

# Minute of Meeting

Local Review Body  
Monday 12 May 2025  
Item No 4.1



## Local Review Body

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 24 March 2025	13.00	Council Chambers and MSTeam

### Present:

Councillor Imrie (Chair)	Councillor Bowen
Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Drummond (Virtual)
Councilor McEwan	Councillor McKenzie (substituting for Councillor Alexander)
Councillor McManus	Councillor Milligan

### In attendance:

Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place	Peter Arnsdorf Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer
Hannah Forbes, Democratic Services Officer	Maria Perez, Democratic Services Officer
Nicola Thorburn, Democratic Services Officer	

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Local Review Body (LRB).

Apologies were received from Councillor Alexander. Councillor McKenzie will substitute for Councillor Alexander.

## 2. Order of Business

The order of business is as outlined in the agenda.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

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The Chair invited committee members to declare their interest at this point or later on during the discussion of the individual items.

No declarations of interest were intimated as this stage of the proceedings.

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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The Minutes of the LRB Meeting of 16 December 2024 were approved as the correct record.

### 5. Reports and Items for Discussion

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	24/00608/DPP 28 Sherwood Terrace, Bonnyrigg	Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer
<p>The Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager presented the report for determination.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide a framework for the LRB to consider a Notice of Review for the formation of driveway and access route across public space at 28 Sherwood Terrace, Bonnyrigg. A site visit was carried out by Elected Members earlier today.</p> <p>This review will be carried out by written submissions. There were no further items to consider.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager and opened the report for discussion.</p> <p>Elected Members raised that at the visit they noticed there is a similar development nearby which does not affect neighbouring properties, whereas the application presented for determination would remove a large section of grass areas and may put at risk a mature cherry tree.</p>		

Elected Members pointed out that granting the request would lose a portion of amenity for the community and may prompt other residents to do the same, resulting in an even greater loss of greenspace. There is also parking at the front and rear of the property

Although there are no objections with the request to lower the kerb to create a driveway, it was queried how the purchase of this space would be progressed. The Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager advised that if the Committee determined to grant planning permission the applicant would have to go through a separate process to negotiate the ownership of this space through the Council.

Councillor McManus moved to uphold the decision of the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councillor Cassidy.

The Chair confirmed it was the Local Review Body to uphold the decision of the Planning Department and refuse the appeal.

#### Decision

The Local Review Body determined to uphold the decision of the Planning Service and refuse the appeal.

The decision will be notified to the applicant by the Planning Service.

#### Action

Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	24/000611/DPP 19 Edmonstone Drive, Danderhall	Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer

The Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer presented the report for determination.

The purpose of the report is to provide a framework for the LRB to consider a Notice of Review for 2 story extension and porch at 19 Edmonstone Drive, Danderhall. A site visit was carried out by Elected Members earlier today.

This review will be carried out by written submissions only, and once it is determined the Planning Service will write to the applicant with the decision.

Elected Members advised the visit was very helpful to visualise how the development would look. The Planning Service refused planning permission out of concerns of the impact to a neighbouring property, and the neighbour has confirmed they do not have objections with the build. There is precedent in the area that suggests this can be done successfully and without detriment to neighbouring properties.

The applicants are a growing family, so the Elected Members were receptive to their wish to remain in their property and community rather than move and noted that given housing pressures this may be the preferred option for many other Midlothian residents.

Councillor McManus moved to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission. This motion was seconded by Councillor McEwan.

The Chair confirmed it is the Local Review Body's decision to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission subject to conditions in the report.

#### **Decision**

The Local Review Body determined to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission subject to conditions specified in the report.

#### **Action**

Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager / Chief Planning Officer.

## **6. Private Reports**

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There were no private reports submitted for consideration.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

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The next Local Review Body meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 May 2025.

The meeting concluded at 13.10.