

Refusal of Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Local Review Body: Review of Planning Application Reg. No. 12/00835/DPP

Alastair Ranken
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Midlothian Council, as Planning Authority, having considered the review of the application by Mr Alastair Ranken, 1 Swinton Place, Straiton, Loanhead, EH20 9FB, which was registered on 25 April 2013 in pursuance of their powers under the above Acts, hereby **refuse** permission to carry out the following proposed development:

Change of use from general industry (class 5) to dance and fitness studio (class 11) at 98/6, Eastfield Drive, Penicuik, EH26 8HJ, in accordance with the application and the following plans:

<u>Drawing Description.</u>	<u>Drawing No/Scale</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Location Plan		11.01.2013
Supporting statement		11.01.2013

The reason(s) for the Council's decision are set out below:

1. The proposal would result in the use of a modern purpose built industrial unit within the Eastfield Industrial Estate for a non-industrial activity. The industrial estate has been identified as part of the Established Economic Land Supply in the adopted Midlothian Local Plan and the proposal would therefore conflict with the objectives of policies COMD1 and ECON4 of that plan. Given the limited amount of economic development land in Penicuik, it is considered that the unit can be retained for development for industrial/business purposes.
2. The proposal is likely to have a significantly detrimental impact on the amenity of the occupiers of the dwellinghouses on Eastfield Park Road and neighbouring industrial units through the high amounts of users, both pedestrian and vehicular, accessing the application site, which would be contrary to policy RP20 of the adopted Midlothian Local Plan.

The Local Review Body (LRB) considered the review of the planning application at its meeting of 3 September 2013. The LRB carried out an unaccompanied site visit on the 2 September 2013.

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

Development Plan Policies:

1. RP20 of the Midlothian Local Plan – Development within the built-up area
2. COMD1 of the Midlothian Local Plan – Established economic land supply
3. ECON4 of the Midlothian Local Plan – Storage and distribution and other non-residential uses on existing industrial land and buildings

Material Considerations:

1. The individual circumstances of the site and the application.

Dated: 03/09/2013

Councillor J Bryant
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, Development Management Manager tel: 0131 2713310 or via peter.arnsdorf@midlothian.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE

This permission does not carry with it any necessary consent or approval to the proposed development which may be required under the Building (Scotland) Acts and Regulations or under any other Statutory Enactment.

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 require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within 3 months from the date of this notice. The notice of review should be addressed to The Development Manager, Development Management Section, Midlothian Council, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3ZN. A notice of review form is available from the same address and will also be made available online at www.midlothian.gov.uk

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 reasonable beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the 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

Duration of Planning Permission and/or Listed Building Consent

The permission hereby approved lapses on the expiration of a period of either:

- a) three years from the date of this decision notice, if the permission is for **detailed planning permission (DPP)** or **listed building consent (LBC)** as specified in Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006); or*
- b) two years from the date of approval by the planning authority of the last application for matters specified in conditions to be approved if the permission is for **planning permission in principle (PPP)** as specified in Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006). Applications for approval of matters specified in conditions shall be made to the planning authority within three years from the date of this permission.*

Prior to any work taking place on site all pre commencement conditions attached to a grant of planning permission must be agreed in writing with the planning authority. Failure to do so could result in any development works taking place being unauthorised and undertaken at your own risk and expense.

The Felling of Trees

Where full planning permission authorises the felling of trees on a development site, no further consent is required under the Forestry Act 1967 (as amended). However, developers should note that any tree felling not expressly authorised by full planning permission, and not exempted, requires a felling licence granted under the Forestry Act 1967 (as amended).

Developers should note that any felling carried out without either a licence or other valid permission is an offence. This can mean, on conviction, a fine of up to £2,500 (level 4 on the standard scale) or twice the value of the trees, whichever is higher with the conviction being recorded.

Contact your local Forestry Commission Scotland Office if you are not certain whether exemptions apply. You can get an application form for a felling licence from the Forestry Commission website www.forestry.gov.uk or any Forestry Commission Scotland Office.

Prior to Commencement (Notice of Initiation of Development)

Prior to the development commencing the planning authority shall be notified in writing of the expected commencement of work date and once development on site has been completed the planning authority shall be notified of the completion of works date in writing. Failure to do so would be a breach of planning control under section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006). A copy of the Notice of Initiation of Development is available on the Council's web site www.midlothian.gov.uk

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Making an application

Please note that when you submit a planning application, the information will appear on the Planning Register and the completed forms and any associated documentation will also be published on the Council's website.

Making comment on an application

Please note that any information, consultation response, objection or supporting letters submit in relation to a planning application, will be published on the Council's website.

The planning authority will redact personal information in accordance with its redaction policy and use its discretion to redact any comments or information it considers to be derogatory or offensive. However, it is important to note that the publishing of comments and views expressed in letters and reports submitted by applicants, consultees and representors on the Council's website, does not mean that the planning authority agrees or endorses these views, or confirms any statements of fact to be correct.