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Montague and A Morrison.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

A meeting of the Local Review Body will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock on **Wednesday**, **10 August 2022 at 2:30pm**

Site visits will be held prior to the meeting.

The agenda of business is as shown below.

Louise Pringle

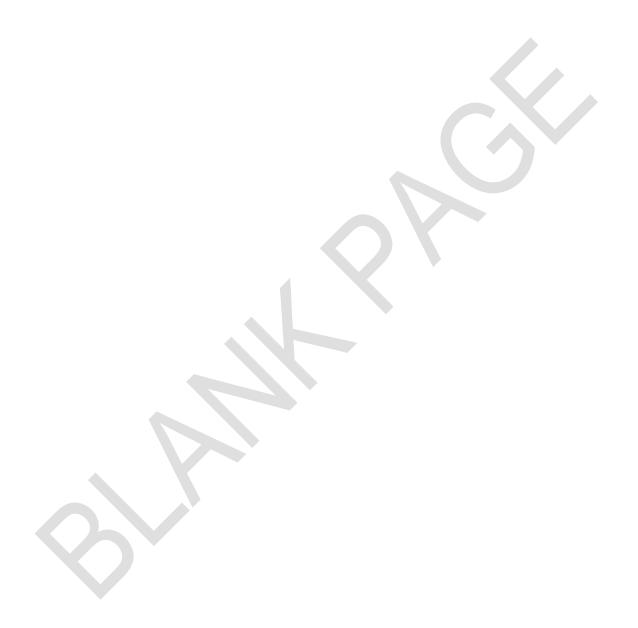
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DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

AGENDA

- 1. Report apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Notice of Review Review 2022/04 Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse. Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL. (Ref No:- 2021/0220/TP). Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 3 112).
- Notice of Review Review 2022/05 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and garage. 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 6LT. (Ref No:- 2021/0753/TP) Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 113 - 234).

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EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

10 August 2022

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships

REVIEW OF CASE - REVIEW/2022/04

SUBDIVISION OF EXISTING PLOT AND ERECTION OF TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to present the information currently available to allow a review of the decision taken by officers, in terms of the Scheme of Delegation made in terms of Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 in respect of the application detailed below.

DETAILS OF APPLICATION

2. Application type: Full Planning Permission (Ref No:- 2021/0220/TP).

Applicant: Mr Malcolm Cameron

Proposal: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey

dwellinghouse.

Location: Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East

Renfrewshire, G77 6SL.

Council Area/Ward: Newton Mearns North And Neilston (Ward 2).

REASON FOR REQUESTING REVIEW

3. The applicant has requested a review on the grounds that the Council's Appointed Officer refused the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4. The Local Review Body is asked to:-
 - (a) consider whether it has sufficient information to allow it to proceed to determine the review without further procedure and, if so, that:-
 - (i) it proceeds to determine whether the decision taken in respect of the application under review should be upheld, reversed or varied; and
 - (ii) in the event that the decision is reversed or varied, the reasons and the detailed conditions to be attached to the decision letter are agreed; or

- (b) that in the event that further procedure is required to allow it to determine the review, consider:-
 - (i) what further information is required, which parties are to be asked to provide the information and the date by which this is to be provided; and/or;
 - (ii) what procedure or combination of procedures are to be followed in determining the review.

BACKGROUND

- **5.** At the meeting of the Council on 29 April 2009, consideration was given to a report by the Director of Environment seeking the adoption of a new Scheme of Delegation in terms of the new Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, subject to approval of the scheme by Scottish Ministers.
- 6. The report provided details of the new hierarchy of developments that took effect from 6 April 2009 explaining that the Scheme of Delegation related to those applications within the "local development" category as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009, but would in future be determined by an "appointed officer". In the Council's case this would be either the Director of Environment or the Head of Roads, Planning and Transportation Service now designated the Head of Environment (Operations).
- 7. The report highlighted that historically appeals against planning decisions were dealt with by Scottish Ministers. However, following the introduction of the new planning provisions with came into effect on 3 August 2009 all appeals against decisions made in respect of local developments under delegated powers would be heard by a Local Review Body. The Local Review Body would also deal with cases where the appointed officer had failed to determine an application within two months from the date it was lodged.

NOTICE OF REVIEW - STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REQUIRING THE REVIEW

- **8.** The applicant in submitting the review has stated the reasons for requiring the review of the determination of the application. A copy of the applicant's Notice of Review and Statement of Reasons including appeal statement and plans is attached as Appendix 6.
- **9.** The applicant is entitled to state a preference for the procedure (or combination of procedures) to be followed by the Local Review Body in the determination of the review and has detailed in their opinion that this review can continue to conclusion based on the assessment of the review documents only, with no further procedure.
- **10.** The Local Review Body is not bound to accede to the applicant's request as to how it will determine the review and will itself decide what procedure will be used in this regard.
- **11.** At the meeting of the Local Review Body on 10 August 2016, it was decided that the Local Review Body would carry out unaccompanied site inspections for every review case it received prior to the cases being given initial consideration at a meeting of the Local Review Body.
- **12.** In accordance with the above decision, the Local Review Body will carry out an unaccompanied site inspection on Wednesday, 10 August 2022 before the meeting of the Local Review Body which begins at 2.30pm.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALLOW REVIEW OF APPLICATION

- **13.** Section 43B of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 restricts the ability of parties to introduce new material at the review stage. The Local Review Body is advised that the focus of the review should, therefore, be on the material which was before the officer who dealt with the application under the Scheme of Delegation.
- **14.** The information detailed below is appended to this report to assist the Local Review Body in carrying out the review of the decision taken by the Appointed Officer:-
 - (a) Application for planning permission and design, access and environmental statement Appendix 1 (Pages 7 20);
 - (b) Report of Handling by the planning officer under the Scheme of Delegation Appendix 4 (Pages 61 74);
 - (c) Decision notice and reasons for refusal Appendix 5 (Pages 75 78); and
 - (e) A copy of the applicant's Notice of Review and Statement of Reasons including appeal statement and further documentation Appendix 6 (Pages 79 96).
- **15.** The applicant has also submitted the drawings listed below and these are attached as Appendix 7 (Pages 97 112).
 - (a) Existing Location and Site Plan AP(0)001;
 - (b) Proposed Location and Site Plan AP(0)002;
 - (c) Proposed Ground Floor Plan AP(0)003;
 - (d) Proposed First Floor Plan AP(0)004;
 - (e) Proposed Roof Plan AP(0)005;
 - (f) Proposed SW and NW Elevations AP(0)006;
 - (g) Proposed NE and SE Elevations AP(0)007;
 - (h) Proposed 3D Views of AP(0)007;
 - (i) Refused Proposed Location and Site Plan AP(0)002;
 - (j) Refused Proposed Ground Floor Plan AP(0)003;
 - (k) Refused Proposed First Floor Plan AP(0)004;
 - (I) Refused Proposed Roof Plan AP(0)005;
 - (m) Refused Elevation 1 AP(0)006; and
 - (n) Refused Elevations AP(0)007.
- **16.** The Local Review Body is advised that initial consultation responses and representations received if any, relating to the application will be listed in the planning officer's Report of Handling and are also included as Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 respectively.
- **17.** All the documents referred to in this report can be viewed online on the Council's website at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **18.** The Local Review Body is asked to:-
 - (a) consider whether it has sufficient information to allow it to proceed to determine the review without further procedure and, if so, that:-
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Director - Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships

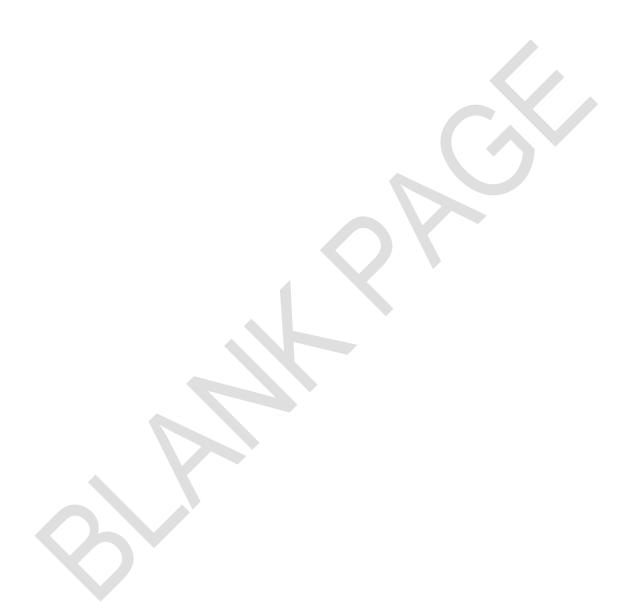
Sharon McIntyre, Committee Services Officer e-mail: sharon.mcintyre@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Tel: 0141 577 3011

Date:- July 2022

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT





2 Spiersbridge Way Thornliebank G46 8NG Tel: 0141 577 3001 Email: planning@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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

100349492-002

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.

your form is validated. Please quote this reference if you need to contact the planning Authority abou	t this application.
Type of Application	
What is this application for? Please select one of the following: *	
Application for planning permission (including changes of use and surface mineral working). Application for planning permission in principle. Further application, (including renewal of planning permission, modification, variation or remova Application for Approval of Matters specified in conditions.	l of a planning condition etc)
Description of Proposal	
Please describe the proposal including any change of use: * (Max 500 characters)	
Subdivision of garden ground to form a detached 5 bedroom dwelling house with main road street and private gardens	frontage and off street parking
Is this a temporary permission? *	☐ Yes ☒ No
If a change of use is to be included in the proposal has it already taken place? (Answer 'No' if there is no change of use.) *	☐ Yes ☒ No
Has the work already been started and/or completed? *	
No ☐ Yes – Started ☐ Yes - Completed	
Applicant or 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 ☒Agent

Agent Details				
Please enter Agent details				
Company/Organisation: Spacesix Architects				
Ref. Number:		You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: *		
First Name: *	George	Building Name:		
Last Name: *	Skinner	Building Number:	272	
Telephone Number: *	0141 354 1376	Address 1 (Street): *	Bath Street	
Extension Number:		Address 2:		
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Glasgow	
Fax Number:		Country: *	Scotland	
		Postcode: *	G2 4JR	
Email Address: *	george.skinner@spacesix.com			
_	Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? * Individual Organisation/Corporate entity			
Applicant Det	ails			
Please enter Applicant de	tails			
Title:	Mr	You must enter a Bui	Iding Name or Number, or both: *	
Other Title:		Building Name:		
First Name: *	Malcolm	Building Number:	35	
Last Name: *	Cameron	Address 1 (Street): *	Greenlaw Road	
Company/Organisation		Address 2:		
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Glasgow	
Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland	
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	G77 6SL	
Fax Number:				
Email Address: *				

Site Address Details					
Planning Authority:	East Renfrewshire Council				
Full postal address of the sit	e (including postcode where available):		_		
Address 1:	PINE LODGE				
Address 2:	35 GREENLAW ROAD				
Address 3:	NEWTON MEARNS				
Address 4:					
Address 5:					
Town/City/Settlement:	GLASGOW				
Post Code:	G77 6SL				
Please identify/describe the	location of the site or sites				
Northing 65	6086	Easting	253640		
Pre-Application	Discussion				
Have you discussed your pro	oposal with the planning authority? *		🛛 Yes 🗌 No		
Pre-Application	n Discussion Details C	Cont.			
In what format was the feedl	pack given? *				
☐ Meeting ☐ Tele	ephone 🗌 Letter 🗵 Em	ail			
agreement [note 1] is curren	of the feedback you were given and the tly in place or if you are currently discuss will help the authority to deal with this ap	sing a processing agreeme	ent with the planning authority, please		
The case officer Alison Mitchell did not thick that the proposals could be supported in format presented at that time. However, during a subsequent call she advised that if we formed a regular front to back boundary between the existing and the proposed house and if the footprint of the proposed house fell within the established building lines and if the architecture of the proposed house spoke to the existing house then these changes would be welcomed. These comments have all been incorporated.					
Title:	Mrs	Other title:			
First Name:	Alison	Last Name:	Mitchell		
Correspondence Reference Number:					
Note 1. A Processing agreer	ment involves setting out the key stages	• .	planning application, identifying what to the process.		

Site Area		
Please state the site area:	840.00	
Please state the measurement type used:	Hectares (ha) Square Metres (sq.m)	
Existing Use		
Please describe the current or most recent use: *	(Max 500 characters)	
Garden ground		
Access and Parking		
Are you proposing a new altered vehicle access to	o or from a public road? *	🛛 Yes 🗌 No
	s the position of any existing. Altered or new access p ing footpaths and note if there will be any impact on t	
Are you proposing any change to public paths, pu	blic rights of way or affecting any public right of acces	s? * Yes 🗵 No
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Water Supply and Drainage	e Arrangements	
Will your proposal require new or altered water su	pply or drainage arrangements? *	⊠ Yes □ No
Are you proposing to connect to the public drainage	ge network (eg. to an existing sewer)? *	
Yes – connecting to public drainage network		
No – proposing to make private drainage arra		
Not Applicable – only arrangements for water	supply required	
Do your proposals make provision for sustainable (e.g. SUDS arrangements) *	drainage of surface water?? *	☐ Yes ☒ No
Note:-		
Please include details of SUDS arrangements on	your plans	
Selecting 'No' to the above question means that y	ou could be in breach of Environmental legislation.	

Are you proposing to connect to the public water supply network? *
✓ Yes✓ No, using a private water supply
□ No connection required
If No, using a private water supply, please show on plans the supply and all works needed to provide it (on or off site).
Assessment of Flood Risk
Is the site within an area of known risk of flooding? *
If the site is within an area of known risk of flooding you may need to submit a Flood Risk Assessment before your application can be determined. You may wish to contact your Planning Authority or SEPA for advice on what information may be required.
Do you think your proposal may increase the flood risk elsewhere? *
Trees
Are there any trees on or adjacent to the application site? *
If Yes, please mark on your drawings any trees, known protected trees and their canopy spread close to the proposal site and indicate if any are to be cut back or felled.
Waste Storage and Collection
Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste (including recycling)? *
If Yes or No, please provide further details: * (Max 500 characters)
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Please refer to AP(0)002 for details
Residential Units Including Conversion
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Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest				
	the applicant's spouse/partner, either a member of staff within the planning service or an the planning authority? *	Yes No		
Certificate	s and Notices			
	CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2013			
	st be completed and submitted along with the application form. This is most usually Certifical icate C or Certificate E.	te A, Form 1,		
Are you/the applica	ant the sole owner of ALL the land? *	⊠ Yes □ No		
Is any of the land p	art of an agricultural holding? *	☐ Yes ☒ No		
Certificate	Required			
The following Land	Ownership Certificate is required to complete this section of the proposal:			
Certificate A				
Land Ownership Certificate				
Certificate and Noti Regulations 2013	Certificate and Notice under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013			
Certificate A				
I hereby certify that	:-			
(1) - No person other than myself/the applicant was an owner (Any person who, in respect of any part of the land, is the owner or is the lessee under a lease thereof of which not less than 7 years remain unexpired.) of any part of the land to which the application relates at the beginning of the period of 21 days ending with the date of the accompanying application.				
(2) - None of the la	(2) - None of the land to which the application relates constitutes or forms part of an agricultural holding			
Signed:	George Skinner			
On behalf of:	Mr Malcolm Cameron			
Date:	17/03/2021			
	☑ Please tick here to certify this Certificate. *			

Checklist – Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

in supp	e take a few moments to complete the following checklist in order to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information port of your application. Failure to submit sufficient information with your application may result in your application being deemed i. The planning authority will not start processing your application until it is valid.	
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f) If yo ICNIR	ur application relates to installation of an antenna to be employed in an electronic communication network, have you provided an P Declaration? *	
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	is is an application for planning permission, planning permission in principle, an application for approval of matters specified in ions or an application for mineral development, have you provided any other plans or drawings as necessary:	
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If Othe	er, please specify: * (Max 500 characters)	

Provide copies of the followin	g documents if applicable:	
A copy of an Environmental S	Statement. *	✓ Yes ✓ N/A
A Design Statement or Desig	n and Access Statement. *	✓ Yes ✓ N/A
A Flood Risk Assessment. *		☐ Yes 🏻 N/A
A Drainage Impact Assessme	ent (including proposals for Sustainable Drainage Systems). *	Yes X N/A
Drainage/SUDS layout. *		☐ Yes ☒ N/A
A Transport Assessment or T	ravel Plan	Yes X N/A
Contaminated Land Assessm	ent. *	Yes X N/A
Habitat Survey. *		☐ Yes ☒ N/A
A Processing Agreement. *		☐ Yes ☒ N/A
Other Statements (please spe	ecify). (Max 500 characters)	
Declare – For A	pplication to Planning Authority	
	hat this is an application to the planning authority as described in this formal I information are provided as a part of this application.	. The accompanying
Declaration Name:	Mr George Skinner	
Declaration Date:	17/03/2021	



DESIGN, ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE

Pre application advice was sought on the proposals in November 2017 via an initial email and subsequent telephone conversation with Alison Mitchell. At that time Alison was of the opinion that subject to the final design an application to subdivide the plot at number 35 Greenlaw Road could be supported based on:

- The existing plot is large enough to be subdivided and will comfortably accommodate 2 houses
- The new house would be afforded regular street frontage onto Greenlaw Road
- A regular access off Greenlaw Road can be achieved with adequate onsite parking
- A regular front to back boundary can be achieved between the existing and proposed house
- The proposed house will fall within the established building lines and be of a size and scale in keeping with the area.
- The subdivision would not cause any overlooking or overshadowing issues.

BACKGROUND

The applicant and occupier of number 35 Greenlaw Road are husband and wife key worker medical professionals. They have lived there since 2012 with their 3 children. Their children all attend local schools. The family is very settled at number 35 Greenlaw Road and would love to invest long term at number 35 and make it their forever dream home.

However, number 35 was designed, built and occupied by an architect. Perhaps for that reason the house has an unusual and experimental facade. This facade is complex with multiple relationship and junctions between materials. The existing building is now at an age where the original materials are at the end of their natural life and failing. The house now suffers from multiple areas of water ingress. The complexity of the original facade and roof makes tracking the source of the water ingress almost impossible. Therefore, the house is rapidly becoming unfit for habitation and in desperate and immediate need of major refurbishment just to secure and consolidate the existing structure.

In addition to the façade issues number 35 has a number of layout issues. The applicant believes with investment the house can successfully be modified to suit their needs. In fact, we would probably add that the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 would arguably make it one of the most exciting and unique houses in the East Renfrewshire area. Please refer to the householder application for the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 Greenlaw Road for full details.

During the design process it came to light that the costs associated with refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 Greenlaw Road was going to be significant. The initial budget costs are estimated to be in the region of £200K + . This is a sum that the family simply does not possess. The result of which has seen the house continue to fall further and further into disrepair. The family has found themselves trapped into a never ending downward spiral. They are continually having to throw good money at the failing building in a vain and unsuccessful attempt to keep the building watertight and fit for habitation. However, the complexity of the existing façade has made this an impossible task. To make matters worse, the ongoing failing maintenance regime is not only stripping the family of any spare funds, it is seeing the building plummet in value due to the state of disrepair. The effect of this is that the family are now trapped at number 35. The family are locked into a negative equity situation. This removes the possibility of selling up and



moving to a suitable alternative house in the area. Moving further afield would up route the family and cause major distress for all family members.

The successful subdivision represents a huge opportunity to unlock a number of these issues and turn the situation into win, win for all:

- It would release the much need funds to redevelop number 35 Greenlaw Road and create the family's forever dream home.
- The plot will provide a rare opportunity for another family to build their dream family home and provide a much needed family home within a highly sought after area.
- The entire street will be enhanced by the both the refurbishment and redevelopment and the new house. This is in the interests of everyone that lives in the street.

THE SITE

The plot occupies a prominent elevated West facing grass slope in the heart of Newton Mearns with panoramic views to the West and towards the Campsie Hills to the North. The site is some 840m.sq or circa 0.21 of an acre.

To the South the site is bounded by Greenlaw Road with private garden grounds of neighbouring properties formed along all remaining boundaries. The East boundary is tree lined.

THE PROPOSAL

The proposal seeks to form a detached 1& 3/4 storey 5 bedroom house

DENSITY

The application site is some 840m². The development footprint for the proposed house is 160m² or in other terms19% of the development area.

LAYOUT

The site will be laid out to follow the regular established pattern of development with front garden ground with 3 onsite parking spaces. Access down both sides of the house will lead to a large private garden with stunning panoramic views.

The house will consist of an entrance hall with feature staircase, study space, cloak room and WC. A large formal lounge fronts onto Greenlaw Road. To the rear of the property lies an open plan area which will be composed of a kitchen, dining room and family area opening onto a private patio and the garden beyond. A utility room is access directly off the kitchen and this will provide further access to an integral garage.

The first floor gives way to 5 en-suite bedrooms and gallery area over the kitchen.

SCALE

The proposed house is in keeping with the size and scale of many of the houses on the street and within the context of the wider Newton Mearns area. The overall mass of the house has been designed to complement the proposals for the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35.



LANDSCAPING

We proposed to form the new driveway access and parking area with porus monoblock paving. This will provide an area of sustainable drainage. A decorative strip of gravel chips will be installed around the perimeter of the house with a concrete foot path laid beyond to provide level hard landscaping access around the perimeter of the house for access and maintenance. A 1.8m high slat timber fence is to be installed between number 35 and the new house. A 2m high retaining wall will be installed along the East edge of the side access. This will retain the slope whilst creating a level platform for the house. A private patio at the rear of the house will be formed in concrete paving slabs. The remainder of the site will be laid in lawn grass with accent areas of feature planting to enhance the natural ecology of the area.

APPEARANCE

The intension is to link the architectural language of the new house to the refurbishment and redevelopment proposals for number 35. The house will be roughcast with white render with key areas clad in Marley Cedral cladding. Black aluminium windows, doors, gutters and downpipes will be installed to afford the house with an interesting and attractive contemporary appearance to enhance and add to the overall character of the street.

ACCESS

Vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed house will be via a new driveway access formed directly off Greenlaw Road. The access will be formed by creating concrete gate posts within the existing boundary wall.

ENVIRONMENT

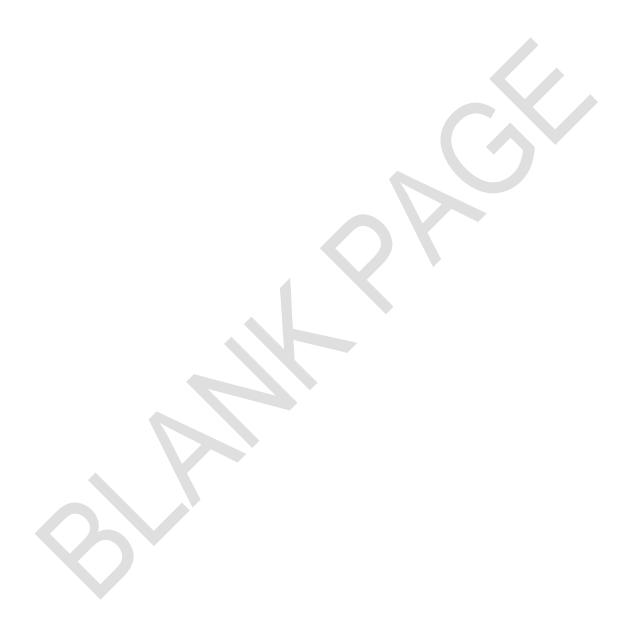
The house will be constructed with a highly insulated ground bearing concrete floor slab with under floor heating. The house will be formed in a timber frame construction and sprayed on site with the market leading lcynene expanding spray foam insulation. This will create a highly energy efficient and airtight thermal building envelope which is essential for any successful eco home. The large areas of glazing on the South and West elevations will enable the house to benefit from solar gains during the day. This heat can be absorbed in to the floor during the day and released into the space at night. All glazing throughout will be triple glazed.

The principle heating system will be in the form of an airsource heat pump linked to the under floor heating on the ground floor and traditional radiators on the first floor. A wood burning stove will provide a back-up heat source during colder months if needed.

A solar thermal system will be linked to an unvented hot water cylinder and provide a complimentary source of hot water. The house will also benefit from a full house mechanical ventilation and heat recovery system which will ensure a continual supply of fresh warm air throughout.

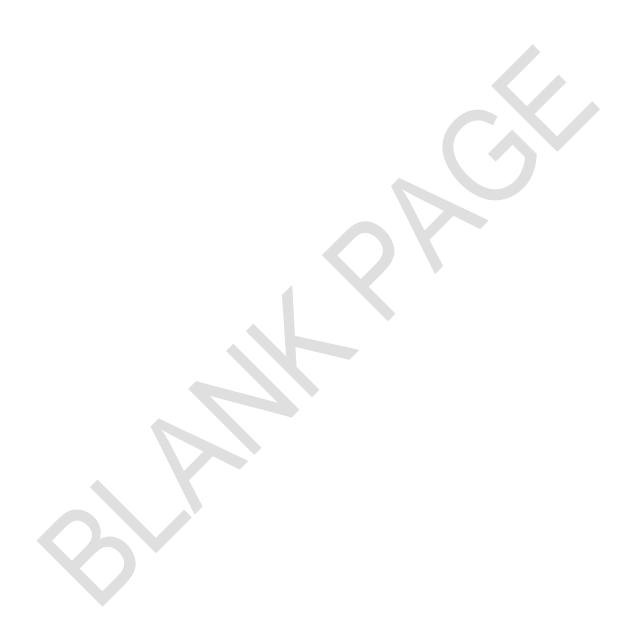
A low tech rain water harvesting system will supply grey water to flush the toilets, while water efficient fittings throughout will ensure as little water as possible is used.

Finally all light fittings will be energy efficient LEDs and the house will be fitted with a smart meter.



APPENDIX 2

CONSULTATION RESPONSES



Roads Service OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATION

Our Ref: 2021/0220/TP
D.C Ref Derek Scott
Contact: Allan Telfer

Planning Application No: 2021/0220/TP Dated: 01-04-21 Received: 06-04-21

Applicant: Mr. Malcolm Cameron

Proposed Development: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse

Location: Pine Lodge, Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, G77 6SL

Type of Consent: Full Planning Permission

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTIONS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Proposals Acceptable Y/N or N/A

Proposals Acceptable Y/N or N/A

Proposals Acceptable Y/N or N/A

1. General

(a) General principle of development	Υ
(b) Safety Audit Required	N
(c) Traffic Impact Analysis Required	N

2. Existing Roads

(a) Type of Connection	N
(footway/verge crossover)	
(b) Location(s) of Connection(s)	Υ
(c) Pedestrian Provision	N/A
(d) Sightlines ()	N

3. New Roads

(a) Widths	N/A
(b) Pedestrian Provision	N/A
(c) Layout (horizontal/vertical alignment)	N/A
(d) Turning Facilities (Circles / hammerhead)	N/A
(e) Junction Details (locations / radii / sightlines)	N/A
(f) Provision for P.U. services	N/A

4. Servicing & Car Parking

(a) Drainage	N
(b) Car Parking Provision	Y
(c) Layout of parking bays / garages	N/A
(d) Driveways	Y

5. Signing

(a) Location	N/A
(b) Illumination	N/A

Ref. COMMENTS 2(a) Type of Connection – (footway/yerge crossover)

2(a) Type of Connection – (footway/verge crossover)

It is noted that a 3 metre wide driveway is to be provided. Due to the new footway extension opposite, the driveway will require to be widened to 5 metres in order to facilitate manoeuvres into/out of the proposed driveway and avoid any overrunning/overhanging of the aforementioned footway.

Applicant to be advised that in terms of Section 56 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, an application must be made to the Roads Service for the creation of the driveway access.

Vehicular crossing alterations must be carried out in accordance with the Roads Services' specification and will be carried out at the applicant's expense.

Gates, if provided, must open inwards.

The first 2m of the driveway(s) nearest the road must be paved to prevent deleterious material being carried onto the road.

2(d) Sightlines

At the proposed driveway, the required visibility is 2m x 20m x 1.05m as a minimum. i.e. At a point 2m back from the edge of the carriageway there should be an unrestricted view of the carriageway, above a minimum height of 1.05m, for a distance of 20m to both the left and the right.

4(a) <u>Drainage</u>

Drainage must be contained within the site by sloping the driveway away from the heel of the road or by means of a positive drainage system.

Car Parking Provision

The proposed house is to contain five bedrooms which results in a requirement for three curtilage spaces. As per drawing AP(0)002, three spaces can be provided which is acceptable.

4(d) As per drawing AP(0)002, there is space within the site to allow vehicles to turn which will allow

vehicles to enter and exit in a forward gear.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

Before construction takes place, the Applicants' contractor will be required to contact the Roads Service to discuss among other things, how disruption to public roads can be minimised, what temporary traffic management will be required and what remedial measures may be required on public roads adjacent to the application site.

A Section 58 Road Occupation Permit will be required in order to deposit building materials on a road.

A skip shall not be deposited on a road without the written permission of this Service.

The adjacent public road must be kept clean at all times during construction.

Ref.	CONDITIONS
2(a)	In order to facilitate vehicular access to the site, the proposed driveway must be a minimum of 5 metres wide.
2(d)	The required visibility splay at the proposed driveway is 2m x 20m x 1.05m in both the primary and secondary directions.
4(a)	Surface water run-off from the proposed driveway must be contained and not permitted to issue onto the public road.

Notes for Intimation to Applicant:

(i) Construction Consent (S21)*	Not Required
(ii) Road Bond (S17)*	Not Required
(iii) Road Opening Permit (S56)*	Required

^{*} Relevant Section of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

Signed: Allan Telfer Date: 07/05/2021

pp. Roads and Transportation Controller

Tuesday, 06 April 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam

SITE: Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, G77 6SL

PLANNING REF: 2021/0220/TP OUR REF: DSCAS-0036972-BD8

PROPOSAL: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse

Please quote our reference in all future correspondence

Audit of Proposal

Scottish Water has no objection to this planning application; however, the applicant should be aware that this does not confirm that the proposed development can currently be serviced and would advise the following:

Water Capacity Assessment

Scottish Water has carried out a Capacity review and we can confirm the following:

There is currently sufficient capacity in the Milngavie Water Treatment Works to service your development. However, please note that further investigations may be required to be carried out once a formal application has been submitted to us.

Waste Water Capacity Assessment

This proposed development will be serviced by Shieldhall Waste Water Treatment Works. Unfortunately, Scottish Water is unable to confirm capacity currently so to allow us to fully appraise the proposals we suggest that the applicant completes a Pre-Development Enquiry (PDE) Form and submits it directly to Scottish Water via our Customer Portal or contact Development Operations.









Please Note

The applicant should be aware that we are unable to reserve capacity at our water and/or waste water treatment works for their proposed development. Once a formal connection application is submitted to Scottish Water after full planning permission has been granted, we will review the availability of capacity at that time and advise the applicant accordingly.

Surface Water

For reasons of sustainability and to protect our customers from potential future sewer flooding, Scottish Water will not accept any surface water connections into our combined sewer system.

There may be limited exceptional circumstances where we would allow such a connection for brownfield sites only, however this will require significant justification from the customer taking account of various factors including legal, physical, and technical challenges.

In order to avoid costs and delays where a surface water discharge to our combined sewer system is anticipated, the developer should contact Scottish Water at the earliest opportunity with strong evidence to support the intended drainage plan prior to making a connection request. We will assess this evidence in a robust manner and provide a decision that reflects the best option from environmental and customer perspectives.

General notes:

- Scottish Water asset plans can be obtained from our appointed asset plan providers:
 - Site Investigation Services (UK) Ltd
 - Tel: 0333 123 1223
 - ▶ Email: sw@sisplan.co.uk
 - www.sisplan.co.uk
- Scottish Water's current minimum level of service for water pressure is 1.0 bar or 10m head at the customer's boundary internal outlet. Any property which cannot be adequately serviced from the available pressure may require private pumping arrangements to be installed, subject to compliance with Water Byelaws. If the developer wishes to enquire about Scottish Water's procedure for checking the water pressure in the area, then they should write to the Customer Connections department at the above address.
- If the connection to the public sewer and/or water main requires to be laid through land out-with public ownership, the developer must provide evidence of formal approval from the affected landowner(s) by way of a deed of servitude.
- Scottish Water may only vest new water or waste water infrastructure which is to be laid through land out with public ownership where a Deed of Servitude has been obtained in our favour by the developer.









