'Planning Policy Statement' dated 08-05-2019 on the basis of the following comments and some new information now presented.

CASE OFFICER DELEGATED WORKSHEET 19/00211/DPP

Following are our responses to statements made by the case officer in the delegated worksheet, in the order in which they are made.

Heading: Proposed Development Details

It is stated here that details of the profile of the glazing within the replacement windows were not detailed within the submitted plans. They did not need to be since these had been submitted and approved previously under approval 16/00714/DPP. The only objection under this application was to the use of uPVC as a material. Please also see the comments headed 'Paragraph 5' below for more information.

Heading: Relevant Planning Policies

The first two paragraphs here regarding Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement 2016 and Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) are worded exactly as they were in the 16/00714/DPP worksheet with the exception that the following policy has conveniently been omitted:

"A proposed development that would have a neutral effect on the character or appearance of a conservation area <u>(i.e. does no harm)</u> should be treated as one which preserves that character or appearance." (Scottish Planning Policy p34 par 143.)

The case officer merely acknowledged later under the heading 'Planning Issues' (par. 3) that this point had been made but did not comment on the validity or influence of it on the application. It is very significant that the case officer has now chosen to omit any reference to this policy as being relevant to the case, as if it does not exist.

This policy has a powerful influence on the way that the original application should have been judged and should be a key determining factor for the LRB to consider when determining this case because it means that whilst conservation areas should be preserved, development which "does no harm" must be approved. The case officer cannot ignore national planning policy.

Our argumentation as to why these proposals "do no harm" is detailed in the original application for you to consider under the main heading 'Windows'.



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In addition please see Views 9 and 10 shown in the Appendix. This shows photographs before and after the replacement of the windows. The colour (cream, not white as stated in the case officer's worksheet), style and proportions of the windows on no.26 match the timber windows on no.27. A trained eye might detect that these are uPVC from the street but can you in all honestly really see a difference? Has this really caused harm to the character of the building? The reality of the situation is that as the timber windows continue to deteriorate, that is what is going to cause harm to the character of the buildings and area.

If asked "Have these replacement windows caused any harm?" the answer in the minds of any onlooker would surely be No!

Heading: Planning Issues

Paragraph 2

The case officer dismisses our argumentation that Historic Environment Scotland's publication "Managing Change in The Historic Environment - Windows" does not apply even though it clearly states that "This note sets out the principles that apply to altering the windows of historic buildings."

Please note the case officer confirms in paragraph 4 that "the dwellings within this part of the conservation area are <u>not historic</u>". By this admission the cited guidance therefore has no relevance.

It is claimed that whilst this guidance is "best practice for historic buildings generally it is also a material consideration in assessing proposals for listed and unlisted buildings in conservation areas." Whilst the case officer may wish this guidance to apply, the guidance nowhere states that it is a material consideration for listed and unlisted buildings in conservation areas.

Having said this, it is not as though the applicant does not care about what the windows look like. Every effort has been made to ensure that the design, which has already been approved, is acceptable and harmonises with other windows in the estate as already expressed above.

Paragraph 4

It is stated that the majority of surrounding dwellings within the area have timber frame windows. The case officer confirms in paragraph 2 under the heading 'Site Description' that "There are a couple of windows in Bellerophon Drive that are uPVC." This is a gross understatement! In fact a significant number have uPVC fenestration. Please note the following examples:

3 Bankmill View (Appl 17/00734/DPP)

Permission was refused at this address for the replacement of painted green timber windows for white uPVC. However permission was granted for green uPVC windows at the rear of the property only due to it being "less open to public views." Permission was not granted for green uPVC windows in the front or side elevations on the grounds that they were "more exposed and open to public views."

Please see Views 1 and 2 in the Appendix. This demonstrates just how "open to public views" the very small windows on the side elevation of no. 3 Bankmill view are. They are virtually unseen! By contrast the whole of the side elevation of no.1 Bankmill View is very prominent in the streetscene and has a large uPVC conservatory which is open to public views from the street, yet was approved under application 03/00436/FUL.

7, 19 and 23 Waterloo Bank

The same applies to large uPVC conservatories at nos. 7, 19 and 23 Waterloo Bank (Applications 03/00614/FUL, 01/00279/FUL and 04/00156/FUL respectively). Number 7 and 23 are corner plots hence their side elevations face the street and therefore their conservatories are very open to public views. The conservatory at no. 23 is not white or green to match existing fenestration, but brown. How can this be said to harmonise with the building and its locale? Number 19 has



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its rear elevation facing Lower Valleyfield Road therefore the conservatory is open to public views from there. See Appendix Views 3-6 for street views of each of these properties.

