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

**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**

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

This further application in a long series is to allow unauthorised art studio and pottery cabins to remain in an unauthorised location near to neighbouring gardens. It remains awaiting assessment.

**22/04317/VARY – Change existing consent at 14-15 Minto Street (Thrums Hotel)**

This is to vary 20/04317/FUL granted planning permission in 2021 for 10 additional hotel bedrooms to increase the number to 12 in a broadly externally unchanged separate building in the grounds of 14 Minto Street, in Blacket Conservation Area. We requested that this application should not be a Non Material Variation, on which representations may not be made, but changed to one which allows for public consultation. The Case Officer has noted our request, placed it with the case papers and the application is still awaiting assessment.

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

Following the refusal of this application at the CEC Development Management Sub-Committee on 9th February, there is currently no further public information on any next steps CALA may take.

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

This application, to which Grange Association, GPCC and others objected, was approved without change at the CEC Development Management meeting on 2nd March 2022.

**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 application for a different new house and GPCC to changes to the front boundary wall. This 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. 21/04957/FUL is recommended for approval at the CEC Development Management Sub-Committee on 16th March. We did not comment, but in view of the number of representations received It is a Committee decision.

**22/00249/FUL – 1B Wilton Road, corner of Gilmour Road: side and rear extension etc.**

Comments have been submitted on only the proposed replacement windows and new render parts of this application, which closes on 25th February. The site is in Craigmillar Park Conservation Area.

**22/00461/FUL – 42 Macdowall Road: side extension replacing existing porch**

In view of the planning history. GPCC has objected to this application, which is awaiting assessment.

**22/00330/FUL – 2A Blackford Avenue: erect house in builder’s yard in Grange Conservation Area**

Following circulation of a draft, GPCC has objected to this application, now awaiting assessment.

**22/00888/FUL – 86 Relugas Road EH9 2LZ: loft conversion with rooflights and dormers**

The Grange Association has drafted objections to this application and draft comments from GPCC have been circulated which if agreed will be submitted before the closing date of 22nd March.

**22/00896/FUL – 4 Trotter Haugh EH9 2GZ: attic conversion with dormers and extra parking**

Draft comments from GPCC have been circulated which if agreed will be submitted before the closing date of 1st April. It is understood that Grange Association is minded to act similarly.

**Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 197 at 8 Craigmillar Park**

A report to the CEC Development Management Sub-Committee on 16th March recommends confirming as permanent this 6 month temporary TPO due to expire on 8 April 2022. GPCC has supported a TPO for these trees on the front and south flank boundary of this property.

**Telecoms Upgrade to installations on roofs of NLS map library & telephone exchange**

GPCC has received preliminary notification of the intension to submit planning applications to upgrade installations on the roof of the telephone exchange on the corner of Duncan Street and Upper Gray Street and also the NLS building on the corner of Salisbury Road and Causewayside. The Both sites are in the Blacket Conservation Area. The high NLS building is unlikely to show adverse visual impacts from telecom equipment upgrades on its roof, bur the lower telephone exchange building will require more careful consideration, as parts of its roof are visible at street level.

**Newington Residences - Redevelopment of former Royal Blind School site 2b Craigmillar Park**

CALA continues with construction on this site of 48 dwellings, including converting into apartments the original Listed Victorian school building and is marketing the first of the newly built houses.

**Major Applications not in GPCC Area**

**Gilmerton/Straiton/Inch CC: 21/06125/PAN – Redevelopment of Cameron Toll Shopping Centre**

The pre-application consultation phase of this proposal has now concluded and the nest stage is expected to be the submission of a Major planning application for the redevelopment of the entire shopping centre site, including current retail uses, but also hotel and housing. A Report to the CEC Development Management Sub-Committee on 26th January set out in detail the matters which have to be addressed in any forthcoming planning application.

**Liberton & District CC: 22/01232/PAN – Liberton Community Campus: Schools & GP Practice etc**

GPCC has received this PAN, which has been forwarded to all Members, giving preliminary notice of the intention to submit a planning application on behalf of CEC for a community campus including secondary schools and GP practice within the site and on the playing field of Liberton High School near the Gilmerton Road junction with Mount Vernon Road. GPCC has been notified as a statutory consultee as within the High School catchment area.  The PAN sets out the public consultation, with public drop-in sessions at the High School on 28th April and 4th May from 4.30 to 8.30pm

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