- The developer should also be aware that Scottish Water requires land title to the area of land where a pumping station and/or SUDS proposed to vest in Scottish Water is constructed.
- Please find information on how to submit application to Scottish Water at <u>our</u> Customer Portal.

Next Steps:

All Proposed Developments

All proposed developments require to submit a Pre-Development Enquiry (PDE) Form to be submitted directly to Scottish Water via <u>our Customer Portal</u> prior to any formal Technical Application being submitted. This will allow us to fully appraise the proposals.

Where it is confirmed through the PDE process that mitigation works are necessary to support a development, the cost of these works is to be met by the developer, which Scottish Water can contribute towards through Reasonable Cost Contribution regulations.

Non Domestic/Commercial Property:

Since the introduction of the Water Services (Scotland) Act 2005 in April 2008 the water industry in Scotland has opened to market competition for non-domestic customers. All Non-domestic Household customers now require a Licensed Provider to act on their behalf for new water and waste water connections. Further details can be obtained at www.scotlandontap.gov.uk

▶ Trade Effluent Discharge from Non Dom Property:

- Certain discharges from non-domestic premises may constitute a trade effluent in terms of the Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968. Trade effluent arises from activities including; manufacturing, production and engineering; vehicle, plant and equipment washing, waste and leachate management. It covers both large and small premises, including activities such as car washing and launderettes. Activities not covered include hotels, caravan sites or restaurants
- If you are in any doubt as to whether the discharge from your premises is likely to be trade effluent, please contact us on 0800 778 0778 or email TEQ@scottishwater.co.uk using the subject "Is this Trade Effluent?". Discharges that are deemed to be trade effluent need to apply separately for permission to discharge to the sewerage system. The forms and application guidance notes can be found here.
- Trade effluent must never be discharged into surface water drainage systems as these are solely for draining rainfall run off.









- For food services establishments, Scottish Water recommends a suitably sized grease trap is fitted within the food preparation areas, so the development complies with Standard 3.7 a) of the Building Standards Technical Handbook and for best management and housekeeping practices to be followed which prevent food waste, fat oil and grease from being disposed into sinks and drains.
- The Waste (Scotland) Regulations which require all non-rural food businesses, producing more than 50kg of food waste per week, to segregate that waste for separate collection. The regulations also ban the use of food waste disposal units that dispose of food waste to the public sewer. Further information can be found at www.resourceefficientscotland.com

I trust the above is acceptable however if you require any further information regarding this matter please contact me on 0800 389 0379 or via the e-mail address below or at planningconsultations@scottishwater.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Allison

Development Operations Analyst developmentoperations@scottishwater.co.uk

Scottish Water Disclaimer:

"It is important to note that the information on any such plan provided on Scottish Water's infrastructure, is for indicative purposes only and its accuracy cannot be relied upon. When the exact location and the nature of the infrastructure on the plan is a material requirement then you should undertake an appropriate site investigation to confirm its actual position in the ground and to determine if it is suitable for its intended purpose. By using the plan you agree that Scottish Water will not be liable for any loss, damage or costs caused by relying upon it or from carrying out any such site investigation."









APPENDIX 3

COPIES OF OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS



The Firs 41 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6SL

Planning Department
East Renfrewshire Council

By Email

20 April 2021

Planning Application 2021/0220/TP Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL

We refer to the above planning application and note that it is related to land which is registered under the same title as the house at 35 Greenlaw Road for which a separate planning application 2021/0031/TP was submitted in February 2021.

Objection to planning application

We write to advise that we object to planning application 2021/0220/TP on the following grounds –

- Setting
- Relationship between the houses
- Overdevelopment
- Detriment to the existing property
- Access
- Impact on trees
- Needs of the area

Setting

The existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road sits reasonably centrally on its plot. Attempting to situate a further house into the narrow strip of land as is proposed would be entirely out of keeping with the existing house and adjacent houses.

We note that it is proposed that the new house would be situated only 3 metres from the North elevation of the existing house. We consider that this is far too close in the context of the scale and setting of the existing house.

The spacing between 33 and 35 Greenlaw Road and 35 and our house at 41 Greenlaw Road was carefully planned to provide appropriate levels of open space between the houses.

Shoehorning a house into the area proposed by locating it as close to the existing house as possible and digging into the hillside to try and create sufficient space will, in our opinion, create an eyesore.

Relationship between the existing house and the proposed new house

The planning applications 2021/0031/TP and 2021/0220/TP involve the redesign and renovation of the existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road and the proposal to build a new house situated 3m from the rear elevation of the existing house. The only drawing which gives an indication of how the two houses would relate to one another is the Proposed Location and Site Plan submitted under planning application 2021/0220/TP.

Based on the separate elevation drawings available, the height of the existing house appears to be 6.5m above ground level at the rear of the house while the height of the proposed new house appears to be 8.5m at the roof line and 9.5m at the chimney above ground level. We assume that the ground floor of the proposed new house would be on the same level as the upper ground floor of the existing house and therefore the new house will be 2.0m (30%) higher than the existing house at the roof line and 3.0m (45%) higher at the chimney. Please let us know if this is incorrect.

We would have found it extremely helpful if elevation drawings showing the two houses side by side as would be seen from Greenlaw Road and as would be seen from the gardens of the two houses had been provided. These would have illustrated the relative scale and heights of the two houses and the visual impact of siting the proposed new house only 3m from the existing house.

We are concerned that such drawings have not been made available to ourselves and other interested parties nor presumably to the Planning Department. We suspect that such drawings would highlight how visually unattractive and out of keeping with the existing and adjacent houses the proposal to squeeze a house into the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road would be.

Overdevelopment

As set out in Mrs McCort's letter dated 20 April 2021 in which she objects to planning application 2021/0220/TP, full planning permission has previously been granted for the erection of 5 dwelling houses on the area of land on which 33 to 41 Greenlaw Road sit of which 4 have been built to date. All of the houses for which planning consent has been granted are appropriately spaced with an appropriate area of open ground around each house in the context of the scale and setting of each house.

The proposal to insert an additional sixth house immediately adjacent to 35 Greenlaw Road and in close proximity to the house at 37 Greenlaw Road for which planning approval has previously been granted is totally contrary to the original design and layout for the site and in our opinion would result in overdevelopment of the site.

Detriment to the existing property

As set out our letter of objection dated 16 March 2021 to Planning application 2021/0031/TP, the current residents of 35 Greenlaw Road have changed the way in which the house and surrounding ground is utilised from that which was originally planned in order to try and justify their desire to create a separate house plot.

Given that 2021/0220/TP is a separate application we have attached our letter of objection to 2021/0031/TP as an Appendix to this letter. It is worth highlighting again that a number of the statements made in support of Planning Application 2021/0031/TP on Existing Location Plan Drawing AP (0)001 are factually incorrect –

• "To the east or rear of the house the garden is grass land and for the following reasons it is unused: 1) The house has been laid out to face West in order to maximise the views and afternoon sun"

This statement does not justify abandoning the rear garden. The views to the West can be clearly seen from the area of the rear garden which extends out beyond the side of the house to the North. There is also a patio area which is shown on Drawing AP (0)001 and which extends out to the side of the house at the level of the rear garden from which the views can be enjoyed.

The additional benefit of utilising this area of garden and patio compared to the new area of garden the current occupants have constructed at the front of the property is that they would not be impinging on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road.

• "2) The slope makes the garden challenging to maintain. 3) The garden is too large to fully utilise";

The garden was easily maintained and fully utilised by all previous occupants of the house since 1975 when the house was built. The current occupants' unwillingness to continue to maintain and utilise the rear garden appears to be driven by their desire to sell it off for development.

• "4) It is shadowed by the house."

The rear garden is south facing and benefits from the sun from early morning to late afternoon. This statement is therefore untrue.

• "The principal living level is on the upper ground floor yet the most usable part of the garden is some 1.5 levels below".

Prior to the current occupants' creation of a new area of garden at the front of the house and abandonment of any maintenance of the rear garden, the most usable part of the garden was the rear garden which is at the same level as the principal living level. The current occupants therefore created the issue which they now seek to attribute to a flaw in the design and layout of the house and surrounding garden. This could easily be addressed by reinstating and utilising the rear garden as it was intended.

Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road was carefully designed to be sympathetic to the location, layout and contours of the site. It was designed on the basis that the main living area on the upper ground floor would be on the same level as the garden which was used. The kitchen, dining room and lounge all face north west to take advantage of the views while the garden to the rear of the house faces south east and therefore benefits from the sun from sun rise through to late afternoon.

The large decked patio area along the rear of the property overlooks the rear garden and can be accessed from both the patio doors in the master bedroom and from the utility room. Privacy was provided between 35 and 33 Greenlaw Road and along the boundary with Greenlaw Road by shrubs and trees.

The current occupants have removed all of the trees and shrubs at the front of the house and created a new area of garden which, as they point out themselves, is 1.5 levels below the main living area. The views from the new area of garden also significantly impact on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road.

The occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road now wish to sell off the area of garden at the rear of the house which is south facing, has a large decked patio area and is adjacent to and on the same level as the main living area. This proposal will clearly have a significantly detrimental impact on the existing property. It will remove forever any opportunity for future occupants of the site to utilise it as it was originally planned and in particular -

- a) enjoy a south facing rear garden at the same level as the main living area;
- b) enjoy the panoramic views to the West from the area of garden and existing patio to the rear and side of the house; and
- c) properly utilise the rear garden as it was intended rather than the new area of garden at the front of the house and therefore avoid impinging on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road by overlooking.

Access

Greenlaw Road inclines steeply upwards past 35 Greenlaw Road and access to the proposed new house would be from the very steepest part of the incline. The road also narrows significantly as the line of the pavement opposite extends out into the road.

The pavement is a welcome addition however the narrowness of the road means that pedestrians still make extensive use of the road to walk on. In autumn, thick layers of fallen leaves on the pavement and in winter snow and ice render it quite treacherous again leading to extensive use of the road rather than the pavement.

Adding a further access would result in 5 houses (No 32, No 35, the proposed new house under Planning application 2021/0220/TP, No 37 and No 39) all accessing a very short, steep and narrow length of road on which there is a considerable level of pedestrian traffic.

Impact on Trees

The application form asks if there are any trees on or adjacent to the site and if there are, these are to be marked on the drawings and an indication made if any are to be cut back or felled. The applicant has responded "No" to this question.

There is a line of trees just within the boundary between 39 Greenlaw Road and 35 Greenlaw Road which were planted as part of the original landscaping design for the site and which provide privacy between 35 Greenlaw Road and our house at 41 Greenlaw Road. On the basis that the planning application does not indicate that these trees will require to be felled or cut back, we assume that they will not be impacted in the event that planning approval is granted.

In our opinion, removal of these trees would have a significantly detrimental impact on the amenity of the area and would also impact on the privacy between 41 and 35 Greenlaw Road. Unlike the occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road, we have no desire to have a clear view into the garden and rear facing rooms of the property in front of us.

We would also highlight that digging into the hillside in order to install a retaining wall may impact on the stability of these trees.

Needs of the area

The local area around Mearns cross has seen a significant increase in the availability of new housing with developments on Capelrig road, Stewarton Road, and on both sides of Ayr Road from Mearns Cross up to and around the Malletsheugh.

All of these developments have been properly planned with houses appropriately spaced and laid out to be sympathetic to the location and ground levels of each site and with appropriate and safe access.

The local area has absolutely no need for one additional house squeezed into a site which will place it only 3m from the existing house on one side, will require extensive ground works and a retaining wall on the other and will have a significantly detrimental impact on the existing house.

Yours sincerely

Alan & Gillian Wilson

Appendix

The Firs 41 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6SL

Planning Department
East Renfrewshire Council

By Email

16 March 2021

Planning Application 2021/0031/TP
Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL

We write to advise that we object to the above planning application.

Scope of the application

The Existing Location Plan Drawing AP (0)001 identifies the application site to be the area outlined in blue. However the Proposed Location and Site Plan Drawing AP (0)008 identifies the application site to be a smaller area again outlined in blue but to the rear of the house and described as being "Surplus Garden Ground".

The planning application form describes the proposal as "Proposed refurbishment, reconfiguration and extension". There is no reference in the application form to what appears to be the potential division of the existing site into two separate plots. We therefore object on the grounds that:

- a) the application form is inconsistent with what is shown on the Proposed Location and Site Plan Drawing AP (0)008; and
- b) The Proposed Location and Site Plan Drawing AP (0)008 incorrectly identifies the Application Area as the area outlined in blue which is described as "Surplus Garden Ground"

Erection of fence

The application includes the proposal to erect a 1.8m high fence at a distance of 1.5m from the rear of the house. We object to this proposal on the grounds that it will create a separate area of garden which we assume will be left to continue to deteriorate into waste land. This is unsightly and entirely out of keeping with the adjacent houses.

Subdivision of the plot and potential further planning application

We assume that the proposed erection of a fence at the rear of the property is in anticipation of submitting a further planning application for the erection of a house on the area described as "Surplus Garden Ground". We would strongly object to any such application in the future on the grounds of:

- a) Setting the existing house sits reasonably centrally on its plot. Attempting to situate a further house into the narrow strip of land identified as "Surplus Garden Ground" would be entirely out of keeping with the existing house and adjacent houses.
- b) Access Greenlaw Road inclines steeply upwards past 35 Greenlaw Road and access to a house situated on the area identified as "Surplus Garden Ground" would be from the very steepest part of the incline. The road also narrows significantly as the line of the pavement opposite extends out into the road.

We note that the current planning application is justified on the basis of a number of issues set out on the Existing Location Plan Drawing AP (0)001:

"To the east or rear of the house the garden is grass land and for the following reasons it is unused: 1) The house has been laid out to face West in order to maximise the views and afternoon sun; 2) The slope makes the garden challenging to maintain; 3) The garden is too large to fully utilise; 4) It is shadowed by the house."

Issue 3 - "The principal living level is on the upper ground floor yet the most usable part of the garden is some 1.5 levels below. The irony here is that the house occupies an extensive garden yet is almost completely divorced from it due to the layout of the house."

When the occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road purchased the house, privacy was provided between 33 Greenlaw Road and 35 Greenlaw Road by a row of trees which extended along the northern boundary of the property. The garden area now described as "surplus" was grass and had been easily maintained by all previous occupants. This was the most usable part of the garden and was fully utilised as such by all previous occupants of the house.

The house was designed on the basis that the main living area on the upper ground floor would be on the same level as the garden which was used. The kitchen, dining room and lounge all face north west to take advantage of the views while the garden to the rear of the house faces south east and therefore benefits from the sun from sun rise through to late afternoon.

There is a large decked patio area along the rear of the property which overlooks the rear garden and which can be accessed from both the patio doors in the master bedroom and from the utility room. The rear garden and patio were shielded from Greenlaw Road by trees and shrubs.

The current occupants decided to completely remove the trees at the front of the house and create a new area of garden which they now describe as the most useable part of the garden. This new area of garden, including a new patio area, overlooks the garden and south facing rooms of 33 Greenlaw Road significantly impacting on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road.

We note that while the new patio area and children's play area at the front of the property are shown on the Existing Location Plan Drawing AP (0)001, the far larger patio decking area including hot tub at the rear of the property are not shown on this drawing. In our view Drawing AP (0)001 therefore does not properly represent the existing location.

A digger was brought on site presumably to try and create a more level area of grass next to the patio decking at the rear of the house. However, this work was never completed leaving uneven mounds of earth in the garden. The trees and shrubs which provided privacy between the rear garden and Greenlaw Road were removed and the rear garden has since been left to deteriorate to an area of waste land which is clearly visible from Greenlaw Road.

The irony is that the current occupants created a new area of garden at the front of the house which they now complain is 1.5 levels below the main living area while abandoning any maintenance of the area of garden to the rear of the house which is south facing, has a large decked patio area and is adjacent to and on the same level as the main living area.

We attach photographs showing:

- a) a view of the rear patio and garden as it was when the house was marketed by Rightmove in 2012 (See House Price History (rightmove.co.uk)) and as it is now;
- b) The entrance driveway in 2012 with trees to the front providing privacy between 33 and 35 Greenlaw Road and trees and shrubs along the border with Greenlaw Road providing privacy for the rear patio and garden and as it is now.

We would welcome any proposals to refurbish the existing house however we would suggest that these should not include relocating the large patio area from the rear of the house to the side of the house where it will overlook and further impact on the privacy of the properties to the front.

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It appears that the proposed relocation of the rear patio is designed to facilitate the potential subdivision of the plot. Retaining it where it is along the rear of the house would be in keeping with the setting of the house while providing the occupants with the outside seating area which they desire on the same level as the living area. The patio area would also be adjacent to and on the same level as an area of garden which would be entirely usable if it were to be reinstated and properly maintained.

Yours sincerely

Alan & Gillian Wilson

Rear Garden and Patio – 2012



Rear Garden and Patio – 2021



Entrance Driveway – 2012 showing trees to the front of the house.

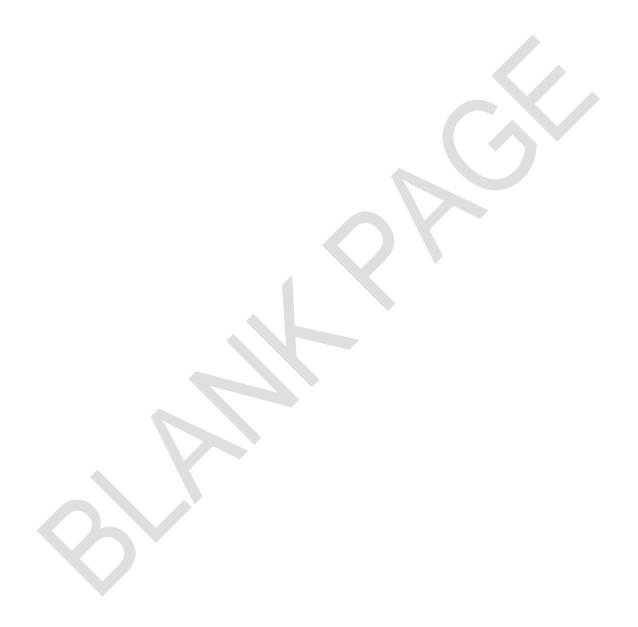


Border with Greenlaw Road - 2012 showing trees and shrubs screening the rear garden



View from Greenlaw Road – 2021





Comments for Planning Application 2021/0220/TP

Application Summary

Application Number: 2021/0220/TP

Address: Pine Lodge 35 Greenlaw Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 6SL

Proposal: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse

Case Officer: Mr Derek Scott

Customer Details

Name: Mr bryson mcneil

Address: Kismuil 20 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire G77 6ND

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As ever I object to sub division of feu as this goes against the original layout.

This piece of a garden is not suitable for development as it would front onto a narrow road or what was Greenlaw lane. This area is fully developed and the ground is a steep slope unsuitable for a house.

Further it would add nothing to the neighbourhood and only increase traffic to the detriment of the surrounding area..



32,Meadowhill Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6SX

18th April 2021

By email

< www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/planning-application-comments >

Dear Sir

Ref: 2021/0220/TP

Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwelling house.

I would like to make the following comments:

- The site steeply slopes down from Greenlaw Road to Meadowhill, and is fully visible from my property on Meadowhill, Any development will overlook it and the form and content are therefore of importance.
- The area of the upper part of Greenlaw Road is characterised by large houses in extensive grounds but this proposal will squeeze a further building close to the adjacent premises and detract from the character of that area and overall ,the large size of this proposal appears to be a case of over development.
- There are no contours or spot heights shown on the drawings, existing or proposed, and the plans seem to be based on a flat site with an indication of some retaining walls.
- There are no drawings showing a relationship with the adjacent property even although it is only 3m from this proposed development. The impression I get is that, without massive retaining walls, the ground floor of the proposed development is approximately at first floor level of the existing adjacent premises. This will obviously affect the view from Meadowhill, and it should therefore be required that the relationship between the existing property with planned extensions and the new proposal be shown in context so that a proper appraisal can be made.
- O It is important that spot heights for floor levels and roof ridge heights, of both the existing as planned and proposed development be shown, together with some sections through the site, to enable an accurate appraisal to be made and to ensure that when detail plans are drawn up, they do not exceed these heights. This also applies to the proposed patio.
- O There appears to be what must be a high retaining wall on the south east boundary. This is close to the existing tree line on the adjacent property and is likely to damage the trees, and is a further indication that the proposal is too large for the site refusal should be considered.
- o I am concerned about surface water drainage, given that this has to be separate from waste water. The area of roof plus car parking, access road, patio and area between the proposed premises and retaining wall, is approaching half the site area. It is therefore essential that a suitable arrangement is made for the disposal of surface water otherwise it will simply accumulate, increase the water content of the soil, which will seep down the hill into my garden and reach my premises.
- o In summary a completer visual impact assessment is required to enable proper consideration of this proposal.

Due to the lack of detail, a proper appraisal on the proposal cannot be made at this stage and I request that once further detail as outlined above is available I am offered the opportunity to make further comment and in the meantime the application be either put on hold or refused. on the grounds that the site is unsuitable for a development of this scale..

Yours faithfully

James Spence Watson



View of the site from 32 Meadowhill showing the need for development heights and relationship with proposed extensions to the existing premises to be shown.

The Grange Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns GLASGOW G77 6SL

Planning Department
East Renfrewshire Council

By Email

20 April 2021

Planning Application 2021/0220/TP
Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL

I write to advise that I object to the above planning application on the following grounds –

- Setting
- Relationship between the houses
- Overdevelopment
- Detriment to the existing property
- Access
- Impact on trees
- Needs of the area

Setting

The existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road sits reasonably centrally on its plot. Attempting to situate a further house into the narrow strip of land as is proposed would be entirely out of keeping with the existing house and adjacent houses.

I note that it is proposed that the new house would be situated only 3 metres from the North elevation of the existing house. I consider that this is far too close in the context of the scale and setting of the existing house. The spacing between 33 and 35 Greenlaw Road and 35 and 41 Greenlaw Road was carefully planned to provide appropriate levels of open space between the houses.

Shoehorning a house into the area proposed by locating it as close as possible to the existing house and digging into the hillside to try and create sufficient space will, in my opinion, create an eyesore.

Relationship between the houses

The planning applications 2021/0031/TP and 2021/0220/TP involve the redesign and renovation of the existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road and the proposal to build a new house situated 3m from the rear elevation of the existing house. The only drawing which gives an indication of how the two houses would relate to one another is the Proposed Location and Site Plan submitted under planning application 2021/0220/TP.

I would have found it extremely helpful if elevation drawings showing the two houses side by side as would be seen from Greenlaw Road and as would be seen from the gardens of the two houses had been provided. These would have illustrated the relative scale and heights of the two houses and the visual impact of siting the proposed new house only 3m from the existing house.

I am concerned that such drawings have not been made available to me and other interested parties nor presumably to the Planning Department. I suspect that such drawings would highlight how visually unattractive and out of keeping with the existing and adjacent houses the proposal to squeeze a house into the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road would be.

Overdevelopment

The area of land on which 33 to 41 Greenlaw Road are now located values as a green field site. Planning permission was subsequently granted for the erection of 5 dwelling houses on the site as follows —

- 1975 Full planning permission for 35 Greenlaw Road (Pine Lodge)
- 1980 Outline planning permission for 3 houses at 37, 39 and 41 Greenlaw Road
- 1988 Full planning permission for 41 Greenlaw Road (The Firs)
- 1989 Full planning permission for 33 Greenlaw Road
- 1995 Full planning permission for 37 Greenlaw Road and 39 Greenlaw Road (The Grange)

Full planning permission has therefore previously been granted for 5 houses on the site of which 4 have been built to date. All of the houses for which planning consent has been granted are appropriately spaced with an appropriate area of open ground around each house in the context of the scale and setting of each house.

The proposal to insert an additional house immediately adjacent to 35 Greenlaw Road and in close proximity to the house at 37 Greenlaw Road for which planning approval has previously been granted is totally contrary to the original design and layout for the site which was agreed following extensive consultation with the Planning Authority.

In my opinion granting approval for application 2021/0220/TP would result in overdevelopment of the site and I am quite sure that had I and my husband proposed such a development it would have been rejected outright.

Detriment to the existing property

As set out in the letter of objection dated 16 March 2021 by Alan and Gillian Wilson to Planning application 2021/0031/TP, the current residents of 35 Greenlaw Road have changed the way in which the house and surrounding ground is utilised from that which was originally planned in order to try and justify their desire to create a separate house plot. I confirm that I agree with all of the points made by Alan and Gillian Wilson in that letter.

Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road was carefully designed to be sympathetic to the location, layout and contours of the site. It was designed on the basis that the main living area on the upper ground floor would be on the same level as the garden which was used. The kitchen, dining room and lounge all face north west to take advantage of the views while the garden to the rear of the house faces south east and therefore benefits from the sun from sun rise through to late afternoon.

The large decked patio area along the rear of the property overlooks the rear garden and can be accessed from both the patio doors in the master bedroom and from the utility room. Privacy was provided between 35 and 33 Greenlaw Road and along the boundary with Greenlaw Road by shrubs and trees.

The current occupants have removed all of the trees and shrubs at the front of the house and created a new area of garden which, as they point out themselves, is 1.5 levels below the main living area. The views from the new area of garden also significantly impact on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road.

The occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road now wish to sell off the area of garden at the rear of the house which is south facing, has a large decked patio area and is adjacent to and on the same level as the main living area. This proposal will clearly have a significantly detrimental impact on the existing property. It will remove forever any opportunity for future occupants of the site to utilise it as it was originally planned and in particular —

- a) enjoy a south facing rear garden at the same level as the main living area;
- b) enjoy the panoramic views to the West from the area of garden and existing patio to the rear and side of the house; and
- c) properly utilise the rear garden as it was intended rather than the new area of garden at the front of the house and therefore avoid impinging on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road by overlooking.

Access

Greenlaw Road inclines steeply upwards past 35 Greenlaw Road and access to the proposed new house would be from the very steepest part of the incline. The road also narrows significantly as the line of the pavement opposite extends out into the road.

The pavement is a welcome addition however the narrowness of the road means that pedestrians still make extensive use of the road to walk on. In autumn thick layers of fallen leaves on the pavement and in winter snow and ice render it quite treacherous again leading to extensive use of the road rather than the pavement.

Adding a further access would result in 5 houses (No 32, No 35, the proposed new house under Planning application 2021/0220/TP, No 37 and No 39) all accessing a very short, steep and narrow length of road on which there is a considerable level of pedestrian traffic.

Impact on Trees

The application form asks if there are any trees on or adjacent to the site and if there are, these are to be marked on the drawings and an indication made if any are to be cut back or felled. The applicant has responded "No" to this question.

There is a line of trees just within the boundary between my house and 35 Greenlaw Road which were planted as part of the original landscaping design for the entire site which was discussed and approved by the Planning Authority. On the basis that the planning application does not indicate that these trees will require to be felled or cut back, I assume that they will not be impacted in the event that planning approval is granted.

In my opinion, removal of these trees would have a significantly detrimental impact on the amenity of the area.

I would also highlight that digging into the hillside in order to install a retaining wall may impact on the stability of these trees.

Needs of the area

The local area around Mearns Cross has seen a significant increase in the availability of new housing with developments on Capelrig road, Stewarton Road and on both sides of Ayr Road from Mearns Cross up to and around the Malletsheugh.

All of these developments have been properly planned with houses appropriately spaced and laid out to be sympathetic to the location and ground levels of each site and with appropriate access.

The local area has absolutely no need for one additional house squeezed into a site which will place it only 3m from the existing house on one side, will require extensive ground works and a retaining wall on the other and will have a significantly detrimental impact on the existing house.

Yours sincerely

Janette L McCort

33 Greenlaw Road

Newton Mearns,

East Renfrewshire

G77 6SL.

Planning Department

East Renfrewshire Council

By Email

20 April 2021

Planning Application 2021/0220/TP Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL.

We refer to the above planning application and note that it is related to land which is registered under the same title as the house at 35 Greenlaw Road for which a separate planning application 2021/0031/TP was submitted in February 2021.

Objection to planning application:

We write to advise that we object to planning application 2021/0220/TP.

The existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road sits reasonably centrally on its plot. Attempting to situate a further house into the narrow strip of land as is proposed would be entirely out of keeping with the existing house and adjacent houses. We note that it is proposed that the new house would be situated only 3 metres from the North elevation of the existing house. We consider that this is far too close in the context of the scale and setting of the existing house. The spacing between 33 and 35 Greenlaw Road and 35 and our house at 41 Greenlaw Road was carefully planned to provide appropriate levels of open space between the houses. Shoehorning a house into the area proposed by locating it as close to the existing house as possible and digging into the hillside to try and create sufficient space will, in our opinion, create an eyesore.

The planning applications 2021/0031/TP and 2021/0220/TP involve the redesign and renovation of the existing house at 35 Greenlaw Road and the proposal to build a new house situated 3m from the rear elevation of the existing house. The only drawing which gives an indication of how the two houses would relate to one another is the Proposed Location and Site Plan submitted under planning application 2021/0220/TP. Based on the separate elevation drawings available, the height of the existing house appears to be 6.5m above ground level at the rear of the house while the height of the proposed new house appears to be 8.5m at the roof line and 9.5m at the chimney above ground

level. We assume that the ground floor of the proposed new house would be on the same level as the upper ground floor of the existing house and therefore the new house will be 2.0m (30%) higher than the existing house at the roof line and 3.0m (45%) higher at the chimney. Please let us know if this is incorrect. We would have found it extremely helpful if elevation drawings showing the two houses side by side as would be seen from Greenlaw Road and as would be seen from the gardens of the two houses had been provided. These would have illustrated the relative scale and heights of the two houses and the visual impact of siting the proposed new house only 3m from the existing house. We are concerned that such drawings have not been made available to ourselves and other interested parties nor presumably to the Planning Department. We suspect that such drawings would highlight how visually unattractive and out of keeping with the existing and adjacent houses the proposal to squeeze a house into the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road would be.

Greenlaw Road inclines steeply upwards past 35 Greenlaw Road and access to the proposed new house would be from the very steepest part of the incline. The road also narrows significantly as the line of the pavement opposite extends out into the road. The pavement is a welcome addition however the narrowness of the road means that pedestrians still make extensive use of the road to walk on. In autumn, thick layers of fallen leaves on the pavement and in winter snow and ice render it quite treacherous again leading to extensive use of the road rather than the pavement. Adding a further access would result in 5 houses (No 32, No 35, the proposed new house under Planning application 2021/0220/TP, No 37 and No 39) all accessing a very short, steep and narrow length of road on which there is a considerable level of pedestrian traffic.

The application form asks if there are any trees on or adjacent to the site and if there are, these are to be marked on the drawings and an indication made if any are to be cut back or felled. The applicant has responded "No" to this question. There is a line of trees just within the boundary between 39 Greenlaw Road and 35 Greenlaw Road which were planted as part of the original landscaping design for the site and which provide privacy between 35 Greenlaw Road and our house at 41 Greenlaw Road. On the basis that the planning application does not indicate that these trees will require to be felled or cut back, we assume that they will not be impacted in the event that planning approval is granted. In our opinion, removal of these trees would have a significantly detrimental impact on the amenity of the area and would also impact on the privacy between 41 and 35 Greenlaw Road. Unlike the occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road, we have no desire to have a clear view into the garden and rear facing rooms of the property in front of us. We would also highlight that digging into the hillside in order to install a retaining wall may impact on the stability of these trees.

The local area around Mearns cross has seen a significant increase in the availability of new housing with developments on Capelrig road, Stewarton Road, and on both sides of Ayr Road from Mearns Cross up to and around the Malletsheugh. All of these developments have been properly planned with houses appropriately spaced and laid out to be sympathetic to the location and ground levels of each site and with appropriate and safe access. The local area has absolutely no need for one additional house squeezed into a site which will place it only 3m from the existing house on one side, will require extensive ground works and a retaining wall on the other and will have a significantly detrimental impact on the existing house.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas & Jacqui Tough.

The Firs 41 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6SL

Planning Department
East Renfrewshire Council

By Email

22 April 2021

Planning Application 2021/0220/TP
Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 6SL

Further to our letter dated 20 April 2021 setting out our objection to the above planning application, we would make the following additional comments.

Access and ground contours

The location and site plan shows a retaining wall which extends out to the front of the proposed new house by around 6m and therefore stopping 7m in from the boundary with Greenlaw Road. We therefore assume that the ground between the end of the retaining wall and Greenlaw Road will continue to slope steeply upwards.