If uPVC has been approved on main elevations facing the street at these addresses then logically uPVC should be considered to be acceptable on elevations fronting the street of other properties in this estate.

11-41 Lower Valleyfield View

These properties comprising dwellinghouses and flats are also part of the conservation area yet all of them have been approved with white uPVC windows on all elevations. These are attractive dwellings and their windows will contribute to them remaining so because they will not deteriorate unlike the windows in Bellerophon Drive. If any of these windows at nos.11-41 ever needed to be replaced for any reason, would the local planning authority require that these be replaced with timber to match the rest of the estate? Hardly! What a mistake that would be.

Please see the Appendix View 7 and 8.

Each of these examples demonstrates where the local planning authority has approved the use of uPVC on a major building elevation thus setting a precedent for uPVC to be used elsewhere on the same estate.

It is stated that "whilst the dwellings within this part of the conservation area are not historic, the dwellings are of a traditional form and utilise a traditional palette of finishing materials which contribute towards the character and appearance of this part of the conservation area."

These buildings have some traditional features but these are at best poor modern imitations of the genuine article found on the historic buildings elsewhere and that is because they were not built to be part of the conservation area in the first place. They came to be included in it later. Hence you have features such as uPVC rainwater goods and concrete cloaked verges on roofs, which would <u>never</u> be found in a conservation area, now being part of one. If these modern materials and features are an acceptable inclusion in this part of the conservation area so should uPVC windows be. And clearly the local authority think so or they would not find acceptable the windows on numbers 11-41 Lower Valleyfield View.

Paragraph 5

It is stated that "the design of the replacement windows are of similar style to that of the existing but the frames do not replicate the proportions of the previous windows. Furthermore, the material finish does not reflect the character of the dwellinghouse or the locale."

The manufacturers detailed construction drawings of the replacement windows including style, colour and proportions were previously approved under planning application 16/00714/DPP. Please note paragraph 4 under the heading 'Planning Issues' of the case officers delegated worksheet. After having stated in paragraph 2 that the use of uPVC was unacceptable it went on to say:

"It is considered that the proposal accords with the principles and policies of Midlathian Local Plan and is <u>acceptable</u> in terms of <u>all</u> other applicable material considerations."

Therefore the only objection was to the use of uPVC as a material. The approval notice did not contain any conditions regarding style, colour and proportions of windows. To now object that the frames do not replicate the proportions of the previous windows is therefore not a valid argument.

The above claim that "the material finish does not reflect the character of the dwellinghouse or the locale." is disproven by the number of examples given in this report, namely 3 Bankmill View, 7, 19 and 23 Waterloo Bank and 11-41 Lower Valleyfield View, all of which have been given approval for the use of uPVC on elevations open to public views. Therefore the use of uPVC is definitely characteristic of the locale.



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Paragraph 6

It is stated that "the lack of maintenance undertaken by home-owners does not justify the <u>introduction</u> of non-traditional uPVC windows in the conservation area." Please re-read the argumentation presented in the Planning Policy Statement dated 08-05-19 under the heading 'Visual Impact' to show that these replacement windows have made a positive contribution to preserving the character of the area. Even so, the local planning authority has themselves <u>introduced</u> non-traditional uPVC windows in the conservation area by approving them under the applications mentioned above.

Paragraph 7

It is stated that the upper rear elevation of 26 Bellerophon Drive is more exposed and open to public views from the car park at the rear and as such the use of uPVC within the rear elevation will result in an adverse visual impact. Is the rear elevation of 26 Bellerophon Drive open to public views in the same way as nos.7, 19 and 23 Waterloo Bank, which are very open? No. This is a car park that, except for the few residents who park there, members of the public will not frequent.

The case officers argument is completely defeated anyway by the fact that uPVC fenestration has been approved in main elevations, facing the street, on other properties as listed earlier in this report.

Paragraph 8

It is stated that uPVC "windows within the ground floor level of the rear elevation is unlikely to result in an adverse visual impact" but that this window "cannot be supported as part of this application." Please note that the ground floor extension, including its window, is already approved under application 18/00294/FUL. The approval notice nowhere gives a condition to replace the uPVC window for one made of timber.

