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

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

This retrospective application was approved on 31st May, benefiting from “deemed consent within advert regulations as illuminated provision of medical goods within Class II (2) condition (III)”.

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

Following detailed consideration we decided to make no comments on this application, which was approved without change on 1st June.

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

Following refusal of these applications by CEC, the applicant on 16th May notified DPEA of appeals and on 3rd June DPEA determined that 21/00881FUL (PPA-230-2339) must first be considered by the CEC Local Review Body. 21/00879/LBC under DPEA reference LBA-230-2220 has been allocated to a DPEA Reporter.

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

These applications are still noted as 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 by CEC on 21st April 2021 , but the consent could not be issued until an outstanding objection from SEPA had been resolved and this was referred by CEC to Scottish Ministers. On 14th June DPEA granted consent (NA-230-001).

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

No further activity reported on the CEC planning portal and the application is still noted as awaiting assessment.

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

This application, replacing existing consent 17/04942/FUL, is awaiting assessment.

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

Our agreed objection was submitted by the closing date and the application is awaiting assessment.

**21/02126/FUL – Front Extension and shed at rear of 19a East Suffolk Park EH16 5PN**

Our agreed objection was submitted by the closing date and the application is awaiting assessment.

Following comments, including from GPCC, treework notification 21/02122/TCO for the removal of a lime tree on the corner of Craigmillar Park was changed to 25% reduction.

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

We received no requests for action on this application, which is awaiting assessment.

**21/02339/FUL - Parking Space in front garden area of 187 Dalkeith Road EH16 5DS**

This application was in the weekly lists for 18 May and it was agreed at our last meeting that we would object to it, which was done by the closing date. The application is now awaiting decision.

**21/02548/FUL & 21/02552/LBC – Parking space in front garden of 10 Blacket Place EH9 1RL**

It was agreed at our last meeting that we would object to these applications, which include an electric car charging point, the site being in the Blacket Conservation Area. Our objections have been submitted and the applications are noted as awaiting assessment.

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

We understand that CALA’s online exhibition of their proposals attracted a number of comments and we have been sent some of them. We expect the next stage will be a planning application for their proposed development of 49 dwellings, of which 12 would be affordable housing on site.

**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, which is still awaited.

**Treeworks Notification in GPCC Area**

**21/02368/TCO – Removal and pollarding of trees on flank boundary of 8 Craigmillar Park**

We objected to what was proposed for this site in the Craigmillar Park Conservation Area and had a helpful response from the CEC Arboricultural Officer. On CEC advice this notification has been withdrawn and it is expected that there will be another one in due course as some work is needed.

**Local Development Plan – City Plan 2030**

Further to the update in the March 2021 Planning Report, it was confirmed at the online Civic Forum on 1st June that the new LDP is still expected to be submitted to the 25th August 2021 CEC Planning Committee and, if approved, to be followed by a period of public consultation on it.

**Edinburgh & South East Scotland City Region - Consultation**

Raph has notified Members of this consultation, from 14th June to 26th July, “on ensuring the prosperity” of this region. It is mainly about economic and community development and connectivity, but there are regional land use and strategic development issues embedded in it.

**20 Minute Neighbourhood**

CEC is promoting this place-based approach to meeting environmental and social targets, providing people with connected and accessible places to live and work. This is a very broad concept, but with land-use and physical planning aspects which the LDP and CEC Guidance will have to address. There is a priority shortlist of localities under consideration, none in the GPCC area.

**Civic Forum**

I took part in an online Civic Forum in 1st June when the main business was a presentation by and Q & A session with David Givan, who has taken over as CEC Chief Planning Officer following the retirement of David Leslie. There have been some other senior post and personnel changes in the CEC planning service and so it is hoped that further details of these will be publicised. It also emerged that, whilst Covid restrictive working is still in place, CEC is following Scottish Government advice not to carry out enforcement activity where this would reduce resources for other planning work. A wide-ranging meeting and a link to a recording of it has been passed to GPCC Members.

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