The front (south west) elevation drawing shows a view of the proposed new house as if the ground in front of it was flat and the 3D drawings also carefully avoid showing how the proposed new house will sit within the contours of the ground in front of it as seen from Greenlaw Road.

Again, we suspect that the absence of such drawings is because they will demonstrate how visually unattractive this will look. More importantly they would also demonstrate the issues with the proposed new entrance.

The entrance driveway is only 3.0m wide and will restrict the ability of cars exiting the property to start to turn in order to provide a sight line up Greenlaw Road before entering onto the road. The rising contours of the ground (which would be shown on a fully detailed front elevation drawing if it were available) will also significantly impact on the sight line.

While some turning space is provided at the front of the proposed new house, this appears to be very limited. It is therefore inevitable that cars will often reverse out onto Greenlaw Road from the proposed new house. The sharply rising ground means that reversing cars will have entered Greenlaw Road before the driver has proper sight up the hill.

The line of the pavement opposite the proposed new entrance extends out into the road and therefore forces cars descending Greenlaw Road hard against the boundary wall with the proposed new house. The potential risk of a car reversing into Greenlaw Road from the proposed new house into the path of a car descending Greenlaw Road hard against the boundary wall is therefore significant.

Based on our observations of pedestrian traffic since the new pavement was installed, we would estimate that well over 75% of pedestrians walk on the road rather than the pavement. The narrowness of the road which also becomes a cul-de-sac beyond 35 Greenlaw Road combined with the proximity to the park encourages pedestrians to consider the road to be safe to walk on. The potential for a car to reverse from the proposed new access into pedestrians walking down the road we consider is also significant.

The narrow road and single pavement will also pose a challenge for delivery drivers. It is highly unlikely that delivery drivers to the proposed new house will enter through a 3.0m entrance, park and then turn in the limited area available to re-enter Greenlaw Road. There is no pavement on the boundary between the proposed new house and Greenlaw Road and the road is too narrow to park opposite the proposed new property and provide sufficient space for traffic to pass. Delivery drivers will therefore inevitably mount the pavement opposite the property, again forcing pedestrian traffic onto the road.

In summary, as car users who drive up and down the narrow length of road between 41 and 33 Greenlaw Road several times a day, we consider that there are a number of significant safety issues with the proposal to create a new entrance onto Greenlaw Road at the position proposed.

Local Development Plan – Planning Guidance

Pine Lodge has been transformed from an attractive dwelling sitting in secluded and private grounds with panoramic views to the north from the kitchen, dining room and lounge and a south facing rear garden into an eyesore sitting in an open and exposed wasteland with a front garden and patio which severely impinges on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road.

We set out below extracts from Policy D1 of the East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan together with our comments on how we consider the proposed development at 35 Greenlaw Road contravenes these requirements:

1. "The development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area"

Comment: All of the houses from 33 to 41 Greenlaw Road are appropriately spaced in the context of their scale and setting. Squeezing a house into the back garden of 35 Greenlaw Road will adversely impact on the character of 35 Greenlaw Road and the surrounding houses.

The amenity of the surrounding area has already been adversely impacted by the removal of all of the trees and shrubs to the front of 35 Greenlaw Road and on its boundary with Greenlaw Road.

Rather than grant permission to build a house on the wasteland created in the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road, a far more appropriate solution in the interests of the amenity of the area would be for trees and shrubs to be replanted along the boundaries and privacy re-established between the rear garden and Greenlaw Road and between the front garden and 33 Greenlaw Road.

2. "The amenity of neighbouring properties should not be adversely affected by unreasonably restricting their sunlight or privacy"

Comment: The privacy and amenity of the neighbouring property at 33 Greenlaw Road has already been severely impacted by the current occupants' removal of the trees at the front of the property and creation of a new garden and patio area which overlooks the garden and rear facing rooms of 33 Greenlaw Road.

Granting permission for the subdivision of the plot and construction of a new house in the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road will make this a permanent feature, significantly impacting on the amenity of both 33 and 35 Greenlaw Road forever.

4. "The development should not impact adversely on landscape character or the green network, involve a significant loss of trees or other important landscape, greenspace or biodiversity features;"

Comment: The occupants' actions at 35 Greenlaw Road have already resulted in a significant loss of trees. The proposal to build a house in the rear garden of 35 Greenlaw Road poses a further risk to the trees which are planted just within the boundary between 35 and 39 Greenlaw Road.

As set out in the letter of objection from Mrs McCort dated 20 April 2021, the original discussions with the Planning Authorities which took place in relation to the layout of the site on which 33 to 41 Greenlaw Road now sit focused on ensuring that each house was appropriately designed in the context of the contours of the land and that there was an appropriate area of open ground around each house in the context of the scale and setting of each house.

As Mrs McCort points out, if she and her husband had come forward with a proposal to place two houses within 3 metres of one another as is now proposed it would have been rejected outright.

It would be very disappointing if planning policies and their application have changed so significantly in the relatively short period since Mr & Mrs McCort agreed the layout of the site with the Planning Authorities that approval would now be granted for the development proposed in Planning Application 2021/0220/TP.

Even if policies and their application have changed since the original design was agreed, we have set out above how we believe the proposed development contravenes current planning policies.

Potential solution for 35 Greenlaw Road

It appears to us that the current occupants of 35 Greenlaw Road bought the property with the intention of obtaining approval to subdivide it and sell off the rear garden rather than utilise it as it had been planned. They have intentionally turned the rear garden into a neglected wasteland which is clearly visible from Greenlaw Road and created an entirely unnecessary front garden and patio which impinges on the privacy of the occupants of 33 Greenlaw Road in order to support their plans.

While it may be tempting to consider approving their plans on the basis that anything would be better than what currently exists, we consider that this would be short sighted. We believe that a far more appropriate solution for the site from a planning perspective would be for:

- the house to be redesigned and renovated internally possibly in line with the main house design set out in planning application 2021/0031/TP;
- the large decked patio at the rear of the property which is south facing and at the same level as the main living area and the rear garden to be retained rather than replaced by a patio to the side of the house;
- the earth in the rear garden to be regraded and re-turfed to allow it to be easily maintained as it was when the current occupants purchased the property in 2012;
- trees and shrubs to be planted along the boundary with Greenlaw Road and the boundary between 35 and 33 Greenlaw Road to re-establish the privacy of the property and the visual amenity of the property when viewed from Greenlaw Road.

Yours sincerely

Alan and Gillian Wilson

32.Meadowhill Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6SX

25th May 2022

By email

< sharon.mcintyre@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk >

Dear Sharon

Ref: REVIEW/2022/04

Pine Lodge. 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns. G77 6SL Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwelling house.

Thank you for the opportunity to make further comment and for the information to sent to me..

- o Firstly my original comments of the 18th April 2021 stand and are still relevant.
- Additionally I have studied the Policies of D1, D2, D7 and D16 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and Policies of D1, D1.2, D2, and D6 of Local Development Plan 2 and support the reasons for refusal enumerated in the decision letter of 13th December 2021
- O This includes Appendix 1 of the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance: Green Network and Environmental Management. The land to the east of the site is composed of trees of a forest nature, contributes to the aspirations of the Guidance, and contains wildlife inhabiting that area. To build up to the boundary would squeeze wild life into a smaller area defeating this Guidance.
- O As a supplement to my original photograph I attach a new photograph showing the site as it is now with existing trees as seen from 32 Meadowhill together with some foxes and squirrels that come from the adjacent site and play in my back garden, thus illustrating the value of maintaining the open space.

If you wish any further explanation of my original comments I would be pleased to explain these to you.

Yours faithfully



James Spence Watson



Pine Lodge Development Site from 32 Meadowhill





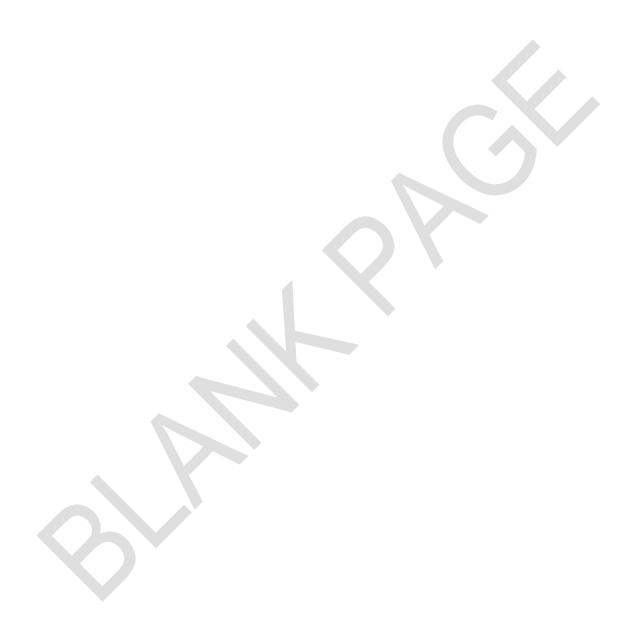
Wildlife in 32 Meadowhill Back Garden





APPENDIX 4

REPORT OF HANDLING



REPORT OF HANDLING

Reference: 2021/0220/TP Date Registered: 29th March 2021

Application Type: Full Planning Permission This application is a Local Development

Ward: 2 -Newton Mearns North And Neilston

Co-ordinates: 253640/:656086

Applicant/Agent: Applicant: Agent:

Mr Malcolm Cameron George Skinner 35 Greenlaw Road 272 Bath Street

Glasgow Glasgow Scotland Scotland G77 6SL G2 4JR

Proposal: Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse

Location: Pine Lodge

35 Greenlaw Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire

G77 6SL

CONSULTATIONS/COMMENTS:

East Renfrewshire Council Roads Service No objection subject to conditions

Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) No response at time of writing

Scottish Water No objection

PUBLICITY:

16.04.2021 Evening Times Expiry date 30.04.2021

SITE NOTICES: None.

SITE HISTORY:

2021/0031/TP Erection of side extension, Approved Subject 26.08.2021

alterations to roof and to Conditions

façade treatments

REPRESENTATIONS: Five objections have been received and can be summarised as follows:

Impact on character and amenity
Impact on donor house
Public road safety/pedestrian safe

Public road safety/pedestrian safety

Overlooking

Over-development Impact on drainage Damage to existing trees Impact on view No need for additional dwelling/over-provision of houses.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN & GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE: See Appendix 1

SUPPORTING REPORTS:

Design and Environmental Statement – The statement describes the site and the proposed development. Provides an outline of sustainable features relative to the proposed dwelling.

ASSESSMENT:

The application site comprises a detached dwelling and its curtilage and lies within an established residential area within the Crookfur Tree Preservation Order area. The existing dwelling is located on a sloping site and has been specifically designed to account for the slope and comprises three levels overall. The dwelling sits within a relatively extensive garden that slopes upwards from the north-west to the south-east. The uppermost part of the garden to the side of the dwelling has recently been cleared and partially scraped back to expose the soil. Extensive boundary planting along the frontage of the site with Greenlaw Road has been removed. The area is characterised by a variety of house types of differing designs. The majority of the gardens in the area are relatively modest and the applicant's is one of three curtilages on Greenlaw Road that is significantly larger than the average. The site is identified as being at risk from surface water flooding with the likelihood indicated as "low" to "high".

Planning permission is sought for the sub-division of the plot and for the erection of a two storey dwelling in the upper south-eastern part of the plot. The sub-division is proposed such that the boundary would lie 1.5 metres from the side of the donor house and the proposed dwelling is also located 1.5 metres from the proposed boundary. The site of the proposed dwelling is to be levelled to provide a level floor plate for the dwelling.

The application requires to be assessed against Policies D1, D2, D7, D8 and D15 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.

Policy D1 requires that all development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area and Policy D2 states that development within the general urban area will be supported where it is compatible with the character and amenity of the area and where it complies with other relevant policies of the Local Development Plan.

Policy D7 relates to open space in new developments and is supported by the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance: Green Network and Environmental Management (SPG). Appendix 1 of the SPG provides minimum criteria relating to gardens for new dwellings. Policy D8 states that the Council will protect the integrity of the Tree Preservation Order.

Policy D15 relates to the sub-division of the curtilage of an existing dwelling and the erection of a new house. It states that:

- the proposed plot should reflect the established pattern of development and should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a dwelling. There should be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality;
- any new house must reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area;
- existing building lines should be respected; and

• development should provide safe vehicular access and parking in accordance with the Council's roads and parking standards.

In general terms, given the size of the curtilage currently associated with 35 Greenlaw Road and the house to plot ratio when compared to that of the surrounding development, it is considered that the overall site is capable of accommodating two dwellings and therefore that some form of sub-division would be acceptable in principle. However, with this full planning application, the Council is asked to consider a particular configuration of proposed and donor plot and a particular proposed house type.

Considering the plot configuration in the first instance, the proposed plot is seen to be of a size and configuration that would be capable of accommodating a dwelling that could be in keeping with the size and scale of the other dwellings in the area. However, it is noted that both the proposed and the donor house would lie within 2 metres of the proposed common plot boundary. This contrary to the specific guidance set out in the Green Network SPG. In considering whether planning permission could be granted as an exception to the specific terms of the SPG, regard must be had to the density of the immediate settlement pattern and the size and design of the proposed dwelling.

Whilst the settlement pattern to the north and west on Greenlaw Road and Greenlaw Drive tends to be relatively dense, the dwellings on the upper part of Greenlaw Drive, including the applicant's dwelling, are characterised by their considerably more generous house to plot ratios. This results in the area having a more open and spacious character. The erection of the proposed dwelling, only 3 metres from the side of the applicant's dwelling would therefore be considered to be at odds with this open and spacious character.

In considering the design of the proposed dwelling, it is noted that it is proposed to be a two storey dwelling and would sit on the proposed plot to the south east, which is elevated above the donor house. Therefore, given its size, elevated position and proximity to the donor house, it is considered that it would have a towering presence that would dominate and detract from the setting of the donor house which in turn would detract from the amenity of the wider area.

Given the levels of the site, and the plot's configuration, it is likely that a re-design as well as a repositioning of the proposed house would be required in order to make the proposal acceptable.

For those reasons, the proposal is considered to be contrary to Policies D1, D7 and D15 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.

As the proposal fails to comply with Policies D1, D7 and D15 it cannot therefore be supported in terms of Policy D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.

Given the foregoing, it would not be in the interests of the proper planning of the area to allow planning permission to be granted as an exception to the terms of the Green Network SPG.

The proposed dwelling would not result in any significant amenity issues in term of overlooking, overshadowing or loss of daylight. There would be no significant additional overlooking towards the dwellings to the rear on Meadowhill given the generous separation distances to the rear. However, as noted above, its size and proximity to the north-west boundary would dominate and detract from the setting of the donor house.

The site's location on an area identified as being at risk from surface water flooding is noted. Had the proposal been otherwise acceptable, a flood risk assessment would have been sought from the applicant in order to allow a full assessment of the matter. However, as the application is not supported in terms of the provisions of the adopted Local Development Plan, it is not considered reasonable to put the applicant to this additional expense in this instance.

Whilst a significant amount of vegetation has been removed from the site, the current proposal does not include the removal of any further trees. The proposal therefore raises no significant conflict with Policy D8. Had the application been otherwise acceptable, a condition could have been attached to any planning permission granted to ensure the protection of the remaining trees within the site during the construction phase.

The Proposed Local Development Plan 2 is a material consideration and with regard to this planning application, the relevant policies are considered to be D1, D1.2, D2, D6 and D7. The aforementioned policies largely reflect the adopted Local Development Plan policies. Consequently, for reasons stated above, it is considered that the proposed works are contrary to the relevant policies in the Proposed Local Development Plan.

The following comments are made in respect of the points of objection no specifically addressed above:

The objections relating to public road safety and pedestrian safety have not been substantiated by the Council's Roads Service. Full details of the sustainable urban drainage of the site can be secured by condition should the proposal be considered acceptable. Loss of view is not a material planning consideration. Given the scale of the proposal, if the application were to be approved, it would not give rise to an over-provision of housing.

In conclusion, the proposal is considered to be contrary to Policies D1, D2, D7 and D15 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan. There are no material considerations that indicate the application should not be refused. It is therefore recommended that the application is refused.

RECOMMENDATION: Refuse

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS: None.

REASONS:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policies D1, D2, D7 and D15 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and Policies D1, D1.2, D2 and D6 of the Proposed East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as the sub-division of the plot and erection of a two storey dwelling in the configuration proposed would dominate and detract from the setting of the donor house given its size, elevated position and proximity to the donor house; which in turn would detract from the amenity of the wider area.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the terms of Appendix 1 of the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance: Green Network and Environmental Management as the proposed dwelling would lie with 2 metres of the proposed plot boundary to the detriment of the setting of the donor house and amenity of the wider area.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: None.

ADDED VALUE: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Further information on background papers can be obtained from Mr Derek Scott on 0141 577 3861.

Ref. No.: 2021/0220/TP

(DESC)

DATE: 13th December 2021

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

Reference: 2021/0220/TP - Appendix 1

DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Strategic Development Plan

This proposal raises no strategic issues in terms of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and therefore the East Renfrewshire Local Plan is the relevant policy document

Adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

Policy D1

Detailed Guidance for all Development

Proposals for development should be well designed, sympathetic to the local area and demonstrate that the following criteria have been considered, and, where appropriate, met. In some cases, where the criteria have not been met, a written justification will be required to assist with assessment.

- 1. The development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area;
- 2. The proposal should be of a size, scale, massing and density that is in keeping with the buildings in the locality and should respect local architecture, building form, design, and materials;
- 3. The amenity of neighbouring properties should not be adversely affected by unreasonably restricting their sunlight or privacy. Additional guidance on this issue is available in the Daylight and Sunlight Design Guide Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- 4. The development should not impact adversely on landscape character or the green network, involve a significant loss of trees or other important landscape, greenspace or biodiversity features:
- 5. Developments should incorporate green infrastructure including access, landscaping, greenspace, water management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems at the outset of the design process. Where appropriate, new tree or shrub planting should be incorporated using native species. The physical area of any development covered by impermeable surfaces should be kept to a minimum to assist with flood risk management. Further guidance is contained within the Green Network and Environmental Management Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- 6. Development should create safe and secure environments that reduce the scope for anti-social behaviour and fear of crime;
- 7. Developments must be designed to meet disability needs and include provision for disabled access within public areas;

- 8. The Council will not accept 'backland' development, that is, development without a road frontage;
- Parking and access requirements of the Council should be met in all development and appropriate mitigation measures should be introduced to minimise the impact of new development. Development should take account of the principles set out in 'Designing Streets';
- 10. Development should minimise the extent of light pollution caused by street and communal lighting and any floodlighting associated with the development;
- 11. Developments should include provision for the recycling, storage, collection and composting of waste materials;
- 12. Where possible, all waste material arising from construction of the development should be retained on-site for use as part of the new development;
- 13. Where applicable, new development should take into account the legacy of former mining activity;
- 14. Development should enhance the opportunity for and access to sustainable transportation, including provision for bus infrastructure, and particularly walking and cycle opportunities including cycle parking and provision of facilities such as showers/lockers, all where appropriate. The Council will not support development on railways solums or other development that would remove opportunities to enhance pedestrian and cycle access unless mitigation measures have been demonstrated;
- 15. The Council requires the submission of a design statement for national and major developments. Design statements must also be submitted in cases where a local development relates to a site within a conservation area or Category A listed building in line with Planning Advice Note 68: Design Statements.
- 16. Where applicable, developers should explore opportunities for the provision of digital infrastructure to new homes and business premises as an integral part of development.

Policy D2

General Urban Areas

Development will be supported within the general urban areas, as defined on the Proposals Map, where compatible with the character and amenity of the locality and surrounding land uses and where it complies with other appropriate policies of the Plan.

Policy D7

Green Infrastructure and Open Space Provision within New Development New development proposals should incorporate a range of green infrastructure including open space provision, multi use access, sustainable urban drainage, wildlife habitat and landscaping. This infrastructure should not only form an integral part of the proposed scheme but should complement its surrounding environment.

Further detailed information and guidance is set out in the Green Network and Environmental Management Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Policy D8

Natural Features

There will be a strong presumption against development where it would compromise the overall integrity of Local Biodiversity Sites, Tree Preservation Orders and ancient and long established woodland sites.

Development that affects a site of special scientific interest will only be permitted where:

The objectives of designation and the overall integrity of the area will not be compromised; or

Any significant adverse effects on the qualities for which the area has been designated are clearly outweighed by social, environmental or economic benefits of national importance.

The location of Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Local Biodiversity Sites and Tree Preservation Orders are identified on the Proposals Map and referred to under Schedule 1.

Planning permission will not be granted for development that is likely to have an adverse effect on protected species unless it can be justified in accordance with the relevant protected species legislation.

Further detailed information and guidance is set out in the Green Network and Environmental Management Supplementary Guidance, including criteria against which development proposals within or in close proximity to the natural features outlined above will be assessed.

Through Dams to Darnley Country Park the Council will promote the designation of a Local Nature Reserve at Waulkmill Glen as shown on the Proposals Map. This will be undertaken in partnership with Glasgow City Council and in conjunction with Scottish Natural Heritage.

Policy D15

Sub-division of the Curtilage of a Dwellinghouse for a New Dwellinghouse and Replacement of an Existing House with a New House

The proposed plot should reflect the established pattern of development and should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a dwellinghouse. There should also be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality.

Any new house must reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area. It should be designed to contribute to the visual character of the area.

Existing building lines should be respected.

Development should provide safe vehicular access and parking in accordance with the Council's roads and parking standards.

Proposed Local Development Plan 2

Policy D1

Placemaking and Design

Proposals for development within the urban and rural areas should be well designed, sympathetic to the local area and demonstrate that the following criteria have been considered, and, where appropriate, met. Proposals will be assessed against the 6 qualities of a successful place as outlined in SPP, Designing Streets and the Placemaking and Design Supplementary Guidance.

1. The development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to

- the surrounding area;
- 2. The proposal should be appropriate to its location, be high quality and of a size, scale, height, massing and density that is in keeping with the buildings in the locality or appropriate to the existing building and should respect local architecture, building form and design;
- 3. Respect existing building lines and heights of the locality;
- 4. Create a well-defined structure of streets, public spaces and buildings;
- 5. Ensure the use of high quality sustainable and durable materials, colours and finishes that complement existing development and buildings in the locality;
- 6. Respond to and complement site topography and not impact adversely upon the green belt and landscape character, green networks, features of historic interest, landmarks, vistas,skylines and key gateways. Existing buildings and natural features of suitable quality, should be retained and sensitively integrated into proposals including greenspace, trees and hedgerows;
- 7. Boundary treatment and landscaping should create a distinctive edge and gateway to the development and reflect local character;
- 8. Promote permeable and legible places through a clear sustainable movement hierarchy favouring walking, then cycling, public transport, then the private car as forms of movement;
- 9. Demonstrate connectivity through the site and to surrounding spaces via a network of safe, direct, attractive and coherent walking and cycling routes. These must be suitable for all age groups, and levels of agility and mobility to allow for ease of movement from place to place;
- 10. Demonstrate that safe and functional pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access, and parking facilities and infrastructure, including for disabled and visitor parking, is provided in accordance with the Council's Roads Development Guide. Where appropriate, proposals will be required to provide secure and accessible shelters, lockers, showers and seating and be designed to meet the needs of all users. Cycle parking and facilities should be located in close proximity to the entrances of all buildings to provide convenience and choice for users:
- 11. Incorporate integrated and enhance existing green infrastructure assets, such as landscaping,trees and greenspace, water management and SUDs including access and prioritise links to the wider green network as an integral part of the design process from the outset, in accordance with Policies D4 D6. New green infrastructure must be designed to protect and enhance the habitat and biodiversity of the area and demonstrate a net gain;
- 12. There will be a general presumption against all proposals that involve landraising. Where there is a justifiable reason for landraising, proposals must have regard to the scale and visual impact of the resultant changes to the local landscape and amenity. Proposals that adversely impact upon the visual and physical connections through the site and to the surrounding areas will be resisted;
- 13. Backland development should be avoided;
- 14. Provide safe, secure and welcoming places with buildings and spaces, including open spaces, play areas and landscaping, designed and positioned to reduce the scope for anti-social behaviour and fear of crime, improve natural surveillance, passive overlooking, security and street activity;
- 15. The amenity of residents, occupants and users of neighbouring existing and new buildings and spaces should not be adversely affected by unreasonably restricting their sunlight or

- privacy. Additional guidance on this issue is available in the Daylight and Sunlight Design Guide Supplementary Guidance;
- 16. Development should minimise the extent of light pollution caused by street and communal lighting and any floodlighting associated with the proposal;
- 17. The amenity of residents, occupants and users of neighbouring existing and new buildings and spaces should not be adversely affected by noise, dust, pollution and smell or poor air quality;
- 18. Ensure buildings and spaces are future proof designed to be easily adaptable and flexible to respond to changing social, environmental, technological, digital and economic conditions;
- 19. Incorporate provision for the recycling, storage, collection and composting of waste materials; and
- 20. Incorporate the use of sustainable design and construction methods and materials in the layout and design to support a low carbon economy.

Proposals must meet the requirements of any development brief prepared by the Council for an allocated site.

Further detailed guidance and information will be set out in the Placemaking and Design Supplementary Guidance, Householder Design Supplementary Guidance and the Daylight and Sunlight Design Supplementary Guidance.

Policy D1.2

Residential Sub-division and Replacement

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area;
- 2. Should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a residential property and compatible with the locality;
- 3. There should be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality for the proposed and donor properties;
- 4. Provide safe vehicular access and parking for the proposed and donor properties;
- 5. Not adversely impact upon the setting of the donor property; and
- 6. Respect existing building lines.

Policy D2:

General Urban Areas

Development will be supported within the general urban areas, shown on the Proposals Map. Proposals will be required to demonstrate that the proposed development is appropriate in terms of its location and scale and will not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area. Proposals must also comply with appropriate policies of the Proposed Plan.

Policy D6

Open Space Requirements

Proposals will be required to incorporate multi-functional, integrated and accessible on-site green networks and green infrastructure, including open space provision, wildlife habitats and landscaping.

Proposals will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that the provision and distribution of open space and green infrastructure has been integrated into the design approach from the outset and has been informed by the context and characteristics of the site using key natural and physical features. Proposals should be designed to accommodate users of all age groups, and levels of agility and mobility;
- 2. Provide a network and hierarchy of open space to create a structured and legible framework for development, which clearly distinguishes public space, semi-public space and private space using appropriate boundary treatments. Design and layout of proposals should encourage species dispersal through improving connectivity and the availability of habitats. New planting must promote and enhance the biodiversity of the area;
- 3. Complement, extend and connect existing open spaces and provide links to the wider green network;
- 4. Make provision for the long-term management and maintenance of open space.

 Details of maintenance requirements and arrangements must be set out, including who is responsible for these requirements;
- 5. Integrate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) features with open space and active travel networks as part of a multifunctional approach to landscape design. SUDs may form part of open spaces subject to their design, provided they are accessible and contribute to the amenity value of the wider open space; and
- 6. Meet the minimum open space requirements set out in Schedule 4.

Policy D7

Natural Environment Features

The Council will protect and enhance the natural environment features set out in Schedule 5, and shown on the Proposals Map, and seek to increase the quantity and quality of the areas biodiversity.

- 1. There will be a strong presumption against development on or adjacent to Natural Features where it would compromise their overall integrity, including Local Biodiversity Sites, Local Nature Reserves, Tree Preservation Orders and ancient and long established woodland sites. Adverse effects on species and habitats should be avoided with mitigation measures provided.
- 2. Development that affects a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) will only be permitted where:
- a. The objectives of designation and the overall integrity of the area will not be compromised; and
- b. Any significant adverse effects on the qualities for which the area has been designated are clearly outweighed by social, environmental, community or economic benefits of national importance to the satisfaction of Scottish Ministers and measures are provided to mitigate harmful impacts.
- 3. Development affecting trees, groups of trees or areas of woodland will only be permitted where:
- a. Any tree, group of trees or woodland that makes a significant positive contribution to the setting, amenity and character of the area has been incorporated into the

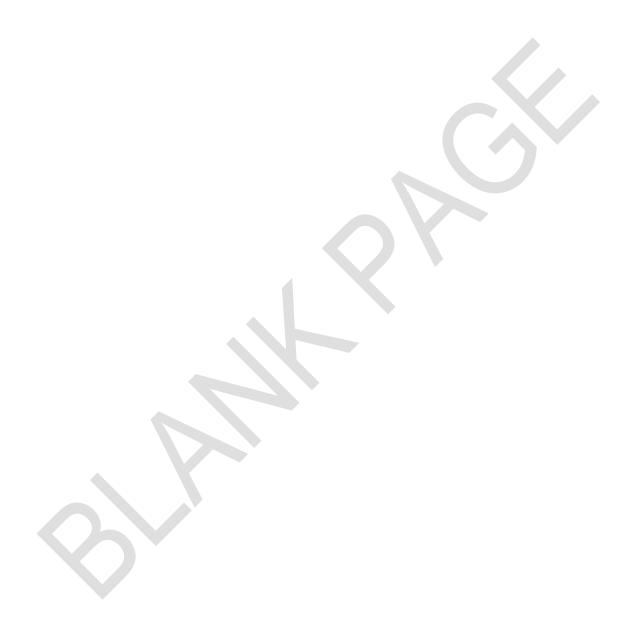
- development through design and layout; or
- b. In the case of woodland:
- its loss is essential to facilitate development that would achieve significant and clearly defined additional public benefits, in line with the Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal; or
- ii. in the case of individual trees or groups of trees, their loss is essential to facilitate development and is clearly outweighed by social, environmental, community or economic benefits.
 - Where woodland is removed in association with development, developers will be required to provide compensatory planting which enhances the biodiversity of the area and demonstrates a net gain.
 - The loss of Ancient Woodland will not be supported.
- 4. Where there is likely to be an adverse impact on natural features or biodiversity an ecological appraisal will be required.

Further detailed guidance and information is set out in the Green Network Supplementary Guidance.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE:

None

Finalised 13/12/2021 AC(6)



APPENDIX 5

DECISION NOTICE AND REASONS FOR REFUSAL



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Ref. No. 2021/0220/TP

 Applicant:
 Agent:

 Mr Malcolm Cameron
 George Skinner

 35 Greenlaw Road
 272 Bath Street

 Glasgow
 Glasgow

 Scotland
 Scotland

 G77 6SL
 G2 4JR

With reference to your application which was registered on 29th March 2021 for planning permission under the abovementioned Act and Regulations for the following development, viz:-

Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwellinghouse

at: Pine Lodge 35 Greenlaw Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 6SL

the Council in exercise of their powers under the abovementioned Act and Regulations hereby refuse planning permission for the said development.

The reason(s) for the Council's decision are:-

- The proposal is contrary to Policies D1, D2, D7 and D15 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and Policies D1, D1.2, D2 and D6 of the Proposed East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as the sub-division of the plot and erection of a two storey dwelling in the configuration proposed would dominate and detract from the setting of the donor house given its size, elevated position and proximity to the donor house; which in turn would detract from the amenity of the wider area.
- The proposal is contrary to the terms of Appendix 1 of the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance: Green Network and Environmental Management as the proposed dwelling would lie with 2 metres of the proposed plot boundary to the detriment of the setting of the donor house and amenity of the wider area.

Dated 13th December 2021



Director of Environment
East Renfrewshire Council
2 Spiersbridge Way,
Spiersbridge Business Park,
Thornliebank,
G48 8NG
Tel. No. 0141 577 3001

The following drawings/plans have been refused

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GUIDANCE NOTE FOR REFUSAL OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

REVIEW BY EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL REVIEW BODY

- 1. If the applicant is aggrieved by a decision to refuse permission (or by an approval subject to conditions), the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months from the date of this notice. A Notice of Review can be submitted online at www.eplanning.scotland.gov.uk. Please note that beyond the content of the appeal or review forms, you cannot normally raise new matters in support of an appeal or review, unless you can demonstrate that the matter could not have been raised before, or that its not being raised before is a consequence of exceptional circumstances. Following submission of the notice, you will receive an acknowledgement letter informing you of the date of the Local Review Body meeting or whether further information is required.
- 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 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 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

CONTACT DETAILS

East Renfrewshire Council Development Management Service 2 Spiersbridge Way, Spiersbridge Business Park, Thornliebank, G46 8NG

General Inquiry lines 0141 577 3861 Email planning@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

NOTICE OF REVIEW AND STATEMENT OF REASONS





2 Spiersbridge Way Thornliebank G46 8NG Tel: 0141 577 3001 Email: planning@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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

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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.