CONCLUSION

It has already been established that the buildings in this part of the conservation area are not historic. Buildings in Penicuik which are truly historic must be rigorously preserved in accordance with published guidelines. However the buildings in Bellerophon Drive and Lower Valleyfield View do not fall into this category. They are a modern design built with modern materials which have found themselves being included in the conservation area as it grew. The local authority accepted the fact that some non-traditional materials and features that they contain would come with them when they included this estate in the expanded conservation area. Therefore it would not be unreasonable to accept the inclusion of further modern materials such as uPVC windows as well, just as the local authority have done with the examples in Bankmill View, Waterloo Bank and Lower Valleyfield View cited in this report. Some of these applications may have been approved before the estate became included in the conservation area. The fact still remains they are there and the local authority was obviously not aversed to them being a feature of the conservation area when they decided to include them in it.

It is also established that the poor quality existing timber windows are deteriorating rapidly on many dwellings. Through a lack of maintenance, which the council cannot control, the appearance and hence 'tone' of the area is diminishing as shown by photographs originally submitted.

If residents were allowed to replace these poor quality windows with ones that do not deteriorate, this would actually preserve the original design and character of the buildings and would be a very positive step towards maintaining the appearance of the conservation area. Please study the photographs shown at Views 9 and 10 and ask yourself if you can really see a difference between them. Have these replacement windows caused a harmful effect or a neutral one? Almost all onlookers would say it is the later and therefore according to Scottish National Planning Policy p34 paragraph 143 it should be treated as one which preserves that character or appearance and hence approved.



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The local authority has a real opportunity to ensure that the character of the area is preserved by doing this whilst at the same time controlling through the planning process the style, colour and proportions of the uPVC windows that would be installed to ensure that they match those being replaced.

In view of the information previously submitted and the foregoing replies to the case officer's report we believe there are clear grounds, based on planning policy and common sense, to grant approval to retain these uPVC window materials. The LRB are therefore respectfully requested to overturn the refusal of the local planning authority to retain the use of uPVC windows at 26 Bellerophon Drive.

Please see the Appendix following on pages 6-12 for photographs referred to in this report.



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VIEW 1: Streetscene of Bankmill View.

window in this location. By comparison the side Note the side windows to no.3 are virtually unseen yet permission was reused for a uPVC elevation of no.1 is fully visible from the street yet the large uPVC conservatory was approved. This view is seen from Lower Valleyfield Road.



This view is seen from the residents parking area showing the very prominent conservatory open to public views.



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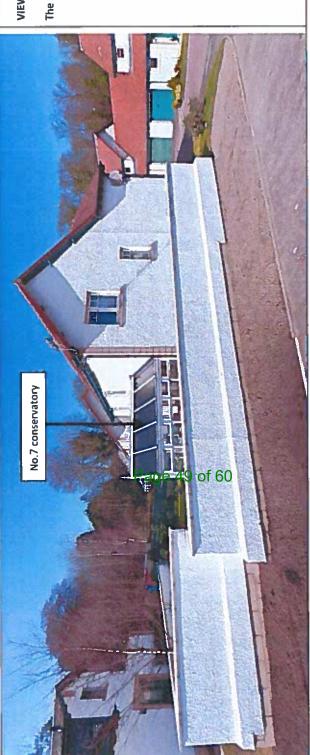


VIEW 3: Approach along Waterloo Bank

Large uPVC conservatories at nos.7 and 23 are very open to public views.

The conservatory at no.23 does not even match the colour of the existing fenestration.

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VIEW 4: Side Elevation of no.7 Waterloo Bank

The conservatory is very open to public views.



VIEW 5: Side Elevation of no.23 Waterloo Bank

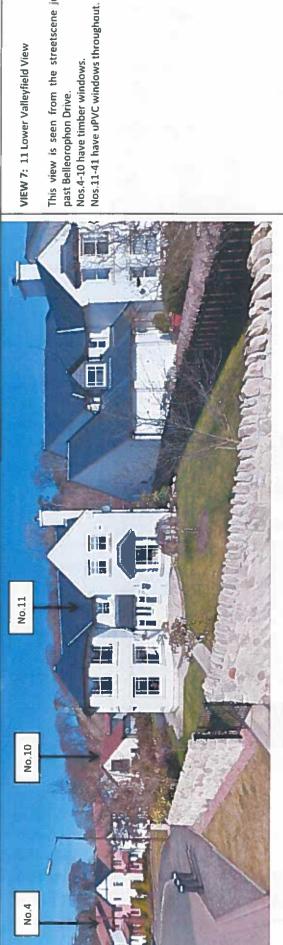
The conservatory is very open to public views and does not even harmonise with the colour of the existing fenestration.



