

Grange/Prestonfield Community Council

Planning & Development Report – October 2012

Edinburgh Planning Guidance

Comments on the 3 draft guidance documents referred to at the last meeting were submitted before the closing date of 27 September and I will forward a copy of these comments to any Member on request. These drafts covered Guidance for Businesses, Guidance for Householders and Guidance for Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.

A further draft “Edinburgh Design Guidance” was issued for consultation on 8 October and is wide-ranging in its content. CEC Planning Department is arranging two consultation events on this document and these will be from 5.30 to 6.30pm at Waverley Court on Tuesdays 23rd October and 6th November. The closing date for this consultation is 20 December and this will be referred to in greater detail at our November meeting with a view to comments being submitted before the closing date.

Civic Forum

At the Civic Forum on 25th September the usual update on current planning issues was given followed by discussions on proposals for community group training on the next stage of the Local Development Plan, powers to deal with land causing damage to amenity, the impact of “Local” supermarket branches and the consultation on what will replace the scheme for statutory repairs notices (See next item). The next meeting of the Civic Forum is on 27th November at 4.30pm in the City Chambers.

Maintenance of Buildings in Shared Ownership

The consultation on what will replace the current procedure for statutory repairs closes at the end of October and all views welcome. Some suggestions for comments will be put to the meeting.

12 St. Thomas Road EH9 2LQ – planning applications 12/03203/CON & FUL

A planning application to demolish an existing bungalow and replace it with a substantial house on 2 floors was approved in 2009 but not proceeded with and this consent has lapsed. New applications referenced as above have been made in effect to renew the 2009 consent and as GPCC with others then objected a similar objection to these new applications has also now been submitted.

National Planning Framework

The Scottish Government has announced that work has started on the third National Planning Framework (NPF3) and is consulting on what should be in it. There will be public “drop-in” events around the country and one for Edinburgh will be held on 22nd November from 3-7pm in the Skills Shop in the St. James Centre.

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