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First Name: *	George	Building Name:	
Last Name: *	Skinner	Building Number:	272
Telephone Number: *	0141 354 1376	Address 1 (Street): *	Bath Street
Extension Number:		Address 2:	
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Glasgow
Fax Number:		Country: *	Scotland
		Postcode: *	G2 4JR
Email Address: *	george.skinner@spacesix.com		
Is the applicant an individu	ual or an organisation/corporate entity? *		
Individual □ Organ	nisation/Corporate entity		

Applicant De	tails		
Please enter Applicant	details		
Title:	Mr	You must enter a Bui	ilding Name or Number, or both: *
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First Name: *	Malcolm	Building Number:	35
Last Name: *	Cameron	Address 1 (Street): *	Greenlaw Road
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Newton Mearns
Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland
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Fax Number:			
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Site Address	Details		
Planning Authority:	East Renfrewshire Council		
Full postal address of th	e site (including postcode where available) :	
Address 1:	PINE LODGE		
Address 2:	35 GREENLAW ROAD		
Address 3:	NEWTON MEARNS		
Address 4:			
Address 5:			
Town/City/Settlement:	GLASGOW		
Post Code:	G77 6SL		
Please identify/describe	the location of the site or sites		
Northing	656086	Easting	253640

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)
Proposals to subdivide existing garden ground
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.
In 2017 the council advised subdivision could be supported less than 2m to the boundary is accepted along the length of Greenlaw Road. The proposal is keeping with the pattern of development. There was ample time for issue to be addressed given it took 8 months to determine Principle living level of of the proposed and donor house is the same Proposed and donor house have bedrooms above the principle living level The elevated position is a response to the topography of the plot.
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 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			intend
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What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	29/03/2021		
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	16/12/2021		
Review Procedure			
The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review an process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determ required by one or a combination of procedures, such as: written submissions; the holding of inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.	nine the review. Further	information r	
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Declare - Notice of Review

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

Declaration Name: Mr George Skinner

Declaration Date: 07/03/2022



We wish to submit an application for Review of application 2021/0220/TP - Subdivision of existing plot and erection of two storey dwelling house at Pine Lodge, 35 Greenlaw Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire G77 6SL for the following reasons.

- 1. We first approached the council in 2017 to discuss the principle of subdividing the plot. The feedback at the time was that an application to subdivide the plot could be supported subject to the reasons outlined in the supporting design statement. The initial feedback suggested that a negotiated solution could be reach.
- 2. The reasons for refusal are very weak and fail to demonstrate any understanding of Greenlaw Road but also the wider East Renfrewshire area. If we look at these in turn:
 - The proximity to the boundary of less than 2m. This is very clearly demonstrated along the full length of Greenlaw road so the proposed house in entirely in keeping with the pattern of development. In addition it can be clearly seen all over the East Renfrewshire area that the council are willing to approve housing where the distance to the side boundary is less than 2m. This is evident in all new developments throughout the East Renfrewshire area. In addition if this was going to be an issue it could have readily been increased by simply modifying the proposed house design. The initial feedback in 2017 suggested planning in principle could be supported and therefore we cannot understand why the planning department did not come back on this point prior to determination to allow modifications to be made. It took council took 8 months to determine this application (4 times the statutory target for determination) Therefore, there was ample time for this issue to have been addressed and an agreed solution reached.
 - Domination of the donor property, elevated position and scale. Firstly the principle living level of the proposed house is on exactly the same level as the principle living level of the donor house. The donor has bedrooms on the floor above the principle living level exactly as the proposed house. The proposal is for a 5 bedroom house. The house is therefore of a size and scale entirely in keeping with the neighbouring properties. The elevated position is a direct response to the topography of the plot. It is accepted throughout the UK that the topography of an area is a natural occurrence and therefore development must respond to it. This is particularly and abundantly clear throughout the East Renfrewshire given the hilly nature of the area. There are hundreds if not thousands of instances throughout East Renfrewshire where one property sits higher than another as a result of the topography. Therefore we struggle to understand why this is an issue in this instance when it is so clearly and widely accepted in every other instance.
- 3. We don't feel that the planning department took into account the overall aim of this proposal. This application is key to facilitating the development of application: 2021/0220/TP with the aim of both applications seeking to improve the overall streetscape. This must surely be in the interests of all residents.





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Objection Response

Application refer: 2021/0031/TP & 2021/0220/TP - 35 Greenlaw Road

03 May 2021

Further to the objections that have been raised by the neighbours we feel it is important to offer both sides of the storey in order to provide the complete picture.

Our client moved to 35 Greenlaw Road on 3/2/12. The house was a financial stretch but they were drawn by the fact it seemed that there was little work required. Unfortunately that turned out not to be the case. On the day of moving in there was heavy rain and water from a leak in the flat roof appeared on the kitchen ceiling.

A few weeks later our client's youngest was born on 13/3/12. The night before there was a heavy rain which caused a flood on the lower ground floor. This was eventually traced back to water ingress tracking down from the flat roof.

Water ingress has continued to plague the property ever since. This is due in part to the failed flat roof design and the complex wall cladding system which has also failed in numerous locations.

Our client initially fell in love with the house but the ongoing water ingress and several layout design issues have made the house not only challenging to live in with a young family but it is also a threat to the family's mental and physical health.

The layout issues which cause ongoing difficulty and can be summaries as follows:

- 1. The original owners of the house planted Cypress hedging which had been left unmaintained. The hedging grew out of control and huge in stature. There were also wild brambles galore growing in the garden. This is not a plant that is friendly to young children.
- 2. The massive Cypress hedge left the grassed areas moss choked, waterlogged and damp. The children had no real usable space to play.
- 3. Garden access is a major issue. There is no direct access to the garden from the principle living space. Access to the garden is either:
 - Via the principle entrance which opens out onto the roadside of the house. The driveway is ungated so this is unsafe for young children. Our client has looked at installing a gate at the driveway but this cannot be easily achieved due to the slope.
 - Tramping through the master bedroom. This is a two part issue. Firstly it impacts the parent's privacy. Secondly the damp boggy state of the garden renders this route unusable as soggy muddy footprints ruin the carpets.
 - Going through the kitchen, through the utility room, past a very steep set of external steps
 and along the walkway at the side of the house. The walkway and part of the external
 decking area is a full storey higher than the adjacent ground level. It is simply too
 dangerous to allow young children out to play without the ability to watch over them.
 - The lower entrance is too far away from the rear garden space to be safe or practical for a family with 3 young children and again is opens out close to the roadside of the house which we have mentioned is ungated.
- 4. It is not easy to use the mid-level principle entrance door. Vehicle access is to the lowest level. Ascending a flight of irregularly spaced external steps during inclement weather with 3 young children is a challenge and renders this entrance unusable for a young family.
- 5. Access to the upper level of the house is via a staircase within the principle lounge. This is less than desirable for reasons of privacy, noise etc. However, principally it creates separation between family members and more worryingly it creates a non-compliant means of escape in an emergency and therefore the layout poses a serious risk to health and safety.
- 6. There are narrow steps up into the principle bathroom with no handrail or edge protection. This arrangement adds nothing to the use of the bathroom and creates a space with an oppressively low ceiling height.



7. There is a 2 step change in level between the principle entrance and the principle living spaces. This changes in level also exists between the principle living spaces and the access stair to the lower ground floor. This change in level is therefore unexpected and poses a serious risk to the health and safety of the family and visitors. This arrangement would not be allowed today as it does not comply with the Scottish Building Standards. The proposed alterations to the house seeks to remove these steps from the public route to the principle living spaces.

Since moving in our client has never had the funds to address the essential failings of the building fabric or the layout design issues of this house. These issues may not be apparent to anyone on the outside looking in but they are very real for our client as the user and owner of the house.

In the early years our client was approached on several occasions by perimeter neighbours to the North and East due to the overgrown Cypress hedging. As previously mentioned until our client's ownership the planting within the garden was unmaintained. The hedge at the time was in the region of 12m tall and cast huge shadows on both our client's garden and those of the bounding neighbours. The hedge caused the garden to be waterlogged and damp.

Mr & Mrs McPherson who at that time lived in no 33 told our client that they had extended the pole of their Sky dish several times but it had got to the point where they could no longer receive a signal due to the height of the Cypress trees. The trees were planted immediately adjacent to their house - less than 1 metre from the fence. Our client engaged a tree surgeon and at the time was advised that there was very little that could be done to successfully reduce the height of the trees to an acceptable level and retain them. The trees had been left unmaintained for so long that if they were to be reduced by even 1/3rd that the trees would die. In any event this approach was not an option for number 33 as it would not have solved their issues. In addition had they remained they would have continued to pose a serious risk to the health and safety of life and surrounding structures. At the time no further action was taken as the cost to remove the trees was unaffordable to our client.

The situation continued until 2015 when Mr & Mrs McPherson along with neighbours from Meadowhill Avenue (the De Lombardis, the Thomson's, and a third has now moved away) approached our client collectively and offered to pay half of the cost of removal of the trees. Although this still remained a huge financial stretch for our client they agreed as it was in everyone's best interests and that of the neighbourhood. The works proceeded and everyone affected by the trees were delighted with increased daylight.

The removal of the trees brought forth an opportunity for our client as it exposed a very rough area of potential garden to the north/front of the property. Developing this area created the opportunity to resolve part of the issue of access to the garden. Our client decided to progress and developed this area into a usable garden space. They carefully considered the layout and located the children's play area at the lowest part of the garden. The children's play area is screened from number 33 by the laurel hedge which provides complete privacy when they use this space. It also allows the children to play safely as it is overlooked by the principle living spaces.

Over time our client continued development where they could. At one point they considered levelling the rear slope and installing a decorative gabion wall which they planned to plant up with alpines to retain the slope. However, shortly after commencing this work the builder carrying out the works passed comment that the garden to the rear was big enough to build a house. At that point our client paused the landscaping works to consider the options. It was at this point in 2017 that we first became involved in the project.

Number 35 was designed by an architect for his family home. As such it is befitting that it is experimental and explores a number of design ideas. It was also one of the first houses in the area to be built and therefore it did not relate nor did it have to relate to anything else. We think it's fair to say that if an application for this house in this orientation in the context of what now exists that it would struggle to gain planning approval. Number 35 now finds itself at complete odds with the pattern of development and the character of the street. It is orientated at 90 degrees to the road and the principle living spaces are located in an elevated position to the North and separated from the garden ground. These are issues which the





proposals for the redevelop of number 35 seek to address. It is also important to point out that the proposals for the new house seeks to bring the pattern of development back in line with the remainder of the street.

Number 35 which is fully exposed for all to see is in desperate need of repair and requires extensive upgrading. The works required include: new doors, windows, reroof with redesign of the roof to remove the failed flat roofs, removal of the complex detailing and failed cladding system. The layout also requires to be address to make the house functional, safe and relevant to modern day family living. All of this will come at a cost. Given the extensive works required these costs are significant. Budget costs have been prepared in the region of £250,000. This is funds that the family simply don't have. However, it must be stated that the family love and are settled in the area. They would be delighted to be in the position and would happily make this investment. Moving is not an option as there is significant negative equity in the property and so the family have in effect become trapped within their unsafe and unfit home.

We have very carefully considered the options with the client since 2017 so the decision to subdivide the plot was not reached easily. However, it does represent a very real way out of the current situation. Selling off the plot will raise the much needed capital to fund the renovations to number 35. This will without doubt improve the character of the street which is in everyone's interest.

It is worth noting that the neighbours at 39 and 41 designed, built and lived at 35 prior to building and moving into the properties above at 39 and 41. Since our client moved in in 2012, 39 and 41 have been unhappy about the changes made to our client's property. It is felt that perhaps this emotional and in some way a reluctance to let go. Our client understands that 39 and 41 have their opinion on the design and use, but they will not be impacted by the proposals. There is no direct view from 39 and 41 into number 35 and vice versa. Also there is no design connection between numbers 33, 35, 39 and 41. Number 37 was never built. Therefore we feel comments on the plot and its use in connection to a historic plan which was approved more than 40 years ago is not relevant today. This is even more true given the pattern of develop that now characterises the majority of the street. The area has been built up into an estate with houses of various designs and size. It's also worth noting that all these house all fall within a regular pattern of development similar to the proposed house.

Number 39 and 41 raised the issue of the protection of the Cypress trees alone the common boundary line between our client's property and theirs. As 39 and 41 were the previous owners of number 35 this raises a common theme specific to them. That being the planting of an inappropriate boundary hedge and the subsequent lack of maintenance with total disregard for the impact on neighbouring properties. This issues was as we have explained left to our client when they purchased number 35. They were left with the unmaintained Cypress trees. These trees were planted under the ownership of the current owners of 39 and 41 and allowed to grow out of control. This type of boundary planting and lack of maintenance breaches the permissible 2m guidance on hedging.

The hedge line of number 39 & 41 which runs along our client's South Western boundary and casts huge shadows into our client's garden for more than half the day. Our client has repeatedly requested for the trees to be maintained and reduced in height. This work was eventually carried out in 2016. Again due to the size of the trees our client feels that they were topped inappropriately and as a result look terrible. In addition while executing this work the common boundary fence was destroyed in the process. The trees along this boundary are still some 6 – 8m tall. We suspect that the trees would not survive being reduced to 2m in height as our client was advised prior to the removal of their boundary hedge.

It has been claimed by one of the objectors that the use of number 35 is being deliberately altered to facilitate the subdivision of the plot. This is simply untrue. The principle layout and orientation of number 35 is exactly as the original architect designed it. I.e. the elevated principle living spaces to the North East and the bedrooms to the South West. Just as a point of interested this is pretty much the exact opposite of how you would wish any house to be orientated. The big conundrum here of course is the plots elevated position which during its inception afforded it a view. Now that the estate has been built up this privilege and design decision is now being turned against number 35 and construed as overlooking by the





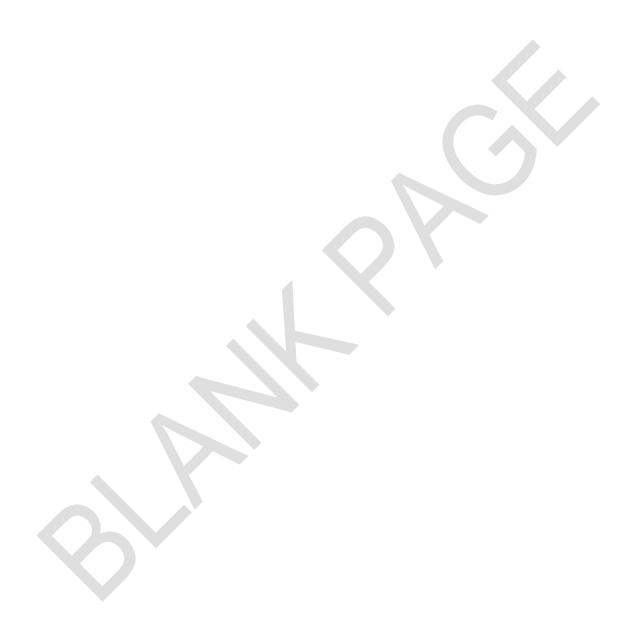
neighbours at number 33. The view is to the North and North East which is why the design of this house is perhaps conflicted and has resulted in the overlooking issues that exist.

At the time of its design number 35 was one of the first houses built. At that time it did not have to adhere to street design so it was orientated through 90 degrees to the road. This placed the rear garden on the upward slope away from the principle living spaces. The notion that this space is the only useable garden ground because it lies to the rear of the house simply fails to understand how this house and garden functions on a practical level. It also fails to understand the unique design, layout, siting and site and the historical situation that allowed this design to be reached.

The existing decking on the south of number 35 sits remote the house. It sits out on a leg which is fully exposed to a number of neighbouring properties. As we have previously explained access to this area is either via the kitchen, through the utility and past a steep set of side steps or through the master bedroom via the patio doors. This is less than desirable in order to be a successful external space. Its location is exposed and less than appealing due to be overlooked by the road and the surrounding neighbours. The proposed redevelopment of number 35 seeks to pull this space in along the edge of building making it far more discreet. The new decked area will have a direct relationship with the principle living spaces and a perimeter screening via an opaque handrail and some planters will provide far greater privacy to both the owner of number 35 and the surrounding neighbours than the current layout ever could.

In summary number 35 has a number of issues. All of these issues exist as a result of historical decisions. None of which our client is responsible for. The redevelopment of number 35 and the subdivision seeks to resolve these issues for the betterment of our client, the street scene and the neighbours.







DESIGN, ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE

Pre application advice was sought on the proposals in November 2017 via an initial email and subsequent telephone conversation with Alison Mitchell. At that time Alison was of the opinion that subject to the final design an application to subdivide the plot at number 35 Greenlaw Road could be supported based on:

- The existing plot is large enough to be subdivided and will comfortably accommodate 2 houses
- The new house would be afforded regular street frontage onto Greenlaw Road
- A regular access off Greenlaw Road can be achieved with adequate onsite parking
- A regular front to back boundary can be achieved between the existing and proposed house
- The proposed house will fall within the established building lines and be of a size and scale in keeping with the area.
- The subdivision would not cause any overlooking or overshadowing issues.

BACKGROUND

The applicant and occupier of number 35 Greenlaw Road are husband and wife key worker medical professionals. They have lived there since 2012 with their 3 children. Their children all attend local schools. The family is very settled at number 35 Greenlaw Road and would love to invest long term at number 35 and make it their forever dream home.

However, number 35 was designed, built and occupied by an architect. Perhaps for that reason the house has an unusual and experimental facade. This facade is complex with multiple relationship and junctions between materials. The existing building is now at an age where the original materials are at the end of their natural life and failing. The house now suffers from multiple areas of water ingress. The complexity of the original facade and roof makes tracking the source of the water ingress almost impossible. Therefore, the house is rapidly becoming unfit for habitation and in desperate and immediate need of major refurbishment just to secure and consolidate the existing structure.

In addition to the façade issues number 35 has a number of layout issues. The applicant believes with investment the house can successfully be modified to suit their needs. In fact, we would probably add that the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 would arguably make it one of the most exciting and unique houses in the East Renfrewshire area. Please refer to the householder application for the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 Greenlaw Road for full details.

During the design process it came to light that the costs associated with refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35 Greenlaw Road was going to be significant. The initial budget costs are estimated to be in the region of £200K +. This is a sum that the family simply does not possess. The result of which has seen the house continue to fall further and further into disrepair. The family has found themselves trapped into a never ending downward spiral. They are continually having to throw good money at the failing building in a vain and unsuccessful attempt to keep the building watertight and fit for habitation. However, the complexity of the existing façade has made this an impossible task. To make matters worse, the ongoing failing maintenance regime is not only stripping the family of any spare funds, it is seeing the building plummet in value due to the state of disrepair. The effect of this is that the family are now trapped at number 35. The family are locked into a negative equity situation. This removes the possibility of selling up and



moving to a suitable alternative house in the area. Moving further afield would up route the family and cause major distress for all family members.

The successful subdivision represents a huge opportunity to unlock a number of these issues and turn the situation into win, win for all:

- It would release the much need funds to redevelop number 35 Greenlaw Road and create the family's forever dream home.
- The plot will provide a rare opportunity for another family to build their dream family home and provide a much needed family home within a highly sought after area.
- The entire street will be enhanced by the both the refurbishment and redevelopment and the new house. This is in the interests of everyone that lives in the street.

THE SITE

The plot occupies a prominent elevated West facing grass slope in the heart of Newton Mearns with panoramic views to the West and towards the Campsie Hills to the North. The site is some 840m.sq or circa 0.21 of an acre.

To the South the site is bounded by Greenlaw Road with private garden grounds of neighbouring properties formed along all remaining boundaries. The East boundary is tree lined.

THE PROPOSAL

The proposal seeks to form a detached 1& 3/4 storey 5 bedroom house

DENSITY

The application site is some 840m². The development footprint for the proposed house is 160m² or in other terms19% of the development area.

LAYOUT

The site will be laid out to follow the regular established pattern of development with front garden ground with 3 onsite parking spaces. Access down both sides of the house will lead to a large private garden with stunning panoramic views.

The house will consist of an entrance hall with feature staircase, study space, cloak room and WC. A large formal lounge fronts onto Greenlaw Road. To the rear of the property lies an open plan area which will be composed of a kitchen, dining room and family area opening onto a private patio and the garden beyond. A utility room is access directly off the kitchen and this will provide further access to an integral garage.

The first floor gives way to 5 en-suite bedrooms and gallery area over the kitchen.

SCALE

The proposed house is in keeping with the size and scale of many of the houses on the street and within the context of the wider Newton Mearns area. The overall mass of the house has been designed to complement the proposals for the refurbishment and redevelopment of number 35.



LANDSCAPING

We proposed to form the new driveway access and parking area with porus monoblock paving. This will provide an area of sustainable drainage. A decorative strip of gravel chips will be installed around the perimeter of the house with a concrete foot path laid beyond to provide level hard landscaping access around the perimeter of the house for access and maintenance. A 1.8m high slat timber fence is to be installed between number 35 and the new house. A 2m high retaining wall will be installed along the East edge of the side access. This will retain the slope whilst creating a level platform for the house. A private patio at the rear of the house will be formed in concrete paving slabs. The remainder of the site will be laid in lawn grass with accent areas of feature planting to enhance the natural ecology of the area.

APPEARANCE

The intension is to link the architectural language of the new house to the refurbishment and redevelopment proposals for number 35. The house will be roughcast with white render with key areas clad in Marley Cedral cladding. Black aluminium windows, doors, gutters and downpipes will be installed to afford the house with an interesting and attractive contemporary appearance to enhance and add to the overall character of the street.

ACCESS

Vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed house will be via a new driveway access formed directly off Greenlaw Road. The access will be formed by creating concrete gate posts within the existing boundary wall.

ENVIRONMENT

The house will be constructed with a highly insulated ground bearing concrete floor slab with under floor heating. The house will be formed in a timber frame construction and sprayed on site with the market leading lcynene expanding spray foam insulation. This will create a highly energy efficient and airtight thermal building envelope which is essential for any successful eco home. The large areas of glazing on the South and West elevations will enable the house to benefit from solar gains during the day. This heat can be absorbed in to the floor during the day and released into the space at night. All glazing throughout will be triple glazed.

The principle heating system will be in the form of an airsource heat pump linked to the under floor heating on the ground floor and traditional radiators on the first floor. A wood burning stove will provide a back-up heat source during colder months if needed.

A solar thermal system will be linked to an unvented hot water cylinder and provide a complimentary source of hot water. The house will also benefit from a full house mechanical ventilation and heat recovery system which will ensure a continual supply of fresh warm air throughout.

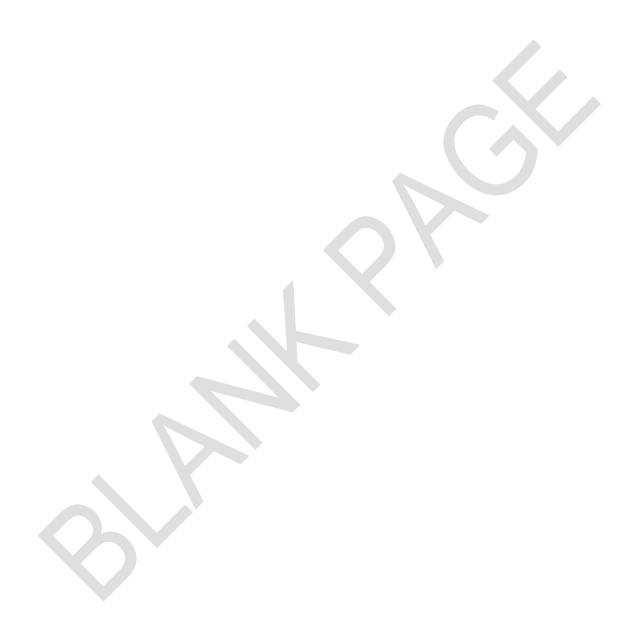
A low tech rain water harvesting system will supply grey water to flush the toilets, while water efficient fittings throughout will ensure as little water as possible is used.

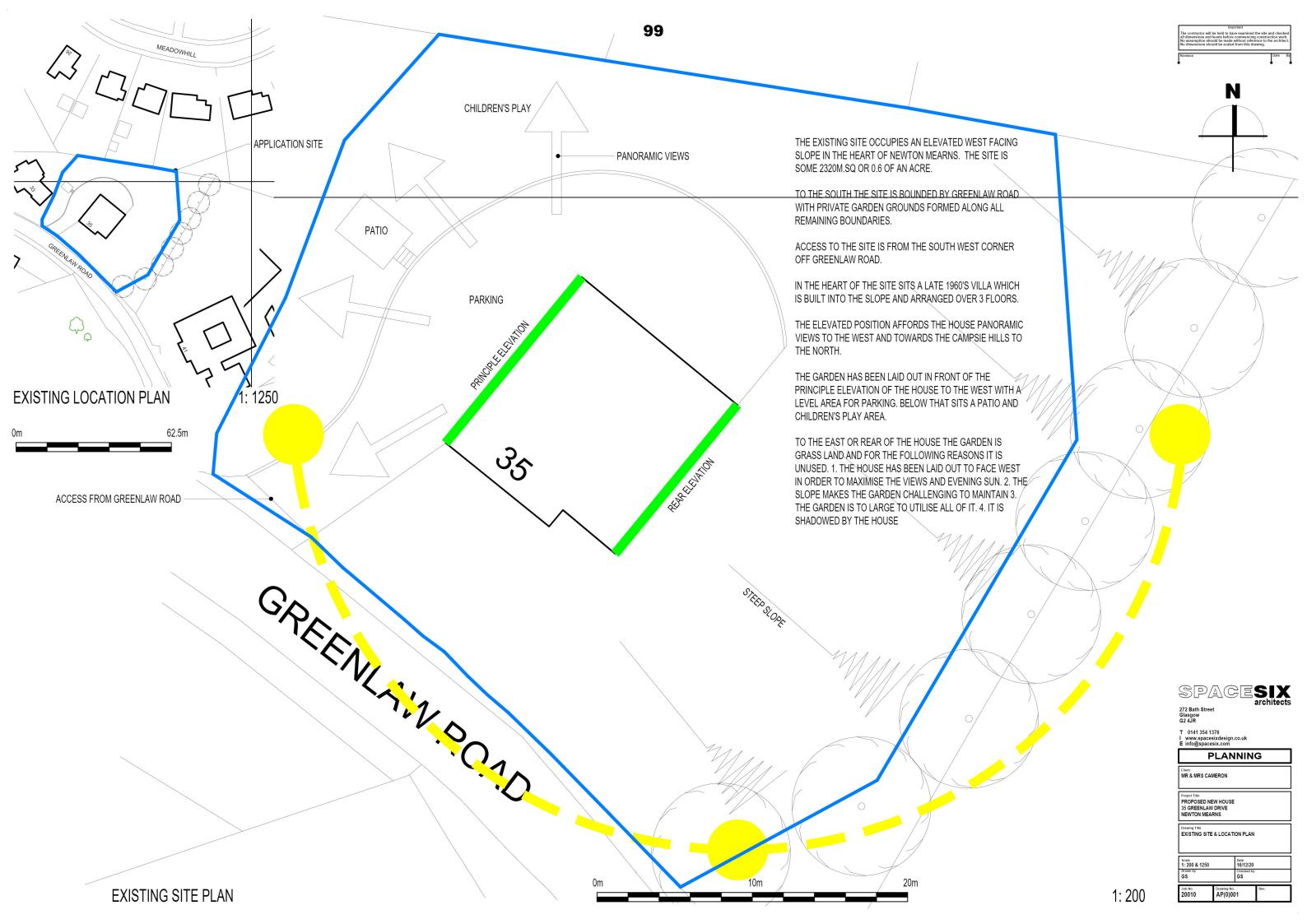
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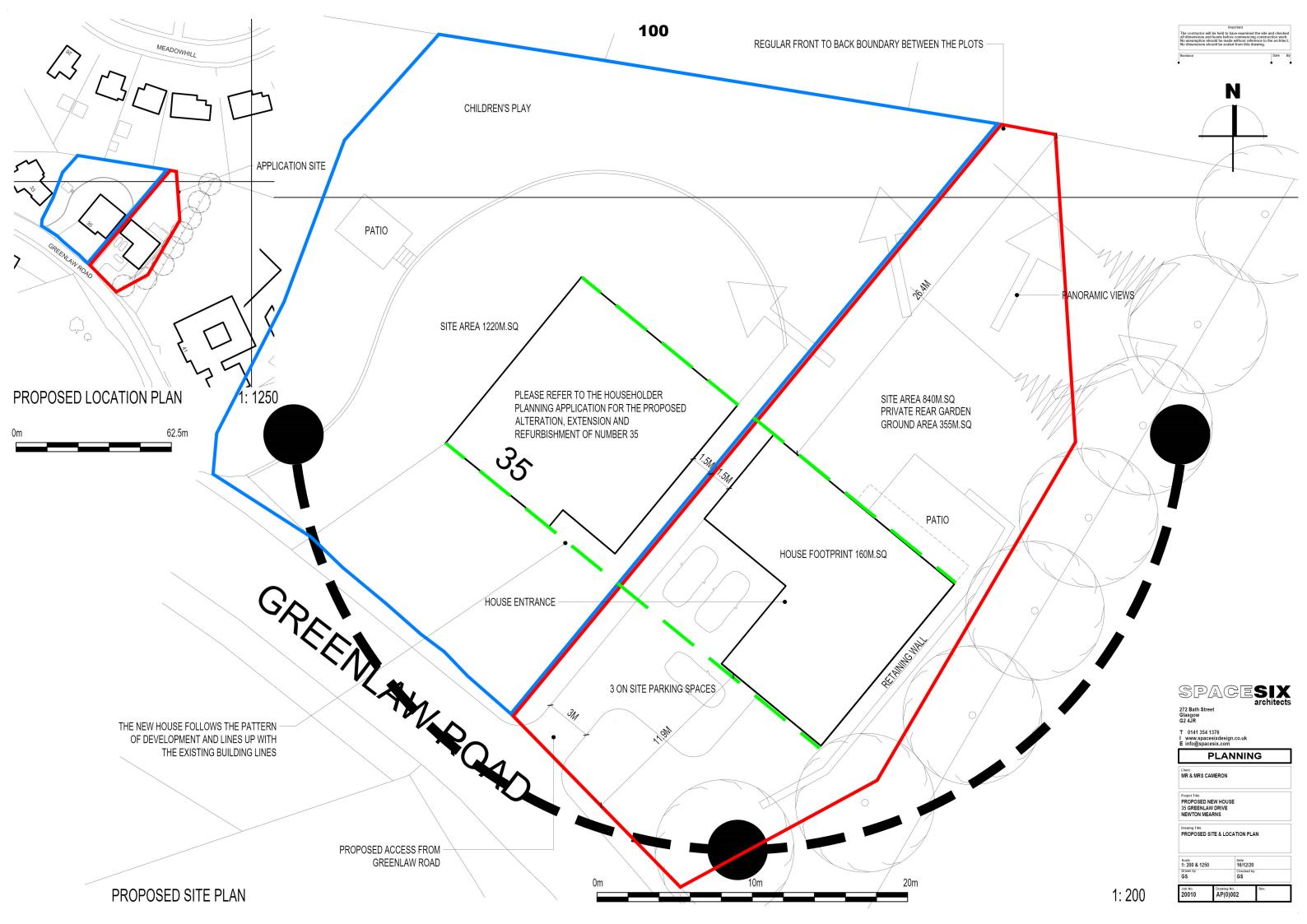


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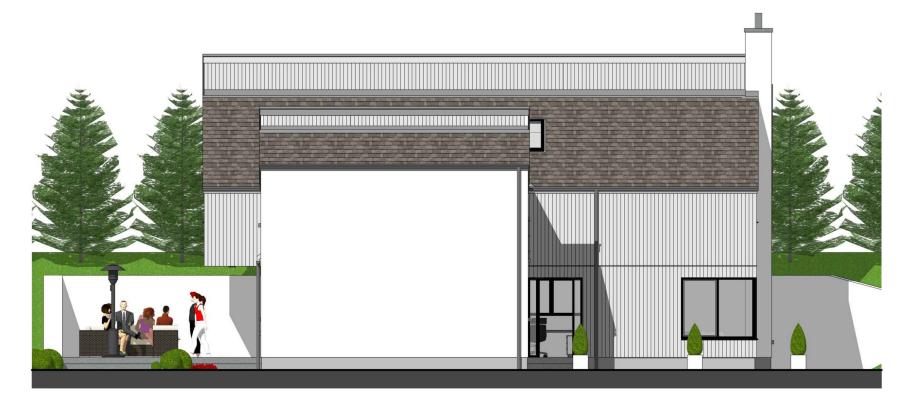
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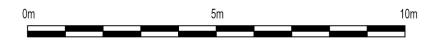
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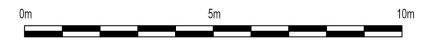
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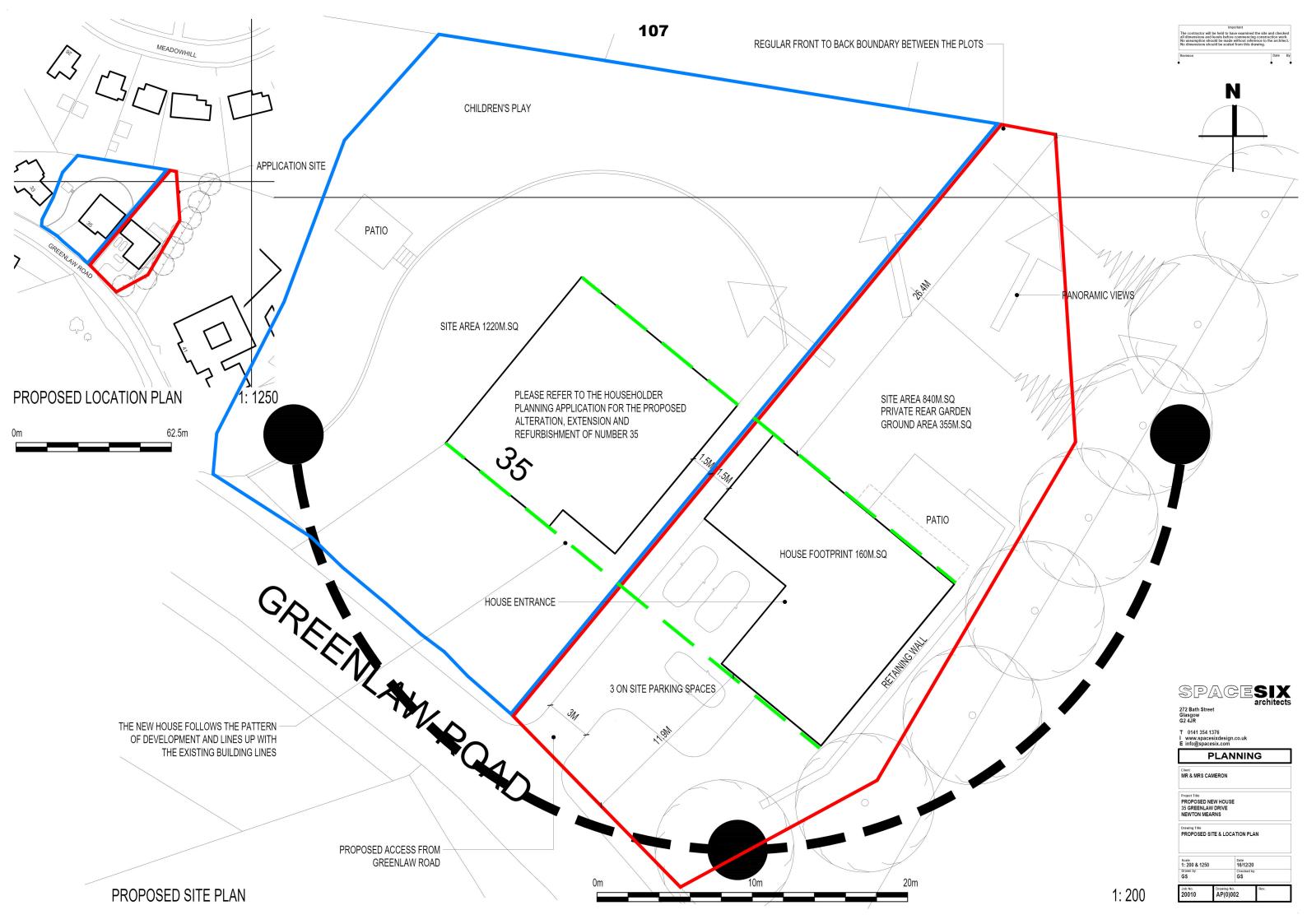
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EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

10 August 2022

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships

REVIEW OF CASE - REVIEW/2022/05

<u>DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF NEW DETACHED DWELLING AND GARAGE.</u>

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to present the information currently available to allow a review of the decision taken by officers, in terms of the Scheme of Delegation made in terms of Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 in respect of the application detailed below.