This view is seen from the streetscene in Lower Valleyfield View from where the conservatory is very open to public views.



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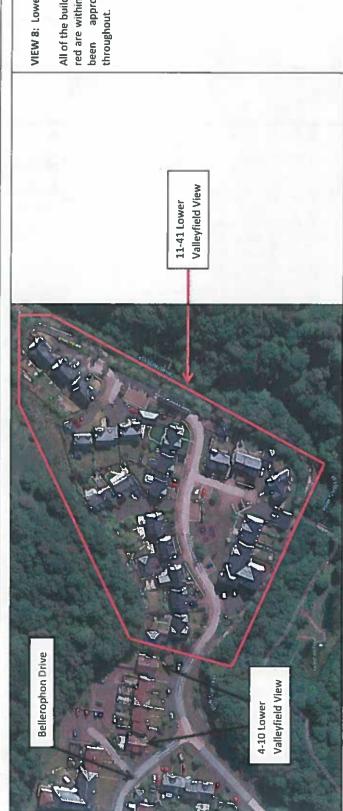


VIEW 7: 11 Lower Valleyfield View

This view is seen from the streetscene just past Belleorophon Drive. Nos.4-10 have timber windows.

VIEW 8: Lower Valleyfield View Aerial Photo

All of the buildings (numbers 11-41) outlined in red are within the conservation area and have been approved with uPVC windows throughout.



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VIEW 9: Front Elevation of Numbers 26 and 27 Bellerophon Drive

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VIEW 10: Front Elevation of Numbers 26 and 27 Bellerophon Drive

Scottish Planning Policy p34 par.143 states "A proposed development that would have a neutral effect on the character or appearance of a conservation area [i.e. does no harm] should be Is there any noticeable difference in fenestration between number 26 and 27? Has this caused any harm to the design or appearance of the building? Or is it a neutral effect? treated as one which preserves that character or appearance."

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING APPLICATION DELEGATED WORKSHEET:

Planning Application Reference: 19/00211/DPP

Site Address: 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik

Site Description:

The application site comprises a two storey end terraced dwellinghouse that is located within a residential area which is situated within the conservation area of Penicuik.

The application dwellinghouse is finished in an off-white painted wet dash render with white UPVC windows. It is noted that the uPVC windows do not have planning permission.

The residential locale comprises of two storey terraced/semi-detached dwellings and 3 and 4 storey flats. The dwellings located within the locale (Bellerophon Drive) are finished in similar materials with the painted timber windows and doors. There are a couple windows in Bellerophon Drive that are uPVC, the majority of windows are painted timber. Within the wider locale there is a variety of fenestration types.

Proposed Development: Installation of replacement windows (retrospective)

Proposed Development Details:

Retrospective planning permission is sought for the installation of replacement windows. The previous windows were painted white timber framed windows

Retrospective planning permission is sought for the replacement of the painted white timber windows for white uPVC windows.

The style of the replacement windows are of a similar design to that of the previous windows. Details of the profile of the glazing within the replacement windows have not been detailed within the submitted plans.

The application was accompanied by a planning policy statement to support the current planning application.

Background (Previous Applications, Supporting Documents, Development Briefs): Planning history sheet checked.

Planning permission was granted subject to conditions in 2016 for the installation of replacement windows and doors. A condition was attached refusing the use of uPVC window frames and door and for the frames to be replaced on a like for like basis. Planning ref: 16/00714/DPP.

Planning permission was granted subject to conditions in 2018 for the extension to dwellinghouse (retrospective). A condition was attached refusing the use of interlocking grey concrete tiles and for an alternative roof material to be submitted to the Planning Authority for prior written approval. Planning ref: 18/00294/DPP.

Consultations:

No consultations required.

Representations:

One representation has been received of which objects to the above planning application. The representation raised concerns which can be summarised as follows:

- Noted that the replacement windows application that was previously made in 2016 following which permission was granted under the condition that the window finish was painted timber in keeping with the surrounding conservation area. The windows were subsequently replaced by UPVC material finish and concerned that no further action was taken by the planning department.
- Concerns relating to the extension that was granted retrospective planning permission and the breach of conditions attached in relation to the roof finish.
- Note that the previous planning permissions/conditions should be enforced.
- Concerned that if approved the development will result in a detrimental effect on the remaining development as it opens the floodgates for other property owners to make alternations to their properties that are not in-keeping with the surrounding conservation area.

