

From: Loanhead & District Community Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ace Car Disposal and Spares Ltd License Application for change of use of bus garage to vehicle dismantling yard

I am writing on behalf of the Loanhead & District Community Council to express local residents legitimate concerns, mainly on Health & Safety Grounds, as the Local Review Body overturned the original planning decision to allow a change of use of the former bus garage on Engine road to a "Vehicle Dismantling Yard" and the Licensing Board are about to consider the license application.

There is already a yard of this type on Engine Road and they frequently burn waste as can be evidenced by the clouds of black smoke that emanate from the property. Indeed a couple of months ago the fire brigade were called out to a fire in the yard, and because of parked cars in Engine Road the fire brigade had to block off Clerk Street in order to gain access to the water main to put the fire out, disrupting traffic and causing the shops to close their doors to try and keep the smoke out.

Our concerns are listed below and we do not feel the restrictions on noise, lighting, operating times etc. imposed by the Review Board will mitigate these:

- Dust and Air Pollution
- Soil Pollution (due to leakage of toxic waste)
- Noise and vibration from the yard
- Fire Hazard
- Additional traffic on Engine Road which is the main walkway to two primary schools
- Devaluation of property

The Community Council feel that the Planning Authorities should be looking to situate industrial units like this to one of the main industrial estates (Pentland or Bilston Glen) not in the middle of the town centre, close to residences, shops and local schools. The long term view is that eventually all of this type of activity should be moved from the residential area.

Yours faithfully

Gina Temple
Secretary
Loanhead & District Community Council