DETAILS OF APPLICATION

2. Application type: Full Planning Permission (Ref No:- 2021/0753/TP).

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Currie

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached

dwelling and garage.

Location: 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 6LT.

Council Area/Ward: Newton Mearns North And Neilston (Ward 2).

REASON FOR REQUESTING REVIEW

3. The applicant has requested a review on the grounds that the Council's Appointed Officer refused the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4. The Local Review Body is asked to:-
 - (a) consider whether it has sufficient information to allow it to proceed to determine the review without further procedure and, if so, that:-
 - (i) it proceeds to determine whether the decision taken in respect of the application under review should be upheld, reversed or varied; and
 - (ii) in the event that the decision is reversed or varied, the reasons and the detailed conditions to be attached to the decision letter are agreed; or
 - (b) that in the event that further procedure is required to allow it to determine the review, consider:-

- (i) what further information is required, which parties are to be asked to provide the information and the date by which this is to be provided; and/or:
- (ii) what procedure or combination of procedures are to be followed in determining the review.

BACKGROUND

- **5.** At the meeting of the Council on 29 April 2009, consideration was given to a report by the Director of Environment seeking the adoption of a new Scheme of Delegation in terms of the new Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, subject to approval of the scheme by Scottish Ministers.
- 6. The report provided details of the new hierarchy of developments that took effect from 6 April 2009 explaining that the Scheme of Delegation related to those applications within the "local development" category as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009, but would in future be determined by an "appointed officer". In the Council's case this would be either the Director of Environment or the Head of Roads, Planning and Transportation Service now designated the Head of Environment (Operations).
- 7. The report highlighted that historically appeals against planning decisions were dealt with by Scottish Ministers. However, following the introduction of the new planning provisions with came into effect on 3 August 2009 all appeals against decisions made in respect of local developments under delegated powers would be heard by a Local Review Body. The Local Review Body would also deal with cases where the appointed officer had failed to determine an application within two months from the date it was lodged.

NOTICE OF REVIEW – STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REQUIRING THE REVIEW

- **8.** The applicant in submitting the review has stated the reasons for requiring the review of the determination of the application. A copy of the applicant's Notice of Review and Statement of Reasons including appeal statement and plans is attached as Appendix 5.
- **9.** The applicant is entitled to state a preference for the procedure (or combination of procedures) to be followed by the Local Review Body in the determination of the review and has detailed in their opinion that this review can continue to conclusion based on the assessment of the review documents only, with no further procedure.
- **10.** The Local Review Body is not bound to accede to the applicant's request as to how it will determine the review and will itself decide what procedure will be used in this regard.
- **11.** At the meeting of the Local Review Body on 10 August 2016, it was decided that the Local Review Body would carry out unaccompanied site inspections for every review case it received prior to the cases being given initial consideration at a meeting of the Local Review Body.
- **12.** In accordance with the above decision, the Local Review Body will carry out an unaccompanied site inspection on Wednesday, 10 August 2022 before the meeting of the Local Review Body which begins at 2.30pm.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALLOW REVIEW OF APPLICATION

13. Section 43B of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 restricts the ability of parties to introduce new material at the review stage. The Local Review Body is advised that the focus

of the review should, therefore, be on the material which was before the officer who dealt with the application under the Scheme of Delegation.

- **14.** The information detailed below is appended to this report to assist the Local Review Body in carrying out the review of the decision taken by the Appointed Officer:-
 - (a) Application for planning permission, supporting statement, tree survey report September 2021 and bat roosting potential survey report September 2021 Appendix 1 (Pages 117 180);
 - (b) Report of Handling by the planning officer under the Scheme of Delegation Appendix 3 (Pages 185 194);
 - (c) Decision notice and reasons for refusal Appendix 4 (Pages 195 200); and
 - (e) A copy of the applicant's Notice of Review and Statement of Reasons including appeal statement and further documentation Appendix 5 (Pages 201 218).
- **15.** The applicant has also submitted the drawings listed below and these are attached as Appendix 6 (Pages 219 232).
 - (a) Existing Site Plan;
 - (b) Location Plan L(0-)01;
 - (c) Existing and Proposed Streetscape L(2-)03;
 - (d) Proposed Block Plan L(0-)03 B;
 - (e) Proposed Garage Elevations L(2-)11 A;
 - (f) Proposed Garage Plans L(2-)10 A;
 - (g) Proposed Elevations L(2-)02 B;
 - (h) Proposed Plans L(2-)01 B;
 - (i) Tree Survey Plan Removal L(0-)5 A;
 - (j) Tree Survey Plan Downtaking L(0-)05;
 - (k) Topographical Survey L(0-)04
 - (I) Refused Location Plan L(0-)01;
 - (m) Refused Existing and Proposed Streetscape L(2-)03
 - (n) Refused Proposed Block Plan L(0-)03 B;
 - (o) Refused Proposed Garage Elevations L(2-)11 A;
 - (p) Refused Proposed Garage Plans L(2-)10 A;
 - (q) Refused Proposed Elevations L(2-)02 B;
 - (r) Refused Proposed Plans L(2-)01 B; and
 - (s) Refused Tree Survey Plan Removal L(0-)5 A.

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The Local Review Body is advised that initial consultation responses and 16. representations received if any, relating to the application will be listed in the planning officer's

Report of Handling and are also included as Appendix 2.

17. All the documents referred to in this report can be viewed online on the Council's

website at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Local Review Body is asked to:-

> consider whether it has sufficient information to allow it to proceed to determine (a)

the review without further procedure and, if so, that:-

(i) it proceeds to determine whether the decisions taken in respect of the

application under review should be upheld, reversed or varied; and

in the event that the decision is reversed or varied, the reasons and the (ii)

detailed conditions to be attached to the decision letter are agreed; or

In the event that further procedure is required to allow it to determine the (b)

review, consider:-

(i) what further information is required, which parties are to be asked to

provide the information and the date by which this is to be provided;

and/or;

(ii) what procedure or combination of procedures are to be followed in

determining the review.

Report Author: Sharon McIntyre

Director – Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships

Sharon McIntyre, Committee Services Officer

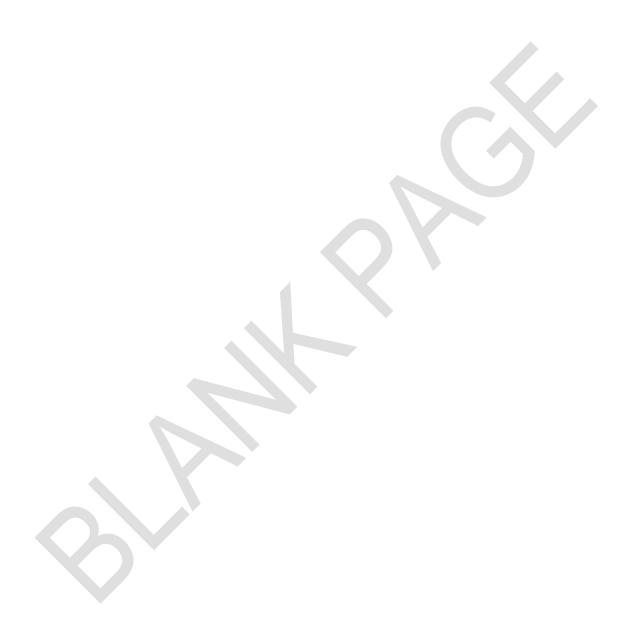
e-mail: sharon.mcintyre@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Tel: 0141 577 3011

Date:- July 2022

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT





2 Spiersbridge Way Thornliebank G46 8NG Tel: 0141 577 3001 Email: planning@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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

100460363-001

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	
Type of Application	
What is this application for? Please select one of the following: *	
Application for planning permission (including changes of use and surface mineral working). Application for planning permission in principle. Further application, (including renewal of planning permission, modification, variation or removal Application for Approval of Matters specified in conditions.	l of a planning condition etc)
Description of Proposal	
Please describe the proposal including any change of use: * (Max 500 characters)	
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and garage	
Is this a temporary permission? *	☐ Yes ☒ No
If a change of use is to be included in the proposal has it already taken place? (Answer 'No' if there is no change of use.) *	☐ Yes ☒ No
Has the work already been started and/or completed? *	
☑ No ☐ Yes – Started ☐ Yes - Completed	
Applicant or 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 ☒Agent

Agent Details				
Please enter Agent details	s			
Company/Organisation:	DTA Chartered Architects Limited			
Ref. Number:		You must enter a Bu	ilding Name or Number, or both: *	
First Name: *	DTA Chartered	Building Name:		
Last Name: *	Architects	Building Number:	9	
Telephone Number: *	01355260909	Address 1 (Street): *	Montgomery Street	
Extension Number:		Address 2:	The Village	
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	East Kilbride	
Fax Number:		Country: *	Scotland	
		Postcode: *	G74 4JS	
Email Address: *	katie.macmillan@dtaarchitects.co.uk			
Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? * Individual Organisation/Corporate entity				
Applicant Det	ails			
Please enter Applicant de	etails			
Title:	Other	You must enter a Bu	ilding Name or Number, or both: *	
Other Title:	Mr & Mrs	Building Name:		
First Name: *	J	Building Number:	9	
Last Name: *	Currie	Address 1 (Street): *	Montgomery Street	
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	The Village	
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	East Kilbride	
Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland	
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	G74 4JS	
Fax Number:				
Email Address: *				

Site Address I	Details			
Planning Authority:	Planning Authority: East Renfrewshire Council			
Full postal address of the	site (including postcode v	vhere availabl	e):	_
Address 1:	1 EARN ROAD			
Address 2:	NEWTON MEARNS			
Address 3:				
Address 4:				
Address 5:				
Town/City/Settlement:	GLASGOW			
Post Code:	G77 6LT			
Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites				
Northing 6	557104		Easting	253826
Pre-Application	n Discussion	 1		
Have you discussed your proposal with the planning authority? * ☐ Yes ☒ No				
Site Area				
Please state the site area: 1141.00				
Please state the measurer	nent type used:	Hectares	(ha) Square Metres (sq.	m)
Existing Use				
Please describe the currer	nt or most recent use: * (Max 500 char	racters)	
Dwelling				
Access and Parking				
Are you proposing a new a If Yes please describe and you propose to make. You	d show on your drawings	the position of		Yes No No access points, highlighting the changes inpact on these.

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If Yes please show on your drawings the position of any affected areas highlighting the changes you pro arrangements for continuing or alternative public access.	opose to make, including
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) currently exist on the application Site?	3
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) do you propose on the site (i.e. the Total of existing and any new spaces or a reduced number of spaces)? *	3
Please show on your drawings the position of existing and proposed parking spaces and identify if these types of vehicles (e.g. parking for disabled people, coaches, HGV vehicles, cycles spaces).	e are for the use of particular
Water Supply and Drainage Arrangements	
Will your proposal require new or altered water supply or drainage arrangements? *	⊠ Yes □ No
Are you proposing to connect to the public drainage network (eg. to an existing sewer)? *	
Yes – connecting to public drainage network	
No – proposing to make private drainage arrangements Not Applicable – only arrangements for water supply required	
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Do your proposals make provision for sustainable drainage of surface water?? * (e.g. SUDS arrangements) *	⊠ Yes □ No
Note:-	
Please include details of SUDS arrangements on your plans	
Selecting 'No' to the above question means that you could be in breach of Environmental legislation.	
Are you proposing to connect to the public water supply network? *	
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No connection required If No, using a private water supply, please show on plans the supply and all works needed to provide it	(on or off site)
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Assessment of Flood Risk	
Is the site within an area of known risk of flooding? *	Yes No Don't Know
If the site is within an area of known risk of flooding you may need to submit a Flood Risk Assessment to determined. You may wish to contact your Planning Authority or SEPA for advice on what information n	
Do you think your proposal may increase the flood risk elsewhere? *	Yes No Don't Know
Trees	
Are there any trees on or adjacent to the application site? *	✓ Yes □ No
If Yes, please mark on your drawings any trees, known protected trees and their canopy spread close to any are to be cut back or felled.	o the proposal site and indicate if
Waste Storage and Collection	
Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste (including recycling)? *	⊠ Yes □ No

If Yes or No, please provide further details: * (Max 500 characters)					
Existing collection arrangements will remain.					
Residential Units Including Conversion					
Does your proposal include new or additional houses and/or flats? *					
How many units do you propose in total? * 1					
Please provide full details of the number and types of units on the plans. Additional information may be provided in a supporting statement.					
All Types of Non Housing Development – Proposed New Floorspace					
Does your proposal alter or create non-residential floorspace? *					
Schedule 3 Development					
Does the proposal involve a form of development listed in Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013 *					
If yes, your proposal will additionally have to be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the area of the development. Your planning authority will do this on your behalf but will charge you a fee. Please check the planning authority's website for advice on the additional fee and add this to your planning fee.					
If you are unsure whether your proposal involves a form of development listed in Schedule 3, please check the Help Text and Guidance notes before contacting your planning authority.					
Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest					
Is the applicant, or the applicant's spouse/partner, either a member of staff within the planning service or an elected member of the planning authority? *					
Certificates and Notices					
CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2013					
One Certificate must be completed and submitted along with the application form. This is most usually Certificate A, Form 1, Certificate B, Certificate C or Certificate E.					
Are you/the applicant the sole owner of ALL the land? *					
Is any of the land part of an agricultural holding? *					
Certificate Required					
The following Land Ownership Certificate is required to complete this section of the proposal:					
Certificate A					

Land Ownership Certificate

Certificate and Notice under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013						
Certificate A						
I hereby certify that	I hereby certify that –					
(1) - No person other than myself/the applicant was an owner (Any person who, in respect of any part of the land, is the owner or is the lessee under a lease thereof of which not less than 7 years remain unexpired.) of any part of the land to which the application relates at the beginning of the period of 21 days ending with the date of the accompanying application.						
(2) - None of the land to which the application relates constitutes or forms part of an agricultural holding						
Signed:	DTA Chartered Architects					
On behalf of:	Mr & Mrs J Currie					
Date:	14/09/2021					
	Please tick here to certify this Certificate. *					
Checklist – Application for Planning Permission						
Town and Country	Planning (Scotland) Act 1997					
The Town and Cou	ntry Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013					
Please take a few moments to complete the following checklist in order to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information in support of your application. Failure to submit sufficient information with your application may result in your application being deemed invalid. The planning authority will not start processing your application until it is valid.						
a) If this is a further application where there is a variation of conditions attached to a previous consent, have you provided a statement to that effect? * Yes No No Not applicable to this application						
b) If this is an application for planning permission or planning permission in principal where there is a crown interest in the land, have you provided a statement to that effect? * Yes No Not applicable to this application						
c) If this is an application for planning permission, planning permission in principle or a further application and the application is for development belonging to the categories of national or major development (other than one under Section 42 of the planning Act), have you provided a Pre-Application Consultation Report? * Yes No X Not applicable to this application						
Town and Country	Planning (Scotland) Act 1997					
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013						
d) If this is an application for planning permission and the application relates to development belonging to the categories of national or major developments and you do not benefit from exemption under Regulation 13 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, have you provided a Design and Access Statement? * Yes No Not applicable to this application						
e) If this is an application for planning permission and relates to development belonging to the category of local developments (subject to regulation 13. (2) and (3) of the Development Management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013) have you provided a Design Statement? * Yes No Not applicable to this application						
f) If your application relates to installation of an antenna to be employed in an electronic communication network, have you provided an ICNIRP Declaration? * Yes No X Not applicable to this application						

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APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION SUPPORTING STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER 2021

CLIENT:
MR & MRS CURRIE
PROJECT:
PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF PROPOSED TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE
1 EARN ROAD, NEWTON MEARNS G77 6LT
JOB No:
C115.01
REV:

INTRODUCTION

This document is in support of an application for full planning permission to demolish the existing one and a half storey dwelling currently situated at 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns, and the erection of a new two storey detached dwelling-house in its place.

The existing dwelling holds no architectural merit and is a standard example of a property of its age. Several dwellings along Earn Road, as well as Laggan Road, have been significantly upgraded and extended over recent years.

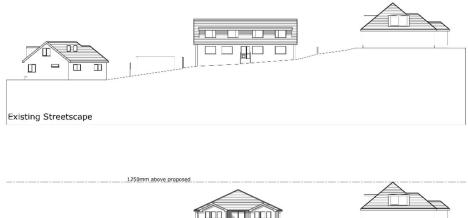
EXISTING SITE

The application site sits lower than the other neighbouring properties within the cul-de-sac of Earn Road. The site sits along with another 3 at the end of the small road, which sits off Laggan Road. The topography raises as the site turns away from 1 Earn Road towards 4 Earn Road opposite to the application site. The site itself is approx. 24m wide by 55m deep, though the rear of the site does taper to a point at the very back as seen below.



There is a gradual slope from the front of the site to the rear, leading to a total drop of around 2m. The current dwelling has a much higher FFL than the external ground, with the left side sitting around 1500mm higher. The existing landscaping includes trees which provide privacy for the site and will remain untouched. With the location of the site sitting lower than the other dwellings within the cul-de-sac, as well as the inclusion of a two-storey house sitting opposite at 4 Earn Road, we feel that the site merits a two-storey dwelling. This is demonstrated in the existing and proposed

streetscape [drawing L(2-) 03], which was taken from a full topographical survey undertaken by a professional survey team on behalf of our client.





PROPOSALS

The proposal is for a two-storey dwelling with detached garage, of traditional design and proportion, under a low pitch grey tile roof. The proposed dwelling is of smooth white render finish, to tie into the white render neighbouring properties, with black facia/soffit and rainwater goods to reflect that of the neighbouring two-storey property at 4 Earn Road. Another inclusion would be to have a sandstone-like brick basecourse to further reflect 4 Earn Road. White framed windows are proposed to match also.





Proposed Rear Elevation

Proposed Side Elevation

The ridge level of the proposed dwelling sits approx. 1250mm **lower** than the ridge level of the neighbouring property at 2 Earn Road.

The positioning and proportions of the proposed dwelling on the site aligns itself with existing properties along Earn Road, in particular its immediate neighbours, to maintain a consistent street frontage as well as the building line along the rear as demonstrated on drawing L(2-) 03. The building is shorter in width, from the streetscape, than the existing dwelling.

The dwelling has been designed to ensure there are no overlooking issues onto neighbouring properties, with the side elevations to the lower sited dwelling either being opaque windows or of no significance to overlooking issues. The client has taken the proposals to their neighbours to engage in communications, and the proposal has been revised with these comments in mind.

There are also no issues with overshadowing due to the orientation of the site. With the route of the sun the lower dwelling to the south will not be affected at all, and the higher dwelling will receive no overshadowing either.

The site has several mature trees to the front of the property as existing which will be retained to maintain the character of the street.



EXISTING TWO STOREY DWELLING AT EARN ROAD

There is an existing property which sits opposite from the application site which is two-storey, and along with the application site, forms the framework for the houses at Earn Road. The site at No. 4 does sit higher than the application site and is nearly in line with the ridge height of the other two properties at the top. The proposal would be sitting at a ridge height lower than all the other properties within the cul-de-sac.



Given the above example of two storey dwellings setting a strong precedent for this type of development on this street, combined with the specific design considerations involved in our application for No. 1 Earn Road, we feel that there are no reasons why the proposal should not be considered for approval.



TREE SURVEY REPORT TREE CONSTRAINTS PLANS



subjects at



1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns



for



DTA Architects



September 2021

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Julian A Morris B Sc, Dip Surv, Cert Pub Sect Man, Tech Cert Arb, PTI



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APPENDIX 6. PHOTOGRAPHS





Julian A Morris Professional Tree Services 149 Langlea Avenue, Cambuslang, G72 8AN

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Instruction

I have been instructed by DTA Architects on behalf of the prospective planning applicant for a site at 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns to conduct an arboricultural survey and to report on several trees on (and where present, around) the site.

The principal purpose is to assess their condition and relative suitability for retention in the context of development, based mainly on quality and estimated remaining amenity contribution. I am also to indicate the constraints above and below ground that they would present (if retained) to any design and development.

This information can be used by landowners and designers to select trees for retention and/or the juxtaposition of trees and proposed development.

It does not consider the impact on any of the trees of any specific development proposal.

1.2 Reproduction, assignation and reliance

This report has been prepared for the sole use of the client – no other party is entitled to rely or act upon it or to reproduce all or any part of it without the express prior written consent of the author. The author cannot be held liable for any third party claim arising.

Notwithstanding, this report may be made available without the author's express consent to any future owner and developer of the site and to East Renfrewshire Councill and to any statutory consultees insofar as the report may be required for Planning matters.

1.3 Qualifications

The industry standard of best practice for such situations is BS 5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction* – *Recommendations* – and it requires tree surveys and assessments to be carried out by an Arboriculturist, defined as "a person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction".

The tree survey work has been carried out by Gavin Scott, a professionally qualified and experienced arboriculturist holding a Foundation Degree and the LANTRA Professional Tree Inspectors Certificate, trained in the use of the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment

system, the Visual Tree Assessment methodology and the Specialist Survey Method for Ancient and Veteran Trees. He has specific experience of surveying trees in accordance with BS5837:2012.

The reporting has been carried out by Julian Morris, a professionally qualified and experienced arboriculturist holding a Bachelor of Science Degree, the Arboricultural Association Technicians Certificate, the LANTRA Professional Tree Inspectors Certificate, Certificate of Public Sector Administration and the RICS Diploma in Surveying and being an Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters and a member of the Arboricultural Association and bound by their Codes of Professional Conduct.

2. GENERALITIES

In this report, terms used that have Initial Capitals are proper nouns, have a recognised formal meaning or are defined in the Glossary appended to the report.

2.1 Purpose and scope

A report is required in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations – recording the results of a tree survey, providing retention desirability categorisation, above-ground height and spread and giving preliminary advice on appropriate Root Protection Areas ("RPAs") for all the trees or groups of trees. It also reports on any trees that are an imminent and serious hazard to life or property.

The tree survey data, plotted on a site plan to show the tree locations and constraints, may be used as a design tool to inform decisions (in terms of constraints above and below ground, quality and longevity) as to which trees are to be retained and which are to be removed, avoided or pruned to accommodate a specific form of development.

In accordance with BS5837 the trees have been assessed independently of any specific design layout.

The site is identified on the drawings provided to me, and where required these drawings have been adapted by me to show only the trees and groups of trees recorded during the tree survey.

It is noted that the site extent is open-plan to other land to the north west which is currently held under the same Land Certificate. Therefore many of the trees appearing to be on the site are either on its boundary or on the land to the north west.

I have not been provided with a topographic survey plan showing the position of any trees.

Where tree positions have been plotted during the tree survey, this has been done using a combination of GPS positions and positions relative to physical features shown on the base map. A degree of imprecision and inaccuracy is inevitable, and the position of trees may have to be plotted more accurately if they are found to be in close proximity to proposed development.

To accord with BS5837, only trees with a stem diameter of 75 mm or more (or in the case of woodlands or substantial tree groups, only individual trees with stem diameters greater than 150 mm) are to be recorded, including any offsite trees that overhang the

site or are located beyond the site boundaries within a distance of up to 12 times their estimated stem diameter.

Where it is deemed appropriate, individual trees within homogeneous groups will not be identified; instead the group will be delineated, measured and described collectively.

This report is **not** a **tree hazard and risk assessment**, and any reporting on risk is restricted to instances (if any) where trees were observed that might present an imminent and serious hazard to life or property (where the risk is assessed as 'Unacceptable'). Where other trees present a lesser (but still less than 'Acceptable') risk to people or property for the existing permitted use of the site, this will be reflected in the categorisation of the tree after any recommended works have been carried out. A separate, systematic, risk assessment may be required during or after finalization of development design.

2.2 Generalities – limitations and statutory restrictions

The survey was carried out in accordance with the Methodology set out in the Appendix to this report. This report is based on a visual inspection from ground level only.

The trees have been assessed only on the basis of endemic weather patterns for the location.

No intrusive or destructive tests were carried out, the survey did not include exhaustive foliar examination (except for purposes of identifying the species) and the inspection was primarily visual and was conducted from the ground and no climbing was done.

The trees have been assessed during a single visit in a single season, in the weather conditions noted in the 'Findings' section of the report, with the limitations that this brings, such as the opportunity to assess the reaction of the tree to a variety of wind strengths and directions, the presence of seasonal fungal Fruiting Bodies, visibility of branch structures or fruit/foliage vitality.

Dense basal epicormics and/or ivy on trees, and occasionally dense undergrowth can obstruct the full inspection of trees. Only enough to reach a preliminary or final conclusion about any such affected trees will have been removed.

I have only checked with the relevant Local Authority as to the existence of Conservation Area designation or Tree Preservation Orders to the extent that I have been instructed to do so. Such designations could have the statutory effect of prohibiting certain tree works or be indicative of the Local Authority's existing view of the importance of the trees to the amenity of the area.

2.3 Generalities - Soil and other ground conditions

No sampling, examination or analysis of the soil was done. Unless otherwise stated, only general assumptions have been made in the course of the survey and reporting about likely ground conditions, related in part to observations of current tree vitality. BS5837 suggests that a soil assessment should be undertaken by a competent person to inform any decisions relating to the root protection area (RPA), tree protection, new planting design and foundation design to take account of retained, removed and new trees.

Ground conditions, particularly shrinkable clays, relative to new planting design and foundation design to take account of retained, removed and new trees are beyond the scope of this report.

2.4 Generalities - Tree categorisation protocols

In assessing the merit of the trees and their retention desirability, any specific design layout must be disregarded.

The purpose of the tree categorization method, as stated in BS5837, is to identify the quality and value (in a non-fiscal sense) of the existing tree stock, allowing informed decisions to be made concerning which trees should be removed or retained in the event of development occurring.

For a tree (or group of trees) to qualify under any given category, it should fall within the scope of that category, as defined in the British Standard. Trees are categorised (A, B, C or U) by estimated remaining amenity contribution combined with quality.

If a distinction is required for trees in categories A to C, one or more of the three subcategories (1, 2, 3) are added to reflect arboricultural qualities (1), landscape qualities (2) or cultural (including conservation) values (3).

On this last subcategory, it should be noted that 'conservation' is not defined in the Standard and could refer to conservation of historic environment or of nature, or of both. In this report, historic environment and other cultural conservation aspects will be covered only where Conservation Areas or Tree Preservation Orders known to have been made on historical or cultural grounds. Therefore subcategory 3 will be reserved for nature conservation values, specifically ancient or veteran trees.

3. INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

3.1 Practicalities

The tree survey was undertaken on 16th September in the morning. The conditions were dry, mild, bright and still.

Access was taken to adjacent land where (and to the extent that) this appeared to be unrestricted and where access was desirable to improve on the quality of the tree assessments.

Every tree (over 75mm diameter) on-site recorded individually has been affixed with a uniquely numbered tag (see picture below).

Where trees were found to form cohesive arboricultural features either aerodynamically, visually or culturally (including for biodiversity), they have been recorded as Groups.

Groups on-site have been identified by tagging a prominent tree within the group (tags notched at the bottom hole, see picture below, or underscored).



Individual tree (left) and Group (right) tags if applicable

No older tags were found on the trees.

Trees or groups of treeson adjacent land that are close enough to the site to qualify for recording were also tagged.

3.2 Site description (general)

The site is a triangular residential plot bounded on the south and east by other residential properties and on the north west by a contiguous area of undeveloped land, beyind which is other established residential development. On the site is situated an existing house which appeared to be in poor condition. A building to the north of it appears to have been demolished recently and may have been a garage. It had a concrete floor slab and was retaining land to its north.