With regards to the concerns of the roof finish of the proposed extension, it is noted that this does not form part of the current planning application. A separate section 42 application has been submitted to address the roof finish of extension. Planning ref: 19/00493/S42.

Relevant Planning Policies:

Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 places a duty on planning authorities to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) 2019 and Scotlish Planning Policy (SPP) offer guidance on the protection and management of the historic environment and Conservation Areas and areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Their designation provides the basis for the positive management of an area. The Policy Statement and SPP also indicated that the planning authority should consider the design, materials, scale and sitting of any development, and its impact on the character of the historic environment.

Historic Environment Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment document on Windows states that windows make a substantial contribution to the character and physical integrity of most historic buildings and also to the character and interest of historic streets and places. The size, shape and proportion of a window, the pattern of design, the materials and details of construction, the method of opening, the finish and associated fixtures typically contribute to the interest of a window.

The relevant policies of the adopted **Midlothian Local Development Plan** 2017 are; Policy **DEV2: Development within the Built-up Area** states that development will not be permitted within existing and future built-up areas where it is likely to detract materially from the existing character or amenity of the area.

Policy ENV19: Conservation Areas seeks to prevent development which would have any adverse effect on the character and appearance of Conservation Areas.

Planning Issues:

The main planning issue to be considered is whether or not the proposal complies with the development plan policies and, if not, whether there are any material planning considerations which would otherwise justify approval.

Within the applicant's supporting statement, it is stated that as the application property is not a listed 'historic' property then the managing change guidance is not applicable. Whilst Historic Environment Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment guidance is best practice for historic buildings generally it is also a material consideration in assessing proposals for listed and unlisted buildings in conservation areas.

It is also stated within the applicant's supporting statement that whilst conservation areas must be preserved, development which does no harm should be approved.

The planning authority does not encourage the use of uPVC framed windows or doors within conservation areas. UPVC is not a traditional material and it rarely defines the character of a conservation area. The majority of surrounding dwellings within the area have timber framed windows, all of a similar design which contribute towards the character of this part of the conservation area. Within the applicant's supporting statement it is stated that the housing development is modern and will never equate to the historic buildings within the town centre in architectural features. Whilst the dwellings within this part of the conservation area are not historic, the dwellings are of a traditional form and utilise a traditional palate of finishing materials which contribute towards the character and appearance of this part of the conservation area.

The design of the replacement windows are of a similar style to that of the existing but the frames do not replicate the proportions if the previous windows. Furthermore, the material finish not reflect the character of the dwellinghouse or the locale. The introduction of white uPVC windows is out of character for the area and will result in a negative visual impact on the dwelling and conservation area. The introduction of white uPVC windows fails to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area.

It is stated within the applicant's supporting statement that the previous timber framed windows and neighbouring timber framed windows are of poor quality and that, due to lack of maintenance, they are contributing to the deterioration of the character of the conservation area. It is noted that the Planning Authority cannot enforce the maintenance of private properties. The lack of maintenance undertaken by home-owners does not justify the introduction of non-traditional uPVC windows within the conservation area.

The front, side and upper rear elevation are more exposed and open to public views from Bellerophon Drive and the car park to the rear. Therefore the introduction of uPVC is still not considered to be an appropriate option for the replacement windows. The use of uPVC windows within these elevations results in an adverse visual impact upon the character and appearance of the conservation area.

However, the use of white uPVC framed double glazed windows within the ground floor level of the rear elevation is unlikely to result in an adverse visual impact upon the character or appearance of the conservation area or dwelling due to it being less exposed to public views. As this window only forms a limited part of the proposal it cannot be supported as part of this application.

In 2017, a neighbouring dwellinghouse within the area, no.3 Bankmill View, was refused planning permission for the installation of uPVC windows and door within the front and side elevation (via a planning condition) due to the impact that the proposal would have on the conservation area. The applicant requested that the Council review this decision. The Council's Local Review Body dismissed the appeal in 2018. Approval of the proposed scheme would be contrary to the LRB's recent decision on a similar case in close proximity to the application site.

There is no adverse impact on neighbour amenity as a consequence of the proposal, due to the nature of the works.

