**Grange/Prestonfield Community Council: Planning & Development Report – May 2021**

**Note:** This online report 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**

**20/02531/FUL & 20/02530/LBC – Additional 5 bed house at 82 Dalkeith Road EH16 5AF**

On 28th April 20/02531/FUL was approved and permission is not required for 20/02530/LBC.

**21/01220/FUL - Change windows to doors at roof level at day nursery 10 Craigmillar Park**

We did not comment on this retrospective application in Craigmillar Park Conservation Area. Unsurprisingly on 10th May it was ruled as Not Development.

2**0/04317/FUL & 20/04316/LBC – 14-15 Minto Street (Thrums Hotel) EH9 1RQ: extend hotel**

These applications were approved at the CEC Development Management Sub-Committee (DM) on 21st April and Decision Letters were issued on 23rd April.

**21/00279/ADV – Projecting Illuminated Sign at Pharmacy 156 Causewayside EH9 1PR**

This application is still noted as awaiting decision. At present the sign is switched off.

**21/00879/LBC & 21/00881/FUL – Reconfigure roof to form new 3 bed dwelling at 1 East Mayfield**

On 10th May 21/00879/LBC was refused and 21/00881/FUL was refused on 18th May. On 16 May DPEA was notified of appeals by the applicant, referenced LBA-230-2220 & PPA-230-2339, both awaiting registration. GPCC objected to both applications.

**21/920/FUL & 21/00921/LBC – Alterations to house and garage at 61 Fountainhall Road**

Grange Association and GPCC have objected to these applications, which are awaiting assessment.

**19/02822/FUL – Rear of 1 Mentone Terrace EH9 2DG: Change of use from 5 garages to house**

This application, actually for a new build house, was approved at the CEC DM on 21st April. The consent cannot be issued until an outstanding objection from SEPA has been resolved and this has been referred by CEC to Scottish Ministers (DPEA reference NA-230-001)

**20/04089/FUL – 9 Relugas Road: Change of use of railway land to private garden and erect fence.**

Although this application is still noted on the planning portal as awaiting assessment, it is understood that administrative activity has continued in the background.

**21/01532/FUL – Block of 9 Flats, car parking etc at 67 Prestonfield Avenue EH16 5EX**

This is the vacant site between the Neighbourhood Centre and a small CEC garden near the junction with Priestfield Road, with a public footpath running between these two roads along the south side of the site. At our last meeting it was agreed we would support this application, in preference to the existing consent 17/04942/FUL, but with comments on the two telecoms cabinets in the way of the proposed changed access off Priestfield Road. This was done by the closing date of 29th April.

**21/02150/FUL – Upgrade driveway at 5 Hallhead Road EH16 5QJ**

Draft comments on this application have been circulated to GPCC Members and our stance can be finalised at the May meeting. The closing date is 4th June.

**21/02126/FUL & 21/02122/TCO – Extension, shed & treework at 19a East Suffolk Park EH16 5PN**

Draft comments on both of these have been circulated to GPCC Members and suggested actions can be considered at our May meeting. The closing date on 21/02126/FUL is 4th June.

**21/02187/FUL – Attic conversion with raised new roof and rear dormer at 49 Priestfield Road**

This application was referred to in the email on the weekly lists dated 11 May. It is to form a master ensuite bedroom and home office in the roof space of this hipped roof bungalow. To gain headroom it is proposed to replace the existing roof with a steeply sloping, mansard style, new roof 0.7m higher than the existing, incorporating a large rear dormer. The new roof would be similarly higher than the neighbouring hipped roofs. We can discuss at the May meeting what views Members might have on what stance, if any, GPCC should take on this application. Closing date 26 May.

**21/02345/FUL – Extend hipped roof to form gable end & dormers at 2 Ventnor Terrace EH9 2BW**

This application appeared in last week’s planning lists. So far there has not been a request for GPCC to come to a view about it, but this cam be further considered at the May meeting.

**Redevelopment for housing of St Crispin’s School site, 19 Watertoun Road EH9 3HZ**

CALA has produced an online exhibition of their proposals (via www.CALA-stcrispins.co.uk) for this site envisaging a development of 49 dwellings, of which 12 would be affordable housing on site in a separate apartment block. The 37 dwellings for sale will be a mix of 1-3 bedroom apartment blocks and 3 bedroom townhouses. On 29th April CALA held an online consultation about their proposals. There is no need for GPCC to come to a view about this scheme at this stage; it would be better to await a planning application, which may be submitted in the fairly near future.

**19/05923/FUL- Major Development in GPCC Area (also partly in Craigmillar & Gilmerton/Inch CCs) DPEA Appeal PPA-230-2329 re 19/05923/FUL - Edinburgh University Peffermill Sports Village**

This Appeal against the CEC refusal of 19/05923/FUL has continued with DPEA having requested some further information from CEC.

**Astley Ainslie Hospital Site**

Following the report and discussion at our last meeting about GPCC representation on the Astley Ainslie Community Engagement Group (AACEG), I emailed the convenor, Roger Kellett of Grange Association, to let him know that I have stood down from this Group. Sue will continue for GPCC in so far as there is activity, as the Group may in effect remain in abeyance until NHS Lothian reviews its intentions for the future of this site.

**CEC Planning Service – Changes to Permitted Development Rights**

On 14th May we were notified of changes which had come into effect from 1st April to allow residents of both houses and flats to install cycle stores within both front and rear gardens, including a single store in a rear communal garden. Further details can be provided if needed.

Tony Harris