The site is generally level but rises to the north west slightly, where an embankment appears to mark the boundary. Several trees are situated on this embankment. Recent

solid disruption may be associated with clearance of garden plants but the exact degree of disturbance could not be ascertained. It has been assumed that tree roots have not been compromised in the process, failing which tehr may be stability and vitality implications for some of the trees.

No bodies of water or water courses on or near the site present a flooding risk materially affecting the trees.

3.3 Trees and categorisations

A total of about 25 trees on and around the site were recorded individually. Many more trees have been recorded in Groups, with dominant species, typical stem diameter, crown spread radius, height and clear height.

The investigative findings for the survey stage (species, description, measurements, characteristics, categorisation etc.) are summarised in **the first Appendix** to this report.

Appendix 6 provides photographs of the trees that are not visible from publicly accessible locations.

The retention desirability categorisation of the trees follows the guidance in BS5837. Greatest consideration could be given to retaining Category A and B trees (i.e. generally those with an estimated Remaining Contribution of 20 or more years). A fuller explanation is given in **Appendix 5** to this report.

Typically designers make the assumption that the amenity contribution of Category C trees (typically, those having and Estimated Remaining Contribution of 10 to 20 years) and Category U trees are likely to be exceeded by the design life of any proposed development, and these may be suitable for retention only in low risk or low visibility locations, as contributions to high/moderate quality tree groups or in positions where a replacement tree would be desirable in due course.

Special notes on tree categorisations and species identification for this site

BS5837 states that young trees with a diameter less than 150mm be automatically categorised 'C' regardless of their lifestage, species or Estimated Remaining Contribution. Although 'C' suggests poor condition or short estimated remaining contribution, in the context of young trees the interests of amenity may be just as well served by replacement in a more appropriate position rather than by retention.

150mm diameter is an arbitrary threshold, and trees just above this threshold might still be categorised as C to reflect limited amount of amenity. Where good trees beyond the 'young' stage are below the 150mm threshold but are of an inherently smaller species, they may have been upgraded to Cat B, particularly if well placed.

Wych Elm (Ulmus glabra) and other species of elm have been all but wiped out in most parts of the UK by Dutch Elm Disease, which usually causes rapid death of trees after the age of around 15 years. Young trees and/or regenerating stumps are not uncommon but usually succumb before early maturity. Accordingly, unless Elms recorded during the survey are of sufficient maturity to indicate resistance to or localised absence of Dutch Elm Disease, Elms have been categorised C or U (dependent on size and whether uninfected or infected) based on Estimated remaining Contribution. In contrast, the rarity of mature Elms suggests that good specimens should be categorised 'A'.

Designers and tree owners should be aware that Elms categorised A or B could become infected as a result of construction activity around them, or at any time in the future by factors outwith the site owner's control.

It may be prudent for designers to aim to retain Elms only in less prominent and less trafficked situations where risk and appearance are not critical to amenity.

Common Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) and other species of ash are vulnerable to 'Ash Dieback (Chalara)', a recent but now widespread fungal infection which has the effect of causing anything from minor temporary (but cyclical) dieback to outright death of trees. Trees or parts of trees may rapidly become brittle and may therefore be an unacceptable risk. In the context of development and tree amenity, individual trees may be disfigured or lost completely in a matter of months or a couple of years. So far, it is beyond the scope of BS5837 to predict the effect of the disease on the Estimated Remaining Contribution or risk for individual trees.

Where ash trees have been recorded and are showing symptoms of infection, they have been categorised based on impairment of quality rather than Estimated Remaining Contribution, but for trees without tolerance or resistance this may amount to the same thing.

It may be prudent for designers to aim to retain ash only in less prominent and less trafficked situations where risk and appearance are not critical and where natural recovery may take place safely and without important effects on amenity.

3.4 Veteran or ancient trees

The survey did not identify the presence of individual veteran or ancient trees on the site.

4. TREE CONSTRAINTS

The tree constraints plan(s) referred to in the following sections are available in CAD format for use in detailed design.

4.1 Above ground constraints

The spread of the crowns of the recorded trees have generally been estimated at 4 cardinal points. Only the average spread has been given where crowns were found to be approximately circular in horizontal extent.

BS5837 also recognises that "it is not always practical or necessary to record branch spread for every tree in a group", and following this rationale, only the collective canopy spread has been given for trees recorded within groups. Trees on the edge of groups frequently have asymmetric spreads.

The extent of the crowns is plotted on the Tree Constraints plan appended to this report, colour-coded to give an immediate overview of their relative retention desirability.

For groups, the extent of the Group including the crown spreads of edge trees, is shown on the plan.

Within groups the spread of individual trees may overlap, such that the removal of individual trees from the group, may not allow construction in the volume that had been occupied by those trees. Importantly, removal of trees from Groups will result in loss to the remaining trees of companion shelter and may reduce the wind-firmness of remaining trees within the Group or the whole Group and/or may result in storm breakages of limbs or forks.

Using the plan as a guide, it may be appropriate to define areas within which development may be constrained by the presence of tree crowns or canopy. That said, the crown spreads do not necessarily represent the height at which crowns might constrain development.

To aid with this I have provided an average or representative crown or canopy height.

Development below this height may be possible, or selective branch removal may be possible whilst retaining the rest of the tree.

4.2 Below ground constraints (present)

The root protection area ("RPA") indicates the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.

The extents of idealised root protection areas for each tree are plotted on the Tree Constraints Plan appended to this report.

N.B. 'Root Protection Area' is a concept defined in BS5837 for optimal 2 dimensional representation of suitable and sufficient rooting volume; dependent on factors such as tree species, life-stage and condition there may be alternative 2 dimensional shapes and/or areas that would contain suitable and sufficient rooting volume that would maintain the tree's viability.

For groups, unless otherwise indicated for most practical purposes the extent of the below-ground constraints of a Group is approximately the same as the canopy spread of the Group, shown on the plan as a collective Root Protection Area.

Within dense groups the Root Protection Areas of individual trees may overlap, such that the removal of individual trees from the group, may not allow construction in the space created without further precautions to assess and protect root and rooting volumes of remaining trees.

Where there was no need to modify the Root Protection Areas of individual trees, the default circular RPAs suggested by BS5837 have been plotted.

If and where pre-existing site conditions or other factors indicate that a normal depth of rooting exists but is distributed asymmetrically influenced by past or existing site conditions (e.g. the presence of impermeable surfaces, underground vertical structures, permanent waterlogging or known underground apparatus), a polygon of equivalent area has been produced, based on an arboricultural assessment of likely root distribution.

It was particularly noted and assumed that the garage floor slab and buildings on adjacent land have been a constraint to radial rooting.

The RPA represents a volume of soil, and where rooting is deeper than normal the overall superficial area of the RPA may be reduced to reflect downward rooting in adequately drained soil. This is to be expected, for example, where roots develop downwards at retaining walls.

In due course this or circular RPAs may need to be modified further due to -

- a) unseen underground apparatus, structures etc.;
- b) topography and drainage;

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- c) the soil type and structure;
- d) the likely tolerance of the tree to root disturbance or damage, based on factors such as species, age, condition and past management

4.3 Below ground (future - advisory)

The following are some other aspects that are beyond the reporting requirements of BS5837 at this stage but may be relevant design constraints.

a. BS5837 offers advice about the minimum distance that should be left between trees and various structures, services and surfaces to avoid future direct damage to those. This would require, among other things, an estimate of eventual stem diameter at maturity. As a precaution, it is recommended that no buildings, services or hard surfaces are proposed within 3 metres radius of the centre of any retained or proposed tree without further arboricultural advice as to growth potential, longevity and mitigation design measures that could be put in place to avoid or reduce such damage potential.

Notwithstanding, where existing underground structures have effectively prevented the radial spread of existing roots, proposed underground structures in the same or similar but no closer) position are likely to be acceptable if they are of equivalent effectiveness in preventing root development at all soil depths.

- b. BS 8002:2015 *Code of Practice for Earth Retaining Structures* makes recommendations about the proximity of trees to retaining structures relative to species and mature height of trees.
- c. The NHBC has published guidance (Chapter 4.2) on meeting the technical requirements when building near trees, shrubs and hedgerows, particularly on shrinkable soils. This guidance may be relevant even if a development will not involve the NHBC or housing.

4.4 Tree shade and shadow

BS5837 provides a method of predicting the effect of tree shade and shadow on development sites, but this is not mandatory. Trees close to development can reduce the amount of sunlight and skylight to open spaces and windows, in some cases causing light levels to fall below the recommended levels. However, I consider that the recommendations in BS5837 for portraying the shade from individual trees is not a reliable or useful design tool. I have therefore not reported this aspect of the constraints that trees would present to development design.

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Trees are seasonal in effect and species can be a significant factor. It can be said generally, though, that shading is worst on the north side of trees and/or where many crowns coalesce to form a dense barrier to light.

Daylighting assessments of individual retained trees or groups of trees can be carried out on request, using the detailed methods published by the Building Research Establishment. This may require further survey effort, since the shading and shadowing zone of influence of trees can be much greater than the distances covered by assessments of physical constraints (4.1 and 4.2 above).

4.5 Statutory constraints

I have checked with the relevant Local Plan as to the existence of Tree Preservation Orders affecting the site, and have found that none exist.

I have checked with the relevant Local Plan as to the existence of a Conservation Area designation affecting any part of the site, and have found that none exist.

A 'felling permission' is usually required from Scottish Forestry for larger volumes of timber. A number of exemptions exist, including for trees with a diameter not exceeding 10 centimetres, trees in orchards, gardens, churchyards or public open spaces, felling where the aggregate cubic contents 5 m³ in any quarter (except in small native woodlands of Caledonian Pinewoods), the prevention of immediate danger to persons or to property, trees badly affected by Dutch Elm Disease and dead trees.

4.6 Woodland removal constraints

Woodland removal can trigger Government policies protecting against the loss of woodlands generally. Protection can be more stringent where remnants of ancient woodland character are present. There is no legal definition of 'woodland'. Areas over 0.1 Hectare with 20% or more canopy cover could in certain circumstances be deemed as woodland.

However, there are no areas comprising woodland on the site.

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5. RISK REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

As required by BS5837, this report must address only serious risk.

No trees were found that present an imminent and serious hazard to life or property.

The following risk assessments do not form part of the British Standard but are provided to help explain how less imminent and less serious risks can be considered by designers.

Several trees were noted as having obvious defects that could create a level of risk that could make them unsuitable for retention (without some form of tree work intervention) beneath or in close proximity to buildings and human occupation in the context of the proposed development and use of the site. This is indicated in the Risk column of the **first Appendix** as 'Potential'.

The level of risk depends on proximity to 'targets' (buildings, structures, roads, footpaths etc.). It is recommended that a more thorough assessment of the tree risk is done relative to specific design proposals before any final decision is made about the retention or removal of trees of 'potential' risk in the context of development.

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6. SUMMARY OF SURVEY FINDINGS AND CONSTRAINTS

All the trees and groups of trees on and around the site have been identified, measured and recorded and then categorised for relative retention desirability, all in accordance with BS5837.

Many of the trees present were on contiguous land to the north west but not forming part of the site proper.

The position of the trees and groups of trees, and the extents of their crowns and combined canopies (colour coded for relative retention desirability) are represented on the Tree Constraints Plan.

The trees and groups of trees have had their Root Protection Areas calculated with reference to species, growing environment and other factors and a representative proportion of these have been plotted, modified from simple circles where known or expected ground conditions require it. These are represented on the Tree Constraints Plan.

A CAD version of the plan is being made available for viewing in greater detail and for use by designers if required.

The survey did not note the presence of any ancient or veteran trees on the site.

The advisory method in the British Standard for indicating the shading from the trees has been omitted, as it does not provide a useable quantification of daylighting.

The report also refers to other Standards and advisory factors by which trees might present constraints to development.

According to the current Local Plan the site is known not to be within a Conservation Area or Tree Preservation Order.

Separate consent would normally be required for the felling of larger volumes of timber, unless exempted, and in particular by the grant of detailed planning permission.

No trees were found that might present an imminent and serious hazard to life or property.

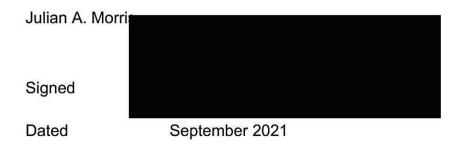
One or more trees were noted as having obvious defects that could make them a less than 'Acceptable' risk in the context of the proposed development and use of the site. If This report has been prepared for the sole use of the client — no other party is entitled to rely or act upon it or to reproduce all or any part of it without the express prior written consent of the author.

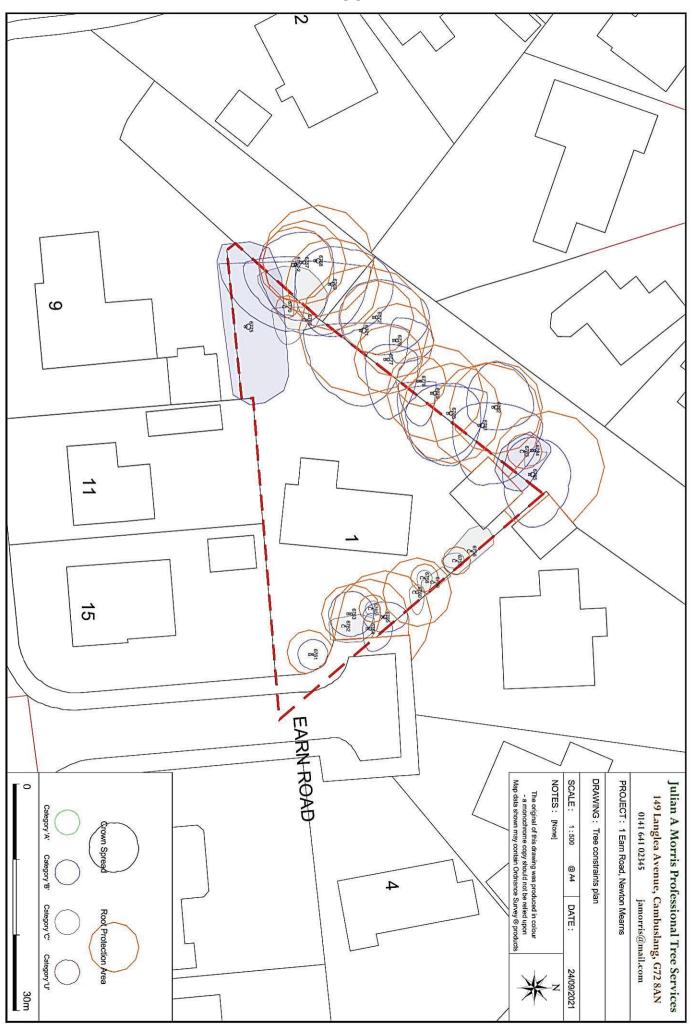
these are not to be removed, they should be risk-assessed against any specific design layout before selecting them for retention.

The tree survey has done independently of any development proposal.

BS 5837 recommends that "The constraints imposed by trees, both above and below ground (see Note to 5.2.1) should inform the site layout design, although it is recognized that the competing needs of development mean that trees are only one factor requiring consideration." The tree data can be used to inform site layout, including during construction. Having regard to the Estimated remaining Contribution and quality of each tree or group (represented by the retention desirability category) and the design life of the development proposal, factors such as shading of buildings and open spaces, privacy and screening, amenity value of trees, future pressure for removal, seasonal nuisance, servitudes and wayleaves and statutory undertaker powers and requirements, regulatory protection, soil shrinkability (subsidence or heave), known or potential tree risk and conservation benefits need to be weighed up alongside other design considerations to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees and site usage.

This report provides only a baseline for detailed design or tree retention proposals, for which further advice on selection for retention and arboricultural impact assessment and/or arboricultural method statements may be recommended as development proposals evolve.





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APPENDIX 2 - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adaptive growth: An increase in wood production in localised areas in response to a decrease in wood strength or external loading to maintain an even distribution of forces across the structure.

Adventitious/epicormic growth: New growth arising from dormant or adventitious buds directly from main branches/stems or trunks.

Binomial: Unless otherwise stated the Linnaean binomial name of the species is stated for the avoidance of any ambiguity arising from varying usage of common names.

Bracing: The installation of cables, ropes, rods and/or belts to reduce the probability of failure of parts of the tree structure due to weakened elements under excessive movement.

Callus: Undifferentiated tissue initiated as a result of wounding and which become specialised tissues ('Woundwood') of the repair over time.

Cavity: A void within the solid structure of the tree, normally associated with decay or deterioration of the woody tissues.

Co-dominant stems: Two or more, generally upright, stems of roughly equal size and vigour competing with each other for dominance.

Compression fork: an inherently weak fork in which continued radial growth of two competing substems results in pressure which tends to push the fork apart.

Conservation Area: A designation made under the Planning Acts in the interest of preserving or enhancing the special architectural or historic character or appearance of an area.

Crown: The foliage bearing section of the tree formed by its branches and not including any clear stem/trunk.

Crown Lifting: The removal of the lowest branches and/or preparing of lower branches for future removal.

Crown Reduction: The reduction in height and/or spread of the crown of a tree.

Crown Spreads: The extent of the live crown, measured from the centre of the base of the canopy, in each of the four cardinal points (in the order north, east, south, west)

Crown Thinning: The removal of a portion of smaller/tertiary branches, usually at the outer crown, to produce a uniform density of foliage around an evenly spaced branch structure. Condition:

Good Generally free from defects and in good health

Reasonably healthy but defects are present that may adversely affect Fair

Estimated Remaining Contribution but that may be addressed in the short

term by minor intervention

Poor In decline and/or defective requiring major intervention

No signs of life or so little that death is inevitable Dead

Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ): area based on the Root Protection Area (and low crowns) from which access is prohibited for the duration of a project

Decurrent: Widely spreading on several limbs

DBH/Diameter: Stem diameter, more fully known as Diameter at Breast Height (1.5m).

Dieback: No signs of life on branch tips due to age or external influences.

Epicormic Growth: See Adventitious Growth

Excurrent: Having a main stem and radiating limbs of limited length

Estimated Remaining Contribution: The number of years that the tree in substantially its current form (or better) is expected to continue to make an arboricultural or landscape contribution.

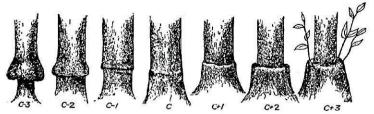
40+ years corresponding with BS 5837 40+ years corresponding with BS 5837 20+ years 20 to 40 years 10 to 20 years corresponding with BS 5837 10+ years

0 to 10 years corresponding with BS 5837 less than 10 years

Fruiting bodies: The fruiting body is the spore bearing, reproductive structure of that fungus. Graft: The growing together, naturally or deliberately, of two plant parts (including from different

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species or varieties) with joined vascular cambia. Varying degrees of compatibility (see below)



Hazard beam: Upwardly curving part of a tree prone to longitudinal splitting **Inclusion fork**: A compression fork further weakened by the inclusion of bark from both competing substems at their interface.

Life Stage:

Newly planted Not fully established and capable of being transplanted or easily

replaced

Young Establishing, usually with good vigour

Early mature Established, usually vigorous and increasing in height

Mature Fully established around half their species' life expectancy, generally

good vigour and achieving full height potential but crown still spreading

Late mature Moderate vigour, no additional height expected and growth rate slowing

Over-mature Fully mature, in last quarter of life expectancy, vigour decreasing

Veteran See Veteran definition

Ancient Beyond maturity, old in comparison with other trees of the same species;

showing Veteran (see below) values and characteristics because of age

rather than past events

Occlusion: growth of callus and wound wood, sealing wounds.

Planning Acts: Primary Planning legislation in Scotland relevant to trees and their protection, principally the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

Pollard: The removal of the top of a young tree at a prescribed height to encourage multi-stem branching from that point, repeated on a cyclical basis always retaining the initial pollard point. **Quality/Value Category**: As defined and used by BS5837 -

- A Trees of high quality and value
- B Trees of moderate quality and value
- C Trees of low quality and value

Subcategories of these record the main value of the tree

- 1 Mainly Arboricultural values
- 2 Mainly landscape values
- 3 Mainly cultural values, including conservation

Retrenchment pruning: A form of reduction intended to encourage development of lower shoots and emulate the natural process of tree aging.

Risk Category: In accordance with the Health & Safety Executive's general parameters. Lower than 1:1,000,000 'Acceptable'

Between 1:1,000,000 and 1:1,000 'Tolerable'

Higher than 1:1,000 'Unacceptable'

So low that it cannot be quantified, 'Negligible'.

Root Protection Area (RPA) layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.

Tree Preservation Order: An Order made under the Planning Acts in the interests of the amenity of an area.

Veteran: A survivor that has developed some of the habitat features such as wounds or decay found on an ancient tree, not necessarily as a consequence of time, but of past events or its environment. It may look old relative to other trees of the same species.

Vigour: The health and resilience of a tree reflected in shoot extension, leaf size and density. **Woundwood**: lignified and differentiated tissue produced as a response to wounding.

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APPENDIX 3 - SURVEY METHODOLOGY & LIMITATIONS

This methodology complements the methodology requirements of BS5837, which are not restated here.

Each tree is inspected initially from a distance to ensure closer inspection is safe.

The position of trees or the outline of groups is captured on site using a Geographic Information System ('GPS') and the trees' attributes are recorded as a map layer. These are brought into the report as an Excel spreadsheet for processing and use. The data includes a 16 digit Ordnance Survey grid reference, which may be used to plot trees or group polylines on a georeferenced plan. The strength and position of satellite signals used by GPS is variable in quantity, strength and quality, and reflections from buildings, fences or vehicles can result in aberrations. Generally 1.5 metre GPS accuracy is achieved, suitable only for indicative relative position of trees. If these are within 12 x their stem diameter of any linear features, their distance and orientation relative to those features is measured and recorded.

The height is estimated by the use of a clinometer and trigonometry. Distances are measured using calibrated paces or a laser measuring device, adjusted where necessary for the terrain.

Diameters of stem are measured using a diameter tape which measures circumference ('girth') and gives the equivalent average diameter. Where trees are multistemmed from below 1.5m, either the diameter at a lower representative point, or the equivalent stem diameter of the combined cross sectional area of all the stems is given. For offsite trees, stem diameters are estimated using a laser measurement device and tacheometry; distances are estimated.

The tree species is identified from knowledge supported by Johnson and Moore (see Fuller Citation at Appendix 4) using bark, buds, twigs, fruit, flowers, form and habit.

Binoculars are used where appropriate to examine visible features and structures above a few metres in height. A hand lens is used to examine small features and to help narrow down the list of possible species of any pathogen growths on the tree.

Whilst it is not possible without laboratory examination and testing to confirm definitive identifications of pests, diseases and fungal infections, all reasonable attempts are made to eliminate possibilities and in most cases a species or genus or a common name can be state with a reasonable degree of confidence that the implications arising from the identification will be appropriate to the other outcomes of the report such as risk assessment, recommendations and Estimated Remaining Contribution.

Soundings will be taken either with a rubber mallet or a nylon-tipped hammer to try and ascertain the existence and likely extent of cavities or other invisible decay. Cavities will be inspected visually with a torch only insofar as this is reasonably possible from the ground, removing only enough of loose material as is necessary to reach conclusions about the extent and nature of decay or defects.

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Except to the extent stated in the report, the assessment is based on a visual inspection from ground level only, from publicly accessible and privately available vantage points.

Soil present around the base of trees is not removed and root collars are not examined except where, and to the extent, they are already exposed. No sampling, examination or analysis of the soil was done. No intrusive or destructive tests is carried out. The survey does not include exhaustive foliar examination (except for purposes of identifying the species).

Trees are generally assessed during a single visit, with the limitations that this brings, such as the opportunity to assess (i) the reaction of trees to a variety of wind strengths and directions, (ii) the presence of seasonal fungal Fruiting Bodies, (iii) foliage density (iv) structural elements concealed by foliage. Only a broad indication of the intensity of usage of the site and the immediately surrounding land and pedestrian/vehicle routes is gained from a single visit.

Obstacles liked dense basal epicormics and/or ivy on trees, and occasionally dense undergrowth can obstruct the full inspection of trees, including their rooting area. Only enough to reach a preliminary or final conclusion about any such affected trees will be removed.

APPENDIX 4 - Fuller citation of texts, if referred to

Strouts and Winter (1994) Diagnosis of ill-health in trees

Mattheck and Breloer (1994) – The body language of trees

Roberts, Jackson and Smith (2006) – Tree Roots in the Built Environment

British Standards Institute (2011) - BS3998: Recommendations for tree work

British Standards Institute (2012) – BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

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British Standards Institute (2008) – BS8206-2: Lighting for buildings. Code of practice for daylighting

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Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations/ Bat Conservation Trust (2015) – *Method Statement for the Appropriate Use of Endoscopes by Arborists*

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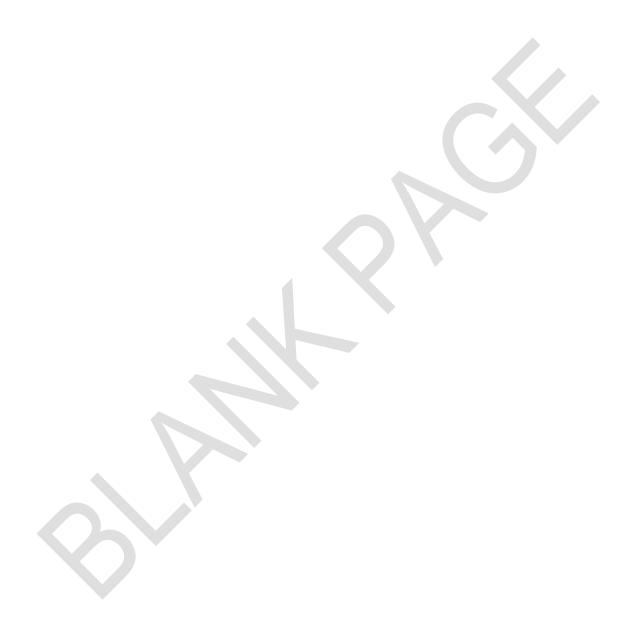
Arboricultural Association (2020) Guidance Note 12 The use of cellular confinement systems near trees: A guide to good practice

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TENDIX

Category and definition	Criteria (including subcategories where appropriate)	ppropriate)		Identification on plan
Trees unsuitable for retention (see Note)	(see Note)			
Category U Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically	 Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that the including those that will become unviable after removal of other categ reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning) 	Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning)	is expected due to collapse, (e.g. where, for whatever	See Table 2
be retained as living trees in	 Trees that are dead or are showing s 	Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline	overall decline	
the context of the current land use for longer than	 Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the hear quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality 	Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby, or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality	trees nearby, or very low	
io years	NOTE Category U trees can have existing see 4.5.7.	NOTE Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve; see 4.5.7.	ht be desirable to preserve;	
	1 Mainly arboricultural qualities	2 Mainly landscape qualities	3 Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
Trees to be considered for retention	ntion		•	
Category A Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture)	See Table 2
E	principal trees within an avenue)			ו - -
Category B Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value	See Table 2
Category C Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value	See Table 2



Bat Roosting Potential Survey

1 Earn Road

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Executive Summary

Acorna Ecology Ltd. was commissioned in August 2021 to complete a daylight external bat roost potential inspection of the building and adjacent trees at a proposed development site at 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns as part of baseline data prior to redevelopment of the site.

The building inspection identified very few potential roost features (PRF) that bats could use to access the building (negligible roost potential), and four trees in the plot had sparse ivy coverage (low roost potential). There was no direct evidence of any past or present use by roosting bats and bats may never have used the site for roosting at all. Based on the level of roost potential identified and following national guidelines no further survey effort for roosting bats was required. Roosting bats are therefore not an ecological constraint at this site.

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1. Introduction

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2. Relevant Policy and Guidance

This ecological assessment has been undertaken with regard to the legislative requirements given in the following:

- The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 (The Habitats Regulations);
- The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations as amended (2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2012);
- Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act, 2004;
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (and subsequent amendment through The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007, 2009, & 2011);
- Wildlife & Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (2011);
- Wild Mammals (Protection) Act, 1996;
- The Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (The Berne Convention), 1979;
- The Land Reform (Scotland) Act, 2003;
- Scottish Planning Policy (June 2014) replaces NPPG14 and SPP (February 2010);
- The UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), revised priority list 2007;
- The Renfrewshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP);
- The UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP), revised priority list 2007; and the
- Scottish Biodiversity List 2007

2.1. Biodiversity Status

The UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) is the UK Government's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity signed in 1992. It is comprised of two types of Action Plans developed to set priorities for nationally and locally important habitats and wildlife:

Species Action Plans

- Produced for UK BAP Priority Species: information on the threats facing 382 species and action plan targets to achieve a positive conservation status;
- Grouped Species Action Plans common policies, actions and targets for similar species, for example for Eyebrights, or Commercial Marine Fish. There are nine grouped action plans;
- Species Statements overview of the status of species and broad policies developed to conserve them for two groups of species.

Soprano Pipistrelles are a UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority species but Common Pipistrelle bats have now been removed from the list (2007). Daubenton's bat is a species of UK conservation concern.

Habitat Action Plans

- Broad Habitat Statements summary descriptions of 28 natural, semi-natural and urban habitats and the current issues affecting the habitat and broad policies to address them; and
- UK BAP Priority Habitat Action Plans detailed descriptions for 45 habitats falling within the Broad Habitat classification and detailed actions and targets for conserving these habitats.

Local Biodiversity Action Plans

Each Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) partnership, usually but not always at the local authority level identifies and establishes actions to conserve local priorities and also link this action to the delivery of national Species and Habitat Action Plan targets wherever possible. Grouped action plans at this level include bats, and Waders, for example.

2.2. European Protected Species: The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 (The Habitats Regulations)

Full consideration of European Protected Species (EPS) must be given as part of the planning application process, not as an issue to be dealt with at a later stage. The European Protected Species of potential relevance to this assessment were bats.

European Protected Species are protected in Annex IVa in the EC Habitats and Species Directive, which is transposed into UK legislation by the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 (Schedule II of The Habitats Regulations). The full details of this legislation can be viewed at:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1994/Uksi_19942716_en_4.htm

This legislation was amended on the 14th February 2007 (The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007.), and explanatory guidance on this was published by the Scottish Government in April 2007. The amendment removed all EPS from Schedule 5 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. There are therefore now no defences in the WCA 1981 whatsoever for any actions impacting on EPS, and protection is afforded by the following legislation only:

Under Regulation 39 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 (The Habitats Regulations) it is now a criminal offence (subject to specific exceptions) to:

- (a) deliberately or recklessly to capture, injure or kill a wild animal of a European protected species; (only defences are mercy killing, capture for tending a disabled animal or circumstances where the animal is captive bred and lawfully held);
- (b) deliberately or recklessly-
 - (i) to harass a wild animal or group of wild animals of a European protected species;
 - (ii) to disturb such an animal while it is occupying a structure or place which it uses for shelter or protection;
 - (iii) to disturb such an animal while it is rearing or otherwise caring for its young;
 - (iv) to obstruct access to a breeding site or resting place of such an animal, or otherwise to deny the animal use of the breeding site or resting place;
 - (v) to disturb such an animal in a manner that is, or in circumstances which are, likely to significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species to which it belongs; or

- (vi) to disturb such an animal in a manner that is, or in circumstances which are, likely to impair its ability to survive, breed or reproduce, or rear or otherwise care for its young;
- (c) deliberately or recklessly to take or destroy the eggs of such an animal; or
- (d) to damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of such an animal.

It should be noted that only the offence of damaging or destroying a breeding site or resting place of an EPS is a strict liability offence. The remaining offences are offences only where they are carried out "deliberately" or "recklessly".

In Scotland licenses may be granted by NatureScot to permit certain activities that would otherwise be illegal due to their potential impact on EPS or their places of shelter/breeding, whether or not they are present in these refuges. This includes for developmental work. Under Regulation 44 of The Habitats Regulations, the provisions in Regulation 39 (protection of animals) do not apply to anything done for any of the purposes defined in Regulation 44 provided that any action is carried out "under and in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the appropriate authority".

Three tests must be satisfied before a development licence for disturbance of an EPS or damage to a site/destruction of a site used by EPS will be granted. Note: A license application will fail unless all three tests are satisfied.