Overall, all relevant matters have been taken into consideration in determining this application. It is considered that the proposal does not accord with the principles and policies of the adopted Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017 and Historic Environment Scotland policy and guidance and is not acceptable in terms of all other applicable material considerations. Therefore, it is recommended that the application is refused.

Recommendation: Refuse planning permission.



Refusal of Planning Permission





Reg. No. 19/00211/DPP

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Midlothian Council, as Planning Authority, having considered the application by Mr Herbert Rogers, 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik, EH26 8NU, which was registered on 14 May 2019 in pursuance of their powers under the above Acts, hereby **refuse** permission to carry out the following proposed development:

Installation of replacement windows (retrospective) at 26 Bellerophon Drive, Penicuik, EH26 8NU

In accordance with the application and the following documents/drawings:

Document/Drawing.	Drawing No/Scale	<u>Dated</u>
Location Plan	1:250	14.05.2019
Illustration/Photograph	ANGLIAN 30164470/1 1:500	14.05.2019
Proposed Elevations	ANGLIAN 30164470/2 1:20	14.05.2019
Other Statements	PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT	14.05.2019

The reasons for the Council's decision are set out below:

- The introduction of uPVC framed windows fails to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area or the application dwelling, resulting in a significant adverse impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area, which is contrary to policies ENV19 and DEV2 of the adopted Midlothian Local Development Plan and Historic Environment Scotland policy and guidance.
- 2. Approval of the proposed scheme would be contrary to a recent Local Review Body decision on a similar case in close proximity to the application site and within the same conservation area. There are no overriding material considerations to outweigh the recent decision of the Local Review Body.

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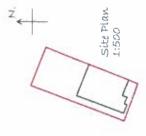
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Appendix E









Mr. H. Rodgers, 26 Bellerophon Drive, Peniouik. EH26 8NU.

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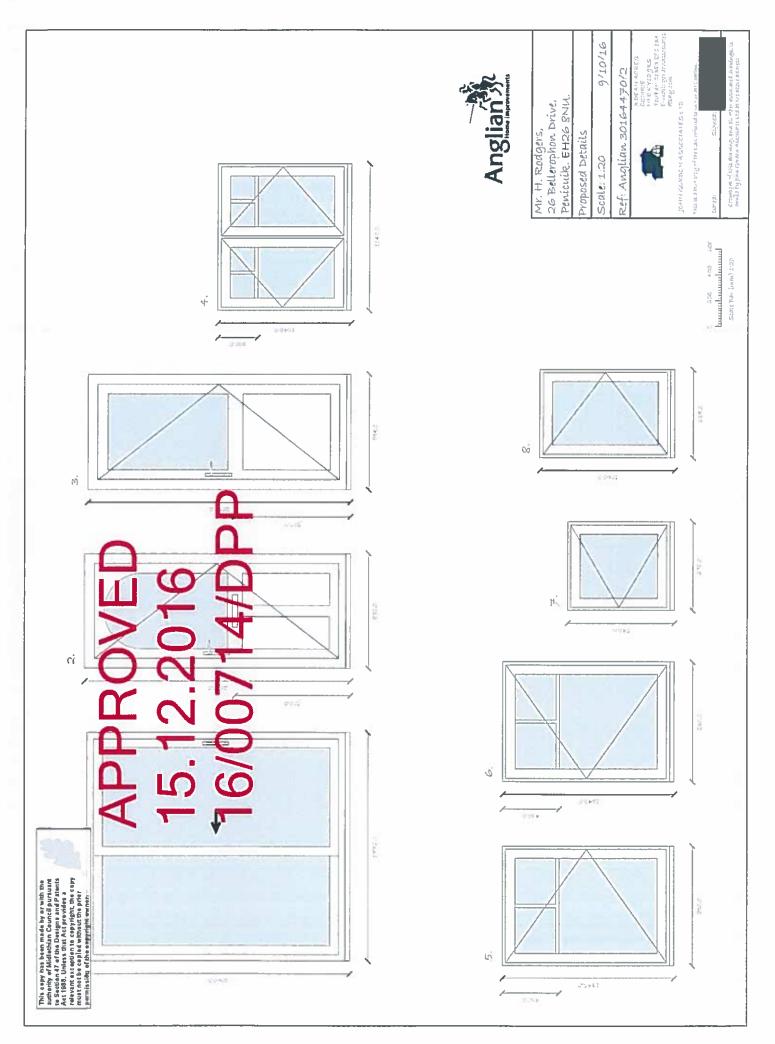
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