**Grange/Prestonfield Community Council: Planning & Development Report – January 2022**

**Note:** This online report is an update from November 2021, but does not include all new applications in this period in or adjacent to the GPCC area, only those which may raise issues for GPCC or are updated earlier applications.

**Planning Applications for Local Developments in GPCC Area**

**21/05322/CLE – 9 Relugas Road EH9 2NE: Pottery & Art Room in garden ground**

Following the refusal of 20/04089/FUL for change of use of railway land to private garden, this further application was submitted to allow relocated unauthorised art studio and pottery cabins to remain where they are, adjacent to neighbouring gardens. This type of application does not permit public representations to be made, but Grange Association and GPCC have commented to CEC, including a request that the cabins be moved and altered to conform with an existing consent.

This application is still awaiting assessment.

**21/03281/FUL & 21/03284/LBC – 14-15 Minto Street (Thrums Hotel) New hotel bedrooms to rear**

These are in effect variations of existing consents to increase the number of new hotel bedrooms from 10 to 15 in a new building in the rear grounds of 14 Minto Street, which would bring to 34 the total number of hotel bedrooms. Both applications were refused by CEC, which upheld the refusal of 21/03281/FUL at a Hearing of the Local Review Body on 3rd November. The applicant appealed the refusal of 21/03284/LBC to DPEA, which on 13th December rejected the Appeal and confirmed the refusal. The applicant can still proceed with the existing consents, but has informed the Blacket Association that no decision has yet been taken in view of continuing business uncertainties.

**21/03813/FUL – 49 Dwellings on St Crispin’s School site 19 Watertoun Road EH9 3HZ by CALA**

There were many objections to the original application and also to a revised scheme, consultation on which closed on 19th November. The application is awaiting assessment.

**21/03066/FUL – Demolish existing house & replace with new dwelling at 34 Blackford Avenue**

This application replaced one refused in February 2021 and is still awaiting assessment.

**21/02496/FUL – New house & shed etc in side garden of flat at 42 Grange Road EH9 1UN**

The complex planning history of this site, in Grange Conservation Area, includes an existing consent for a new house. Grange Association has objected to this new application for a different new house and GPCC to changes to the front boundary wall. The application is still awaiting assessment.

**21/04957/FUL & 21/04958/LBC – Change of Use to sell food & drink at Police Box Charterhall Rd**These applications refer to the listed former police box located just east of the entrance to Blackford Pond public park at the western boundary of the GPCC area. They are awaiting assessment.

**21/04702/FUL – Two semi-detached dwellings on land adjacent to 82 Dalkeith Road**

In April 2021 this former side garden site was granted planning consent for a 5 bedroom detached house. In September the above application was submitted by a new owner for a pair of semi-detached uncharacteristic townhouses on the site. GPCC objected to this latest application, but it was approved on 6th December.

**21/05882/FUL – Single storey front & side extension at 1 Priestfield Crescent EH16 5JH**

Following consultation with the planning sub-group, we have objected to this application, which

Is awaiting assessment.

**Major Application not in GPCC Area (Gilmerton/Straiton/Inch CC)**

**21/06125/PAN – Redevelopment of Cameron Toll Shopping Centre, 6 Lady Road**

This is a formal notification of the intention to submit a Major application for the redevelopment of the entire shopping centre site, including current retail uses, but also hotel and housing. As part of the PAN process, there were until 14 January display boards and feedback forms in the shopping centre about the proposals. As a follow up, a further online consultation event is due in February, details of which are awaited. The GPCC boundary runs down the centre of Lady Road, so our residents will be considerably affected by the proposals and there has already been some email discussion among GPCC Members. At this stage GPCC need not comment formally on the proposals and any comments which are made go to the applicant and not to CEC as planning authority.

**New Local Development Plan – City Plan 2030:**

The public consultation closed on 20th December and, following circulation of draft responses to GPCC Members, our finalised version was sent in to the CEC Consultation Hub by the closing date.

The timetable envisages adoption of the new LDP by mid to late 2023, but this assumes a procedural speed not so far achieved with previous LDPs.

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