- Test 1 the licence application must demonstrably relate to one of the purposes specified in Regulation 44(2). This regulation states that licences may be granted by NatureScot where the activities to be carried out under any proposed licence are for the purpose of "preserving public health or public safety or other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment";
- Test 2 Regulation 44(3)(a) states that a licence may not be granted unless NatureScot is satisfied "that there is no satisfactory alternative"; and
- Test 3 Regulation 44(3) (b) states that a licence cannot be granted unless NatureScot is satisfied "that the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range".

Note: Breach of Licensing Conditions

A new regulation 46A came into force on 15th May 2007. This now makes it an offence to breach any conditions attached to a licence. Licence conditions should therefore be adhered to at all times.

2.3. Additional Legal Protection

- Additional protection is afforded through the Bern Convention (1979), enacted in Scotland through the Nature Conservation Act (Scotland) 2004;
- Appendix III, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, 1980), Appendix 2; and
- The Bonn Convention's Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (London, 1991).

It is also a legal obligation in Scotland to consult with NatureScot before you do anything that might affect bats or their roosts such as:

• Removal of hollow, old, or decaying trees;

- Blocking, filling, or installing grilles over old mines or caves; and
- Building, alteration, maintenance, or re-roofing.

In all cases where bats are found to occupy trees or buildings and there is a developmental issue, NatureScot must be informed before any development takes place. A licence to permit development may then be obtained from NatureScot if appropriate.

3. Bats in Scotland

3.1. UK Bat Populations and Roost Significance

Ten species of bat are known from Scotland (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1. Population estimates for the 10 species of UK bats found in Scotland (from Wray et al. 2010)

Status in the UK	Scotland
Common (>100,000 bats)	Common Pipistrelle
	Soprano Pipistrelle
Rare (10,000 - 100,000 bats)	Natterer's Bat
	Brown Long-eared Bat
	Daubenton's Bat
Rarest (<10,000 bats)	Noctule Bat
	Leisler's Bat
	Nathusius' Pipistrelle
	Whiskered Bat
	Brandt's Bat

Of these, five species are relatively widespread in Central Scotland:

- Common Pipistrelle Bat (Pipistrellus pipistrellus) 45 kHz;
- Soprano Pipistrelle Bat (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*) 55 kHz;
- Daubenton's Bat (Myotis daubentonii);
- Brown Long-eared Bat (Plecotus auritus); and
- Natterer's Bat (Myotis nattereri)

Another four also occur in Central Scotland but tend to have restricted distributions, or less is known about their distribution:

- Nathusius's Pipistrelle Bat (*Pipistrellus nathusii*) 38 kHz -(Edinburgh, Stirlingshire, Fife, Perth & Kinross, Renfrewshire, Midlothian, and possible but unconfirmed in Ayrshire);
- Noctule Bat (*Nyctalus noctula*) (more of a southern Scottish distribution but recorded in Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, Glasgow, Stirlingshire, West Lothian and East Dunbartonshire);
- Whiskered Bat (*Myotis mystacinus*) within the Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, Stirlingshire, and Midlothian areas; and
- Leislers Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) (more of a southern Scottish distribution but known from East Renfrewshire, and North Ayrshire, and possible but unconfirmed in South Lanarkshire).

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The 10th Scottish species Brandt's Bat (*Myotis brandtii*) is considered to be rare, with only a few records and roosts known, and its known distribution is currently limited to southern Scotland and western Perthshire.

3.2. Bat Roost Types

Nine main types of roost have been identified (Collins 2016). These are:

- Day roosts (March November but more-so in the summer): used for resting during the day, and
 may be occupied daily by solitary or small numbers of males, or may be used infrequently as part
 of a chain of roost sites alternated daily but are rarely occupied at night. Whole colonies of some
 species such the Leisler's bat will change roost during the day including taking young with them;
- Night roosts (March November): a place where bats rest or shelter during the night but are rarely
 present during the day. Can be used by solitary bats or entire colonies, and are often indicated by
 large accumulations of insect remains and some droppings;
- Feeding roosts (May November): a place where individual bats or small groups may rest or feed during the night between bouts of foraging, in times when weather changes, or just for a temporary rest. May be used by solitary bats to whole colonies but are rarely used during the day;
- Transitional/occasional roosts (spring or autumn generally but may be used April-October): Some roosts may be transitional, when small numbers are present for a limited period, usually during the spring and autumn.
- Swarming sites (August November) tend to be around caves and mines and may be used for hibernation as well as being important for mating, with large numbers of male and female bats gathering from late summer to autumn.
- Mating roosts (September October): where mating takes place from late summer and may continue through the winter;
- Maternity roosts (May August): the most obvious roost type. These consist almost exclusively of
 females, most of which give birth and raise a single young but sometimes may include males in
 some species of bats. These colonies usually disperse by the autumn, although some species may
 remain in one roost all year round;
- Hibernation roosts (October March); roost sizes may vary from individual to groups but must have a high humidity and constant cool temperature above freezing but generally less than 4°C; and
- Satellite roosts (May August): alternative roosts near to maternity roosts used by a few breeding females or small groups of females throughout the breeding season;

Note: swarming sites (August - November) tend to be around caves and mines and may be used for hibernation as well as gathering for mating.

In Scotland, most species of bats roost by concealing themselves in crevices and are not easy to find. The presence of droppings is a key sign to their presence but numbers of droppings vary widely and even some large roosts have little evidence of droppings to indicate their presence. Hibernating bats however leave little or no trace of their presence. Other possible signs are a characteristic odour like ammonia. In addition, a clean or polished area at a place through which light can enter may suggest an entrance/exit hole.

The importance of each roost type was categorised by Wray (2010):

Table 3.2. Determination of level of importance of bat roost type (from Wray et al. 2010)

Geographic Frame of Reference for	Roost Type
Roost Importance	
Local	Feeding perches
	Individual bats of common species
	Small numbers of common species (non-maternity)
	Mating sites of common species
County	Feeding perches of rare/rarest species
	Small numbers of rare/rarest species (non-maternity)
	Hibernation sites for small numbers of common/rarer species
	Maternity sites of common species
Regional	Large swarming sites
	Mating sites for rarer/rarest species
	Maternity sites of rarer species
	Significant hibernation sites for rarer/rarest species or all species
	assemblages
National	Sites meeting SSSI guidelines
	Maternity sites of rarest species
International	SAC sites

Roosts may occur in a wide variety of places, particularly temporary roosts during dispersal and migration but can be categorised into three main groups:

- Those in quarries, caves, mineshafts, tunnels, and bridges;
- Those in buildings; and
- Those in trees

This study only focused on potential roosting in buildings and trees:

3.3. Bats and Buildings: Potential Roost Features (PRF)

Buildings may provide safe dry places for bats to roost, although some bats prefer to roost in trees even when suitable buildings are present. Some bats remain roost faithful for prolonged periods, while others may have several alternate roost sites in a steading or housing estate, and others may range much further using roosts several kilometres apart as weather conditions, food availability, and seasons change. Outbuildings and barns are often used as night roosts and shelters.

Potential locations for either access for roosting or for actual roosts in houses and outbuildings include:

Walls:

- Behind cladding, external tiles or weatherboarding;
- Gaps in mortar/stonework allowing access inside the cavity wall spaces;
- At the top of solid walls;
- In window frames or windowsills;

- Behind loose render;
- Behind loose wall slates; and
- Potentially in any existing bat boxes already present on the building

Note Bat droppings may be found on the ground, garden furniture or other external objects such as bins and cars, or on windows and stuck to walls may also serve to focus attention on specific areas of a building to look for a roost.

Eaves:

- Between soffit and bargeboard; and
- Behind bargeboards or fascias

Roofs and lofts:

- Space under ridge tiles;
- Between under-felt or boards and tiles or slates;
- Inside roof space at ridge ends or roof junctions;
- Inside roof space in gaps between timber and brickwork of chimneys;
- The junction of roof timbers, especially where ridge and hip beams meet;
- The top of gable end or dividing walls;
- Lower corners of the eaves;
- Between loft insulation and ceiling; and
- Space between joist and ceiling.
- The top of chimney breasts;
- Ridge and hip beams and other roof beams;
- Mortise and tenon joints;
- All beams (free-hanging bats);
- Behind purlins; and
- Under lead/tin flashing

Within rooms in residential buildings

- The floor and surfaces of any furniture or other objects;
- Behind wooden panelling;

- In lintels above doors and windows;
- Behind window shutters and curtains;
- Behind pictures, posters, furniture, peeling paintwork,
- Peeling wallpaper, lifted plaster and boarded-up windows; and
- Inside cupboards and in chimneys accessible from fireplaces.

In agricultural buildings

- Gaps in mortar/stonework allowing access inside the rubble-filled cavity of the walls from inside the building;
- Wall top;
- Between exposed roofing tiles at the ridge where no sarking is present;
- Crevices between timbers or between timbers and walls/roof; and
- In lintels above doors and windows

Note: The above lists are not exhaustive – the surveyor should use professional judgement based on experience to decide where inspection is necessary.

3.4. Bats and Trees: Features of Potential Value for Use by Roosting Bats

Trees may provide safe dry places for bats to roost, although some bats prefer to roost in buildings when suitable buildings are present. Some bats remain roost faithful for prolonged periods, while others may have several alternate roost sites, and others may range much further using roosts several kilometres apart as weather conditions, food availability, and seasons change. Potential roost sites in trees may include:

- Crevices in bark:
- Gaps under loose bark on dead branches or trunks;
- Rotted knot holes;
- Hollow trunks;
- Cracks, splits etc. in stems and branches;
- Rotted-out branches;
- Growth deformities, compression forks, cankers;
- Gaps between overlapping branches;
- Dense ivy coverage;
- Woodpecker and Squirrel holes;
- Bird nesting boxes/bat boxes already present; and

• Crow, Magpie, and Buzzard nests.

Note: The above list is not exhaustive – the surveyor should use professional judgement based on experience to decide where inspection is necessary.

4. Survey Methods

All methodology followed Bat Conservation Trust Bat Surveys: Good Practice Guidelines (Collins 2016). Note on the Bat Survey Guidelines from Bat Conservation Trust (January 2016):

"Professional judgement and surveyor experience: The guidelines are not a prescription for professional bat work. They do not aim to override professional judgement and cannot be used to replace experience. Deviations from the methods described are acceptable providing the ecological rationale is clear and the ecologist is suitably qualified and experienced. In some cases it may be necessary to support such decisions with evidence, particularly if they may lead to legal challenge."

The survey and report was completed by bat worker Dr Paul Baker (MCIEEM) of Acorna Ecology, a bat surveyor with more than 17 years' experience.

4.1. Preliminary External Assessment of Building for Use by Bats

The building was assessed externally during daylight to look for PRF such as access points that could potentially be used by bats to enter crevices that could be used as roosting sites such as under loose or missing panels or cracks and crevices, loose flashing etc. Each potential access point was examined with binoculars for signs indicative of use by bats such as droppings, urine streaking, polished, or worn surfaces, or staining marks at the potential entry point. The ground along the walls was also checked for dropping accumulations, and brickwork and windows were also checked for the presence of occasional droppings. The building was scored according to Table 4.1. below to grade by suitability for use by roosting bats.

Table 4.1. Tree/Building suitability assessed according to the Categories listed in the BCT Guidelines (Collins 2016)

Suitability	Description of Roosting Habitats
Negligible	Negligible habitat features on site likely to be used by roosting bats.
Low	A structure with one or more potential roost sites that could be used by individual bats opportunistically. However, these potential roost sites do not provide enough space, shelter, protection, appropriate conditions ^a and / or suitable surrounding habitat to be used on a regular basis or by larger numbers of bats (i.e. unlikely to be suitable for maternity or hibernation ^b). A tree of sufficient size and age to contain PRFs but with none seen from the ground or features seen with only very limited roosting potential ^c
Moderate	A structure or tree with one or more potential roost sites that could be used by bats due to their size, shelter, protection, conditions and surrounding habitat but unlikely to support a roost of high conservation status (with respect to roost type only – the assessments in this table are made irrespective of species conservation status, which is established after presence is confirmed).
High	A structure or tree with one or more potential roost sites that are obviously suitable for use by larger numbers of bats on a more regular basis and potentially for longer periods of time due to their size, shelter, protection, conditions ^a and surrounding habitat.

a For example, in terms of temperature, humidity, height above ground level, light levels or levels of disturbance.

b Evidence from the Netherlands shows mass swarming events of common pipistrelle bats in the autumn followed by mass hibernation in a diverse range of building types in urban environments (Korsten et al., 2015, in Collins 2016). This phenomenon requires some research in the UK but ecologists should be aware of the potential for larger numbers of this species to be present during the autumn and winter in large buildings in highly urbanised environments. c This system of categorisation aligns with BS 8596:2015 Surveying for bats in trees and woodland (BSI, 2015).

4.2. Preliminary Ground Level Assessment of Trees for Bat Roost Potential

The aim of this survey was to determine if any tree had potential value for use by roosting bats or evidence of any actual bat presence by a detailed inspection of the exterior of the tree from ground level. The survey looked for features that bats could use for roosting (PRFs) and categorised the trees according to their individual potential value for use by roosting bats (Table 4.1. above). Mature trees within the site and immediately adjacent to the boundary of the site were checked for PRFs such as crevices, holes, splits, tears, and ivy that could be used by bats to enter roosting sites such as those listed above, along with field signs of bat occupancy such as urine streaking, grease marks, smooth or worn surfaces, or droppings caught on bark or on webs. Where appropriate, inspections were made using binoculars.

Trees with no bat roost potential were not recorded individually.

4.3. Limitations of Survey

The surveys provided an indication of whether or not the property has potential for use by bats. There were therefore no significant constraints on the survey as completed.

5. Results

5.1. Preliminary External Assessment of Building for Use by Bats

The building was of relatively modern construction (within 50 years), with concrete tile roof (aside form dormer type section roofed with felt), roughcast walls with a conservatory to rear. Facings/soffit were uPVC. PRF were scarce and included some gaps between felt and facings, and large hole due to two broken roof tiles to the rear.

Bat roost potential was considered negligible due to hole size, and wet condition of other gaps and but no evidence of actual use by bats was found.

5.2. Preliminary Ground Level Assessment of Trees for Bat Roost Potential

There were four trees (Figure 1.) with sparse ivy coverage in the rear garden (Figure 1 trees T1, T2 (tagged 6768), T3, and T4 tagged (6780). Roost potential was considered low.

6. Conclusions

The inspections identified potential roost features (PRF) were present but at levels for both building and trees that following national guidelines no further survey effort for roosting bats was required. Roosting bats are therefore not an ecological constraint at this site.

7. References/relevant reading

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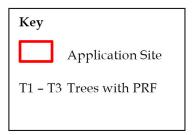
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Figure 1. Application Site and trees with PRF





Appendix 1. Plates

Plate 1. Frontage of Building



Plate 2. Rear of building



Plate 3. Trees T1 & 2 rear left of image (not clear) but gives idea of sizes of trees, Tree T3 to right rear



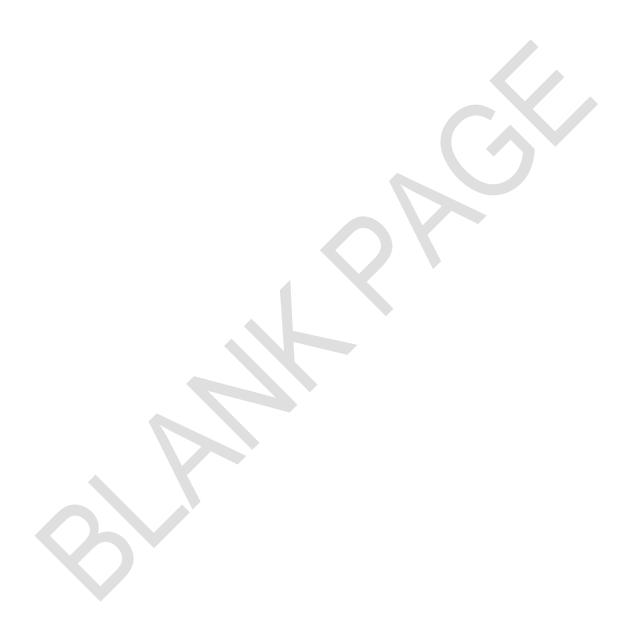
Plate 4. Tree T4 (tagged 6780) – sparse long ivy on stem





APPENDIX 2

COPIES OF OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS



Comments for Planning Application 2021/0753/TP

Application Summary

Application Number: 2021/0753/TP

Address: 1 Earn Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 6LT

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and garage

Case Officer: Mr Derek Scott

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Nada Al Assi

Address: 24 Lomond Drive, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire G77 6LR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Rec'd NeighbourNotification from Council

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the building of a new house on 1 Earn Road Newton Mearns G77 6LT behind our property, address 24 Lomond Drive Newton Mearns G77 6LR.

I am firstly concerned that the trees behind my house and between the two houses would be taken down. Part of the reason we bought our house was the natural view the trees provided and the privacy they afforded.

I am also concerned with the new property being elevated to a point where it would invade the privacy of our home. This is particularly a concern with regards to the planned position of the garage.

I don't believe the builders are within their rights to take down any of the trees behind our house or to invade the privacy of our home.

I am concerned about the noise that building a new property may cause but do of course appreciate that this is innevitable.

We are not objecting to a property being built but do have serious concerns regarding any changes to the natural view of our garden that may result and invading the privacy of our home. I did not know that the new property is going to be at a more elevated position and that the garage will be at very close proximity to our home.

I would be grateful if my concerns are addressed as a matter of urgency. The concerns I have

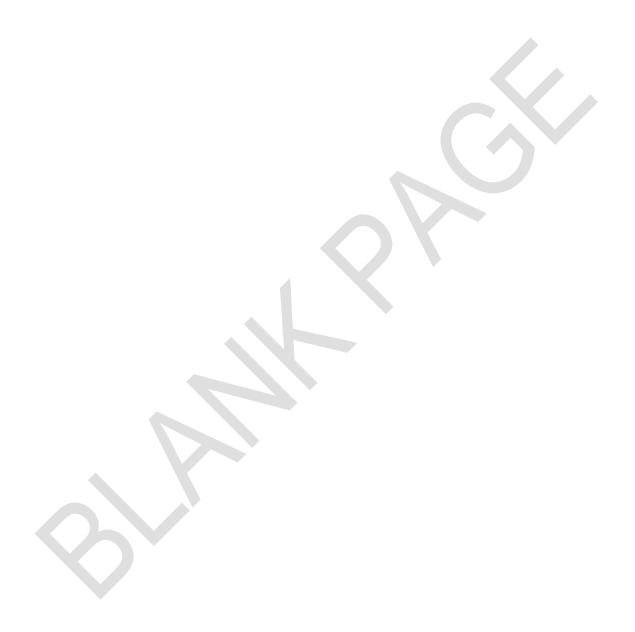
raised are very serious in nature. We should be guaranteed that the view of our home (i.e. trees left as is) and it's privacy will not be affected before any planning permission is granted.

Kindest regards,

Nada

APPENDIX 3

REPORT OF HANDLING



REPORT OF HANDLING

Reference: 2021/0753/TP Date Registered: 14th October 2021

Application Type: Full Planning Permission This application is a Local Development

Ward: 2 -Newton Mearns North And Neilston

Co-ordinates: 253826/:657104

Applicant/Agent: Applicant: Agent:

Mr & Mrs J Currie DTA Chartered Architects
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Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and

garage

Location: 1 Earn Road

Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire

G77 6LT

CONSULTATIONS/COMMENTS: None.

PUBLICITY:

22.10.2021 Evening Times Expiry date 05.11.2021

SITE NOTICES: None.

SITE HISTORY: None relevant.

REPRESENTATIONS: One objection has been received and can be summarised as follows:

Loss of trees Overlooking

Noise during construction phase

DEVELOPMENT PLAN & GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE: See Appendix 1

SUPPORTING REPORTS:

Planning Support Statement – Provides a description of the site and the development; and states that an existing two storey dwelling opposite sets a precedent for the proposed development.

Bat Roosting Potential Survey Report – Provides a report of a bat roosting potential survey relating to the existing dwelling and the trees within the garden to be removed. Concludes that bat roosts are not a constraint to the development of the site.

Tree Survey Report – Provides a survey of the trees within and adjacent to the site.

ASSESSMENT:

The application site comprises a detached one and a half storey dwelling and its curtilage and lies within an established residential area and within a tree preservation order area. Further dwellings lie to either side and an established belt of mature trees lies to the rear. The part of this tree belt that lies adjacent to the rear garden is also in the applicant's control, although out with the site and residential curtilage. The site lies at the end of a small cul-de-sac and the area is characterised by detached single or one and half storey dwellings of a similar scale to the applicant's house. The only notable exception is a two storey dwelling that has been erected opposite the site at the other side of the cul-de-sac. The front garden area has been cleared of most of its vegetation and the site is prominent and highly visible from the entrance to the cul-de-sac at Laggan Road. Earn Road rises on a gradient from the junction with Laggan Road and as such, the site sits at a higher level than the adjacent dwellings to the south on Laggan Road.

The existing dwelling is of a one and half storey "chalet-bungalow" type design with a distinctive horizontal emphasis and roof massing informed by its low, linear wall head, linear front box dormer and steep roof pitch. Those are features common with the dwellings adjacent to the south. There are two prominent traditional hip roofed bungalows adjacent at the end of the culde-sac that are also characterised by their horizontal emphasis and low wall heads relative to their greater roof massing.

Planning permission is sought for the erection of a two storey detached dwelling and double garage on the site following the demolition of the existing dwelling. The proposed dwelling measures 14 metres wide by 16 metres deep by 9 metres high. It comprises a relatively shallow pitch hipped roof. It has a double height front projecting bay which, along with the window and door alignments, gives the front elevation a distinctive vertical emphasis. The proposed dwelling would sit 2 metres from the boundary with the dwellings to the south where the rear gardens would be oriented towards the side elevation. The external materials are not specified. The proposed garage has a dual pitch roof with ancillary accommodation in the attic space.

The application requires to be assessed with regard to Policies D1, D1.2, D2, D6 and D7 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).

Policy D1 requires that all development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area.

Policy D1.2 relates to the erection of replacement dwellings and states that Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area:
- 2. Should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a residential property and compatible with the locality;
- 3. There should be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality for the proposed and donor properties;
- 4. Provide safe vehicular access and parking for the proposed and donor properties;
- 5. Not adversely impact upon the setting of the donor property; and 6. Respect existing building lines.

Policy D2 supports development within the general urban area where it is appropriate in terms of its location and scale and will not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area. Proposals must also comply with appropriate policies of the LDP2.

Policy D6 provides minimum open standards for residential development at Schedule 4. Policy D7 states that the Council will protect the integrity of the tree preservation order.

As noted above, Earn Road and indeed, the wider area, is characterised by a variety of detached one and a half storey dwellings and bungalows. The introduction of a two storey dwelling at this location would not be in keeping with that established character. It is noted that the proposed dwelling has been designed such that its ridge height exceeds the height of the existing dwelling by 2 metres and incorporates a shallow pitch hipped roof set on a full two storey wall head. Again, this in contrast to the general form of the adjacent dwellings which are characterised by their horizontal emphasis, steeply sloping roof planes and low eaves. The two storey wall head with the higher eaves, in conjunction with the increased depth of the side elevation from approximately 8 metres to 16 metres gives the proposed dwelling a massing that is considerably greater and in stark contrast to that of the adjacent dwellings. The proposed dwelling is therefore considered to be out of character with the surrounding area by virtue of its general form and design and by its increased massing and elevated position relative to the dwellings to the south on Laggan Road. It would result in a visually dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape to the detriment of the visual amenity of the area. Whilst there is a two storey dwelling opposite, this is for the most part screened by established trees and as such, is not a dominating or imposing feature on the streetscape. Neither can it be said that two storey dwellings are characteristic of the area.

Given the increased massing of the proposed dwelling, its elevated position and it proximity to the dwellings to the south, the proposal would have a dominating and intrusive impact on the dwellings immediately to the south (11 and 15 Laggan Road) and on their garden areas, to the detriment of visual amenity.

Given its design and orientation relative to the neighbouring houses, the proposal would not be considered to give rise to significant additional overlooking, overshadowing or loss of daylight. The agent submitted amended plans during the processing of the application removing windows to habitable rooms on the south elevation. The proposed garage on its own would not give rise to significant amenity issues or policy conflicts.

However, the application must be considered as a whole and given the impact on character and amenity described above, the proposal is contrary to Policies D1, D1.2 and D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2.

During the processing of the application, the agent was advised of the above concerns and given the opportunity to address them. In submitting amended plans, only minor changes, that did not adequately address the concerns raised, were made.

The proposal retains sufficient garden ground and raises no conflict with Policy D6. The trees that have already been felled within the curtilage were garden planted specimens and would not have been covered by the tree preservation order. Their removal under the current conditions would not adversely impact the character of the area. However, as noted above, their loss exacerbates the impact of the proposed dwelling. The agent has stated that none of the trees to the rear of the site within the tree belt are to be removed. In any event, their removal could not be sanctioned by approving this application as they lie out with the site and are not directly impacted as a result of the proposal. Any works to those trees would need to be authorised following the approval of an application for treeworks consent. The proposal raises no conflict with Policy D7.

The points of objection relating to overlooking and tree loss has been considered above. If the application were to be approved, a condition restricting the hours of work on site during the construction phase could be attached to any planning permission granted to safeguard residential amenity.

The terms of the supporting statements are noted; however, they do not outweigh the above considerations. The presence of the existing two storey dwelling has been taken into account in the above considerations and contrary to the terms of the Planning Supporting Statement. Precedent is not a material planning consideration.

In conclusion, the proposal is contrary to Policies D1, D1.2 and D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2. There are no material considerations that indicate the application should not be refused. It is therefore recommended that the application is refused.

RECOMMENDATION: Refuse

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS: None.

REASONS FOR REFUSAL:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policies D1 and D1.2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as i) the proposed two storey dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area; and ii) the proposed dwelling would result in a significant dominating impact on the adjacent properties, resulting in a significant loss of amenity.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policy D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as the proposed dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: None.

ADDED VALUE: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Further information on background papers can be obtained from Mr Derek Scott on 0141 577 3861.

Ref. No.: 2021/0753/TP

(DESC)

DATE: 25th April 2022

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

Reference: 2021/0753/TP - Appendix 1

DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Strategic Development Plan

This proposal raises no strategic issues in terms of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and therefore the East Renfrewshire Local Plan is the relevant policy document

Adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2

Policy D1

Placemaking and Design

Proposals for development within the urban and rural areas should be well designed, sympathetic to the local area and demonstrate that the following criteria have been considered, and, where appropriate, met. Proposals will be assessed against the 6 qualities of a successful place as outlined in SPP, Designing Streets and the Placemaking and Design Supplementary Guidance.

- 1. The development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area;
- 2. The proposal should be appropriate to its location, be high quality and of a size, scale, height, massing and density and layout that is in keeping with the buildings in the locality or appropriate to the existing building and should respect local architecture, building form and design;
- 3. Respect existing building lines and heights of the locality;
- 4. Create a well-defined structure of streets, public spaces and buildings;
- 5. Ensure the use of high quality sustainable and durable materials, colours and finishes that complement existing development and buildings in the locality;
- 6. Respond to and complement site topography and not impact adversely upon the green belt and landscape character and setting, green networks, features of historic interest, landmarks, vistas,skylines and key gateways. Existing buildings and natural features of suitable quality, should be retained and sensitively integrated into proposals including greenspace, trees and hedgerows;
- 7. Boundary treatment and landscaping should create a distinctive edge and gateway to the development and reflect local character;
- 8. Promote permeable and legible places through a clear sustainable movement hierarchy favouring walking, then cycling, public transport, then the private car as forms of movement;
- 9. Demonstrate connectivity through the site and to surrounding spaces via a network of safe, direct, attractive and coherent walking and cycling routes. These must be suitable for all age groups, and levels of agility and mobility to allow for ease of movement from place to place;
- 10. Demonstrate that safe and functional pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access, and parking facilities and infrastructure, including for disabled and visitor parking, is provided in accordance with the Council's Roads Development Guide. Where appropriate, proposals will be required to provide secure and accessible shelters, lockers, showers and seating and be designed to meet the needs of all users. Cycle parking and facilities should be located in close proximity to the entrances of all buildings to provide convenience and choice for users;
- 11. Incorporate integrated and enhance existing green infrastructure assets, such as landscaping, trees and greenspace, water management and SUDs including access and prioritise links to the wider green network as an integral part of the design process from the outset, in accordance with Policies D4 D6. New green infrastructure must be designed to protect and enhance the habitat and biodiversity of the area and

- demonstrate a net gain;
- 12. Unless justified, there will be a eneral presumption against landraising. Where there is a justifiable reason for landraising, proposals must have regard to the scale and visual impact of the resultant changes to the local landscape and amenity. Proposals that adversely impact upon the visual and physical connections through the site and to the surrounding areas will be resisted;
- 13. Backland development should be avoided;
- 14. Provide safe, secure and welcoming places with buildings and spaces, including open spaces, play areas and landscaping, designed and positioned to reduce the scope for anti-social behaviour and fear of crime, improve natural surveillance, passive overlooking, security and street activity;
- 15. The amenity of residents, occupants and users of neighbouring existing and new buildings and spaces should not be adversely affected by unreasonably restricting their sunlight or privacy. Additional guidance on this issue is available in the Daylight and Sunlight Design Guide Supplementary Guidance;
- 16. Development should minimise the extent of light pollution caused by street and communal lighting and any floodlighting associated with the proposal;
- 17. The amenity of residents, occupants and users of neighbouring existing and new buildings and spaces should not be adversely affected by noise, dust, pollution and smell or poor air quality;
- 18. Ensure buildings and spaces are future proof designed to be easily adaptable and flexible to respond to changing social, environmental, technological, digital and economic conditions;
- 19. Incorporate provision for the recycling, storage, collection and composting of waste materials; and
- 20. Incorporate the use of sustainable design and construction methods and materials in the layout and design to support a low carbon economy.

Proposals must meet the requirements of any development brief prepared by the Council for an allocated site.

Further detailed guidance and information will be set out in the Placemaking and Design Supplementary Guidance, Householder Design Supplementary Guidance and the Daylight and Sunlight Design Supplementary Guidance.

Policy D1.2

Residential Sub-division and Replacement

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area;
- 2. Should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a residential property and compatible with the locality;
- 3. There should be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality for the proposed and donor properties;
- 4. Provide safe vehicular access and parking for the proposed and donor properties;
- 5. Not adversely impact upon the setting of the donor property; and
- 6. Respect existing building lines.

Policy D2:

General Urban Areas

Development will be supported within the general urban areas, shown on the Proposals Map. Proposals will be required to demonstrate that the proposed development is appropriate in terms of its location and scale and will not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area. Proposals must also comply with appropriate policies of the Proposed Plan.

Policy D6

Open Space Requirements

Proposals will be required to incorporate multi-functional, integrated and accessible on-site green networks and green infrastructure, including open space provision, wildlife habitats and landscaping.

Proposals will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that the provision and distribution of open space and green infrastructure has been integrated into the design approach from the outset and has been informed by the context and characteristics of the site using key natural and physical features. Proposals should be designed to accommodate users of all age groups, and levels of agility and mobility;
- 2. Provide a network and hierarchy of open space to create a structured and legible framework for development, which clearly distinguishes public space, semi-public space and private space using appropriate boundary treatments. Design and layout of proposals should encourage species dispersal through improving connectivity and the availability of habitats. New planting must promote and enhance the biodiversity of the area and incorporate native trees where appropriate;
- 3. Complement, extend and connect existing open spaces and provide links to the wider green network;
- 4. Make provision for the long-term management and maintenance of open space.

 Details of maintenance requirements and arrangements must be set out, including who is responsible for these requirements;
- 5. Integrate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) features with open space and active travel networks as part of a multifunctional approach to landscape design. SUDs may form part of open spaces subject to their design, provided they are accessible and contribute to the amenity value of the wider open space; and
- 6. Meet the minimum open space requirements set out in Schedule 4.

Policy D7

Natural Environment Features

The Council will protect and enhance the natural environment features set out in Schedule 5, and shown on the Proposals Map, and seek to increase the quantity and quality of the areas biodiversity.

 There will be a strong presumption against development on or adjacent to Natural Features where it would compromise their overall integrity, including Local Biodiversity Sites, Local Nature Reserves, Tree Preservation Orders and ancient and long established woodland sites. Adverse effects on species and

- habitats should be avoided with mitigation measures provided wherever this is not possible.
- 2. Development that affects a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) will only be permitted where:
- a. The objectives of designation and the overall integrity of the area will not be compromised; or
- b. Any significant adverse effects on the qualities for which the area has been designated are clearly outweighed by social, environmental, community or economic benefits of national importance to the satisfaction of Scottish Ministers and measures are provided to mitigate harmful impacts.
- 3. Development affecting trees, groups of trees or areas of woodland will only be permitted where:
- a. Any tree, group of trees or woodland that makes a significant positive contribution to the setting, amenity and character of the area has been incorporated into the development through design and layout; or
- b. In the case of woodland:
- its loss is essential to facilitate development that would achieve significant and clearly defined additional public benefits, in line with the Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal; or
- ii. in the case of individual trees or groups of trees, their loss is essential to facilitate development and is clearly outweighed by social, environmental, community or economic benefits.
 - Where woodland is removed in association with development, developers will be required to provide compensatory planting which enhances the biodiversity of the area and demonstrates a net gain.
 - The loss of ancient or semi-natural woodland, or trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders will not be supported. Ancient woodland is an irreplaceable resource and should be protected from adverse impacts arising from development.
- 4. Where there is likely to be an adverse impact on natural features or biodiversity an ecological appraisal will be required. This appraisal should identify measures adequate to mitigate any impacts that are identified.

Further detailed guidance and information is set out in the Green Network Supplementary Guidance.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE: None.

Finalised 25/04/2022 AC(6)

APPENDIX 4

AND REASONS FOR REFUSAL



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Ref. No. 2021/0753/TP

Applicant:

Mr & Mrs J Currie 9 Montgomery Street The Village East Kilbride Scotland G74 4JS Agent:

DTA Chartered Architects 9 Montgomery Street The Village East Kilbride Scotland G74 4JS

With reference to your application which was registered on 14th October 2021 for planning permission under the abovementioned Act and Regulations for the following development, viz:-

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and garage

at: 1 Earn Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 6LT

the Council in exercise of their powers under the abovementioned Act and Regulations hereby refuse planning permission for the said development.

The reason(s) for the Council's decision are:-

- The proposal is contrary to Policies D1 and D1.2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as i) the proposed two storey dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area; and ii) the proposed dwelling would result in a significant dominating impact on the adjacent properties, resulting in a significant loss of amenity.
- The proposal is contrary to Policy D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 as the proposed dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area.

Dated 25th April 2022



Director of Environment East Renfrewshire Council 2 Spiersbridge Way, Spiersbridge Business Park, Thornliebank, G46 8NG Tel. No. 0141 577 3001

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The following drawings/plans have been refused

Plan Description	Drawing Number	Drawing Version	Date on Plan
Location Plan	L(0-)01		
Block Plan Proposed	L(0-)03	В	
Elevations Proposed	L(2-)11	Α	
Plans Proposed	L(2-)10	Α	
Elevations Proposed	L(2-)02	В	
Plans Proposed	L(2-)01	В	
Tree survey plan	L(0-)05	Α	
Street Scene	L(2-)03		

GUIDANCE NOTE FOR REFUSAL OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

REVIEW BY EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL REVIEW BODY

- 1. If the applicant is aggrieved by a decision to refuse permission (or by an approval subject to conditions), the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months from the date of this notice. A Notice of Review can be submitted online at www.eplanning.scotland.gov.uk. Please note that beyond the content of the appeal or review forms, you cannot normally raise new matters in support of an appeal or review, unless you can demonstrate that the matter could not have been raised before, or that its not being raised before is a consequence of exceptional circumstances. Following submission of the notice, you will receive an acknowledgement letter informing you of the date of the Local Review Body meeting or whether further information is required.
- 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 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 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

CONTACT DETAILS

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APPENDIX 5

NOTICE OF REVIEW AND STATEMENT OF REASONS





2 Spiersbridge Way Thornliebank G46 8NG Tel: 0141 577 3001 Email: planning@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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

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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 Agent Details Are you an applicant or an agent? * (An agent is an architect, consultant or someone else acting ☐ Applicant ☒ Agent on behalf of the applicant in connection with this application) **Agent Details** Please enter Agent details DTA Company/Organisation: Ref. Number: You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: * DTA First Name: * **Building Name:** Building Number: Last Name: * Address 1 Montgomery Street 01355260909 Telephone Number: * (Street): * The Village Address 2: Extension Number: East Kilbride Mobile Number: Town/City: * Scotland Fax Number: Country: * G74 4JS Postcode: * katie.macmillan@dta.scot Email Address: * Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? * ☑ Individual ☐ Organisation/Corporate entity

Applicant Details				
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First Name: *	J	Building Number:	9	
Last Name: *	Currie	Address 1 (Street): *	Montgomery Street	
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	The Village	
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Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland	
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Site Address	Details			
Planning Authority:	East Renfrewshire Council			
Full postal address of th	ne site (including postcode where available):		
Address 1:	1 EARN ROAD			
Address 2:	NEWTON MEARNS			
Address 3:				
Address 4:				
Address 5:				
Town/City/Settlement:	GLASGOW			
Post Code:	G77 6LT			
Please identify/describe	the location of the site or sites			
Northing	657104	Easting	253826	

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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)
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling and garage
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.
The application was refused under Delegated Powers (Please see attached Supporting Statement)
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)

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to rely on in support of your review. You can attach these documents electronically later in the	submit with your notice of review and intend e process: * (Max 500 characters)				
Supporting Statement					
Application Details					
Please provide the application reference no. given to you by your planning authority for your previous application.	2021/0753/TP				
What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	14/09/2021				
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	25/04/2022				
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 in parties only, without any further procedures? For example, written submission, hearing sess X Yes No					
In the event that the Local Review Body appointed to consider your application decides to ins	spect the site, in your opinion:				
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Declare - Notice of Review

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

Declaration Name: . DTA .

Declaration Date: 16/05/2022





REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 2021/0753/TP

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

MAY 2022

CLIENT:
MR & MRS CURRIE
PROJECT:
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF NEW DETACHED DWELLING AND GARAGE
1 EARN ROAD NEWTON MEARNS G77 6LT
JOB No:
C115.01
REV:

Introduction

This Request for Review is submitted to members of the Local Review Body by DTA Architects on behalf of the applicant (Mr and Mrs Currie). It is in connection with the refusal of the application under Delegated Powers for the demolition of an existing 1.5 storey dwelling and erection of a new detached 2 storey dwelling with single storey garage at 1 Earn Road, Newton Mearns, G77 6LT (Planning Reference 2021/0753/TP).

Brief Description of the Application Site and Proposal

Earn Road is a very discrete and enclosed cul-de-sac of 4 houses arranged in a crescent shape, accessed from Laggan Road situated to the south. The proposed 2 storey house will be located at no. 1 Earn Road and will directly face an existing 2 storey house at no. 4 Earn Road. The plot at no.4 Earn Road is slightly elevated compared to the application site. The other two houses in the cul-de-sac at nos. 2 and 3 are single storey with accommodation in the roof space (in effect 1.5 storey). Nos. 2 and 3 sit on plots that are more elevated than both the application site and the 2 storey dwelling at no.4, meaning that when standing within Earn Road their ridge heights appear to the eye almost level with the 2 storey dwelling at no.4. The ridge height of the proposed dwelling will appear similar to that of the 2 storey dwelling at no. 4.

The aerial image below shows the application site bounded indicatively in red along with the storey heights of houses in Earn Road. The Proposed Site Plan below that shows the footprint of the new dwelling/garage and its parking and garden area. Lastly the Proposed Elevations are provided.







Brief Summary of the Planning Authority's Objections to the Proposal and Applicant's Justification

Planning Authority's Main Objections to Proposal: The main objections that the planning authority have raised with regard to the proposal focus on it being 2 storey (as opposed to single or 1.5 storey, as would be their preference) and its design/external appearance. They consider the proposal to contrast with neighbouring properties; to be incongruous in the streetscape given its design and prominent position; and due to its dominating impact, contrasting design and increased massing to have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of adjacent properties (at nos. 11 and 15 Laggan Road) along with the character/amenity of the area.

The Planning Authority's Unique Position on Planning Precedent: It is established planning practice that a proposal should be assessed based on its merits and that a planning application must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. This statement of case will show that the application does accord sufficiently with the Development Plan to justify approval in its own right.

However, we had made comment previously in the planning statement submitted by this Practice in support of the application that there was a relevant planning precedent in that there was already a 2 storey villa within Earn Road directly facing the application site. Importantly it was not the mere presence of that 2 storey villa that we considered formed a positive planning precedent. It was its presence combined with the fact that it has had no adverse planning impacts on Earn Road or the wider locale due to it being 2 storey which was important and has material relevance to the proposal.

We note that the Report of Handling states the planning authority's position is that... "precedent is not a material planning consideration."

Members should be aware that precedent is a material planning consideration, which can in certain circumstances outweigh the Development Plan. Reference to the Royal Town Planning Institute, any knowledgeable planning consultant/planning lawyer and all other planning authorities this Practice has operated within highlights that 'precedent' is indeed one such material consideration.

We reiterate that this statement of case will show that the proposal does accord sufficiently with the Development Plan to warrant approval in its own right. However, what has went before which includes the construction of a 2 storey dwelling facing the application site with no adverse planning impact on its surroundings is very much of relevance.

<u>The Applicant's Justification for a 2 Storey Dwelling:</u> The proposal was designed as a 2 storey dwelling in part to reflect the scale and massing of the existing 2 storey house that it directly faces onto i.e., no. 4 Earn Road (the location of which is shown on the aerial image above).

With regard to detailed design, there is no need for the applicant's proposal to rigidly adhere to the appearance of no.4 Earn Road or any other property within the cul-de-sac or wider area. This is not an area of any special design control.

The cul-de-sac forms part of a mainstream modern housing estate built within the latter half of the last century. The applicant's proposed dwelling simply represents a current take on modern design. It is of a scale and massing that integrates well within its cul-de-sac reflecting in particular the dwelling directly opposite. The proposal's design in no way conflicts with any rigid design principles which are exhibited within the cul-de-sac or the locale such that its refusal is merited.

In this regard it was surprising to both this Practice and the applicant that the planning authority had any issue in principle with the proposal being 2 storey, as that would in no way negatively change the character of the cul-de-sac. The image below of the 2 storey dwelling at no.4 Earn Road directly facing the proposed dwelling helps demonstrate our points.



To construct a 2 storey dwelling at one end of what is a crescent shaped cul-de-sac, directly facing an existing and substantial 2 storey villa at the other end of the crescent, with two 1.5 storey dwellings in between them, creates a degree of symmetry within the cul-de-sac. This is in line with design traditions that have been tried and tested for many years in professional architectural and planning practice.

Therefore, what the applicant proposes is arguably a better design solution than constructing a bungalow on the application site, which would create an imbalance in the cul-de-sac in terms of scale and massing. Yet a bungalow is something the planning authority would undoubtedly prefer to a 2 storey dwelling given the comments contained within their Report of Handling.

Once again both this Practice and the applicant stress that the proposal should be assessed on its merits. Given the above commentary and additional information provided within this statement of case, we are confident that a balanced assessment of the proposal by Members will lead to its approval.

Review of Relevant Planning Policies and Planning Authority's Reasons for Refusal

<u>Policies D1 and D1.2:</u> The planning authority have refused the proposal under Policies D1 and D1.2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 because:

- 1. the proposed two storey dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area; and
- 2. the proposed dwelling would result in a significant dominating impact on the adjacent properties, resulting in a significant loss of amenity.

We note that Policy D1 requires that development should not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area. Expanding on this Policy D1.2 relating to the erection of replacement dwellings states that proposals will be assessed against the following 6 criteria and we have remarked on each:

1. Reflect the scale and character of the surrounding residences and the established pattern of development in the area;

Earn Road is a relatively discretely located cul-de-sac with its own streetscape. The cul-de-sac forms part of a mainstream housing estate built within the latter half of the last century. The applicant's proposed dwelling represents a current take on modern design, which integrates well within the cul-de-sac setting. In this regard it is of a scale, massing and character that reflects the 2 storey dwelling directly opposite at no.4 Earn Road and will not be in conflict visually with any other dwelling within the cul-de-sac or wider area.

Further, the introduction of the proposed dwelling will do nothing to detract from the established pattern of development. In this regard the plot size, footprint of the buildings proposed, garden size, building line and separation from adjacent dwellings would be entirely consistent with the pattern of development exhibited within the cul-de-sac and wider area.

Additionally, to construct a 2 storey dwelling at one end of the crescent shaped cul-de-sac directly facing an existing substantial 2 storey villa at the other end of the same cul-de-sac, with two largely identical 1.5 storey dwellings in between them sitting on elevated plots, creates a degree of conformity and symmetry within the cul-de-sac which does not actually currently exist.

2. Should be of a size and shape capable of accommodating a residential property and compatible with the locality;

The size and shape of the application site is clearly capable of accommodating a residential property and is compatible with the locality. Please refer to the earlier aerial image and Proposed Site Plan which demonstrates this.

3. There should be sufficient land to provide garden ground that is of a scale and character compatible with the locality for the proposed and donor properties;

The garden ground is of a scale and character compatible with the locality for the proposed dwelling. No land is required for a donor property as this is not a garden sub-division i.e., the existing property will be demolished.

4. Provide safe vehicular access and parking for the proposed and donor properties;

Safe vehicular access and parking for the proposed dwelling is provided which meets the standards of the Council. No access and parking is required for a donor property as this is not a garden subdivision i.e., the existing property will be demolished.

5. Not adversely impact upon the setting of the donor property;

There is no donor property as this is not a garden sub-division i.e., the existing property will be demolished.

6. Respect existing building lines.

The proposal respects the existing building lines contained within the Earn Road cul-de-sac.

Policy D2: The Planning Authority have refused the proposal under Policy D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 because:

1. The proposed dwelling would be a dominant and incongruous addition to the streetscape by virtue of its prominent position, increased massing and contrasting design, to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area.

We note that Policy D2 supports development within the general urban area where it is appropriate in terms of its location and scale and will not result in a significant loss of character or amenity to the surrounding area.

The Report of Handling indicates that "whilst there is a two storey dwelling opposite [the application site], this is for the most part screened by established trees and as such, is not a dominating or imposing feature on the streetscape. Neither can it be said that two storey dwellings are characteristic of the area."

The trees the planning authority refer to are trees within the garden ground of no. 17 Laggan Road which do in fact partly screen no. 4 Earn Road from Laggan Road.

However, this Practice reminds the planning authority that first and foremost the streetscape which is of most relevance here when considering the application is the street that the proposal is actually in i.e., Earn Road.

In this regard the 2 storey dwelling at no. 4 Earn Road is fully visible from all other dwellings within Earn Road. It is not screened from them by established trees. Yet it does not appear out of character or detrimental to the amenity of Earn Road.

Neither Earn Road or Laggan Road are conservation areas. Laggan Road is part of the same modern housing estate as Earn Road, and in that regard comprises of many substantial villas similar to those found within Earn Road - indeed with a few other varieties added on top for good measure. There is no valid reason for the screening of any property within Earn Road (whether an existing or proposed dwelling) to be considered as a necessity by the planning authority.

The planning authority seems to consider that no. 4 Earn Road because it is 2 storey in height is unsightly if viewed from either Earn Road or Laggan Road, which we consider not to be the case. Similarly, the planning authority has the same opinion of the applicant's proposed 2 storey dwelling, which we also consider not the case.

Turning back again to address design issues, it is apparent that the scale and design of the houses in Laggan Road do vary quite significantly, even with the ridge height of some dwellings being the equivalent of 1.75/2 storey. For example, the image below shows the dwelling at no. 16 Laggan Road situated directly across from the entrance to Earn Road itself. That dwelling is significantly higher and looks different to many houses on Laggan Road and Earn Road (reference the red lines on the

image highlighting ridge lines). Yet that increased scale/massing and design is in no way offensive to the eye, dominant, incongruous or adversely affecting amenity in the area.

Interestingly, whilst we do not consider it essential from a planning perspective, the application site would also be partly screened from Laggan Road due to the presence of an existing tree within the garden of no. 15 Laggan Road as shown on the second image below.





Application Site Partly Screened by Existing Mature Tree (View from Laggan Road)



The Planning Authority in the Report of Handling indicates that "given the increased massing of the proposed dwelling, its elevated position and it proximity to the dwellings to the south, the proposal would have a dominating and intrusive impact on the dwellings immediately to the south (11 and 15 Laggan Road) and on their garden areas, to the detriment of visual amenity."

However, the Planning Authority have conceded that "given its design and orientation relative to the neighbouring houses, the proposal would not be considered to give rise to significant additional overlooking, overshadowing or loss of daylight."

Given the size of the respective dwellings at nos. 11 and 16 Laggan Road and the depth of the gardens of the properties along with there being no possibility of overshadowing or overlooking this Practice and the applicant considers the Planning Authority's comments to be something of a stretch.

The fact is that what is proposed conforms to the Council's design standards and would not have a dominating and intrusive impact on the dwellings at nos. 11 and 15 Laggan Road.

Conclusion

As outlined above the proposal accords with Policies D1 and D1.2 and Policy D2 of the adopted East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).

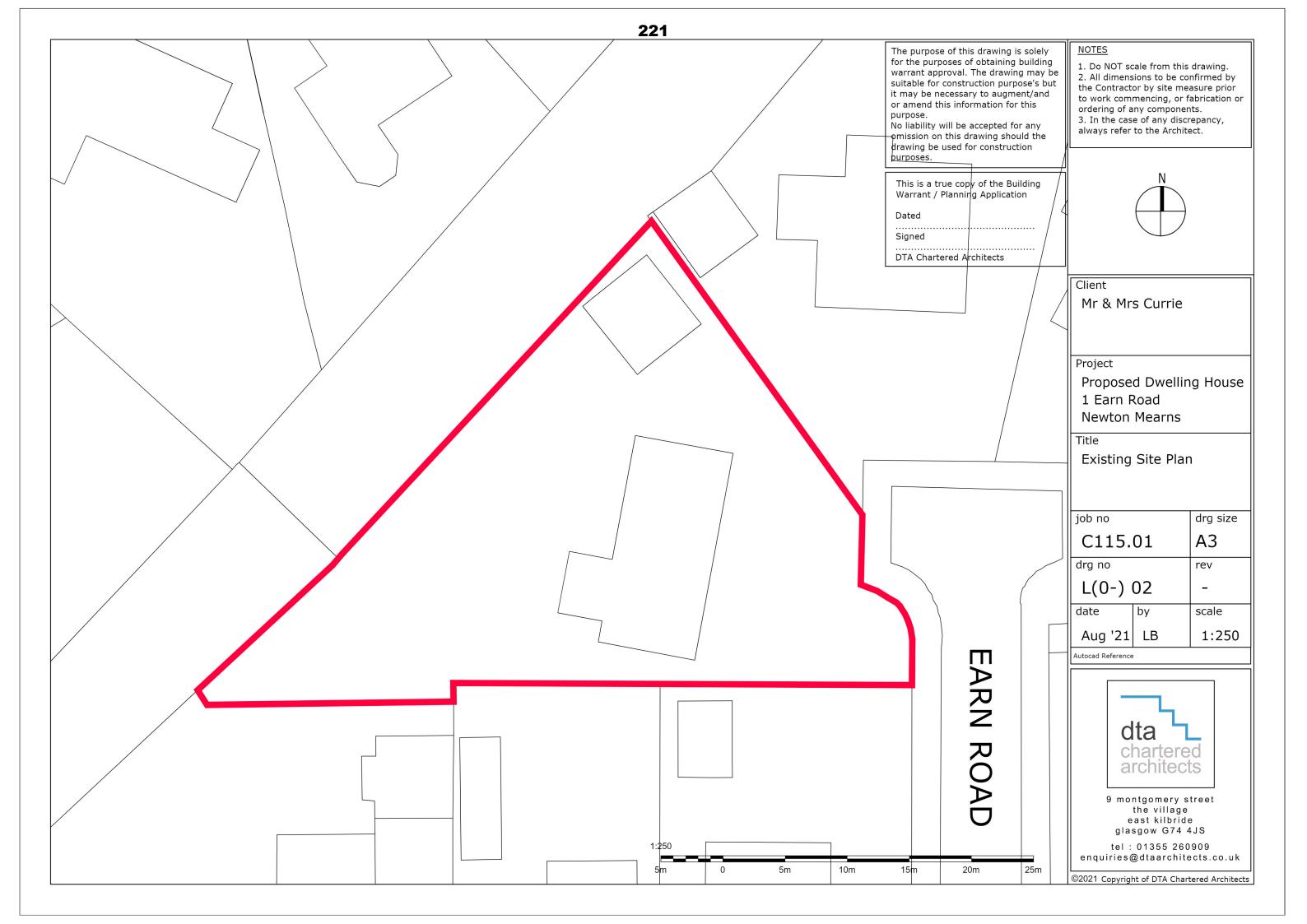
Not mentioned within the preceding text, Policy D6 and policy D7 are also relevant. Policy D6 provides minimum open standards for residential development and Policy D7 states that the Council will protect the integrity of the tree preservation order. The proposal clearly accords with these policies.

Accordingly, Members are asked to approve the Planning Application.

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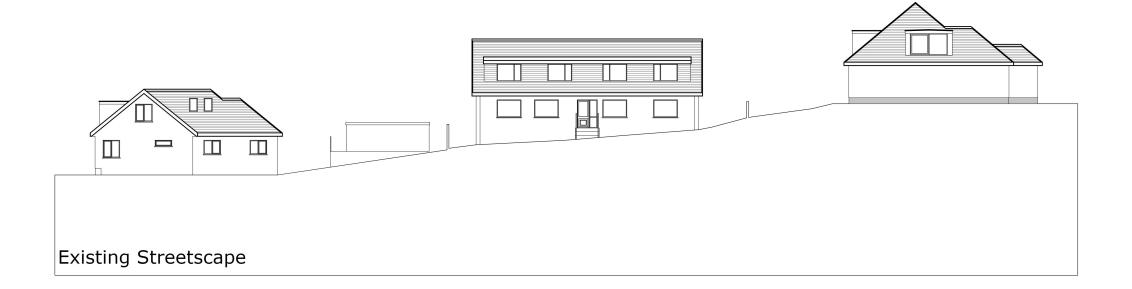
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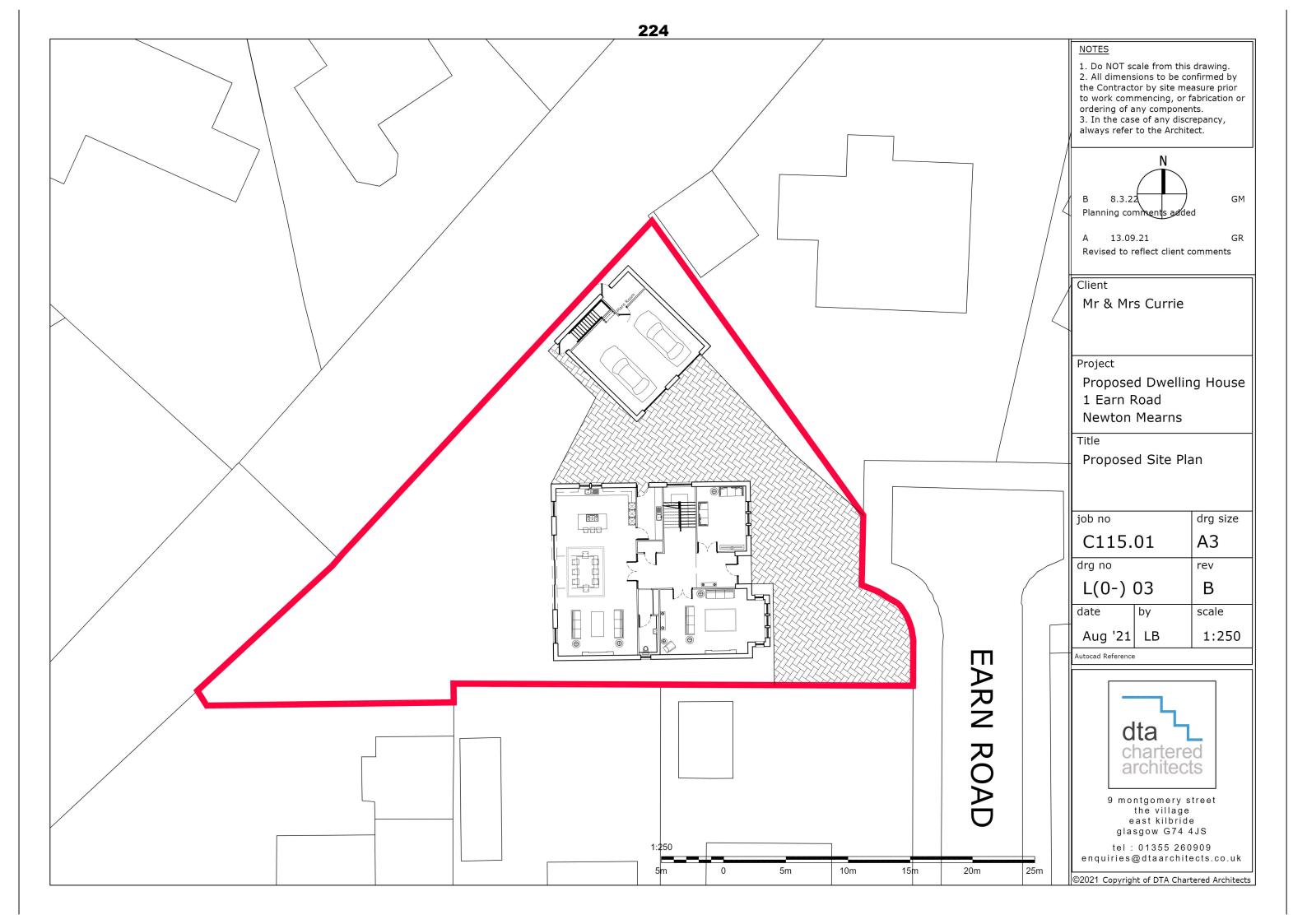
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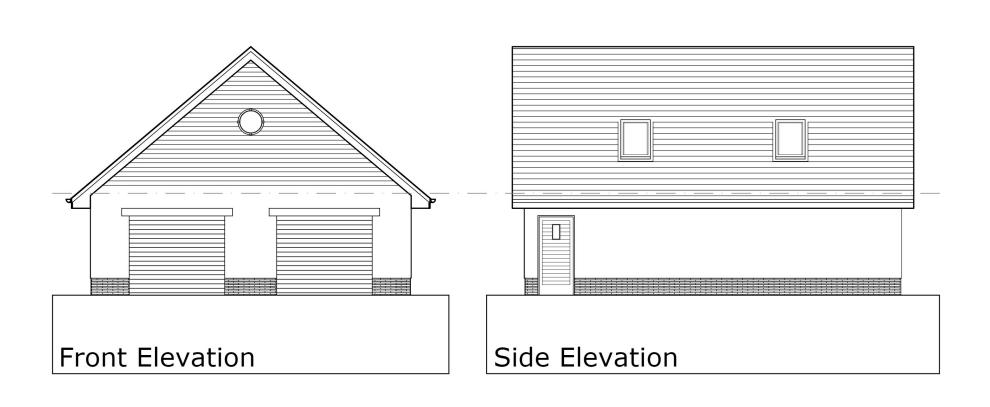
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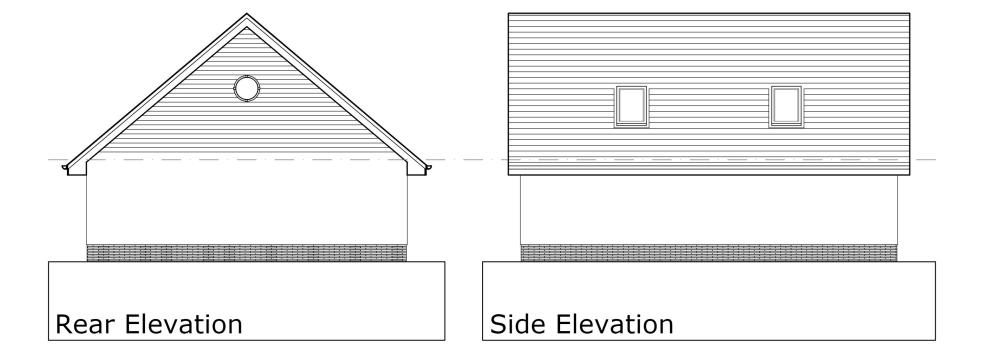
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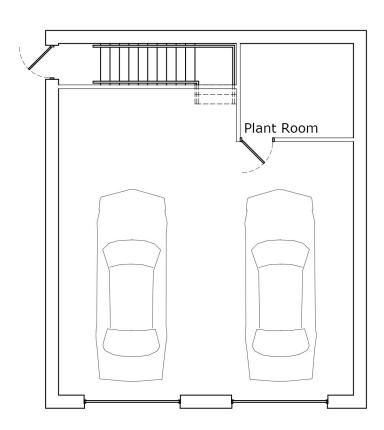
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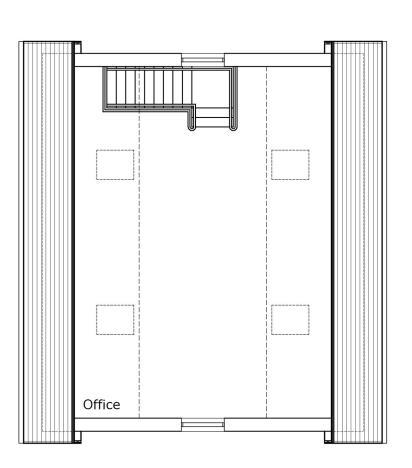


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First Floor

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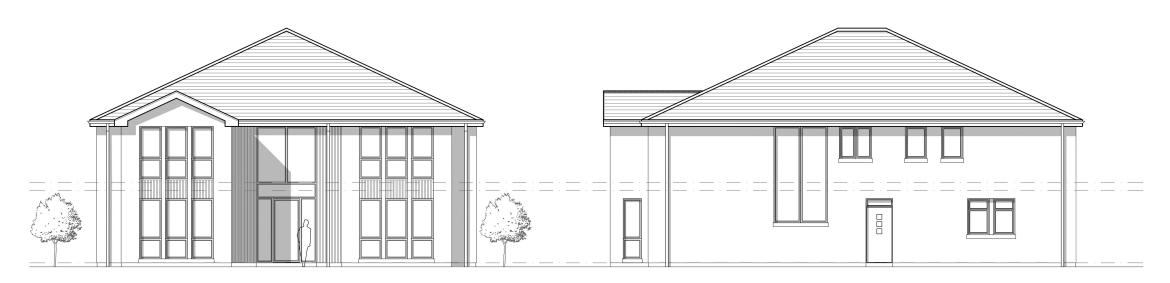
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Proposed Front Elevation

Proposed Side Elevation



Proposed Rear Elevation

Proposed Side Elevation

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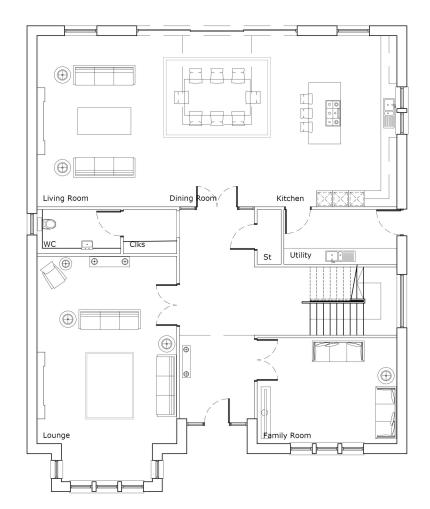
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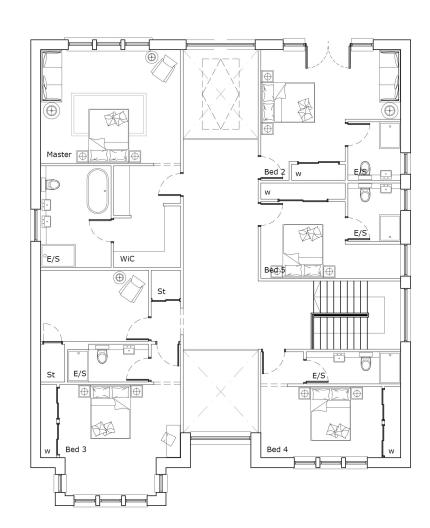
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First Floor Plan

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