

Grange/Prestonfield Community Council Planning & Development Report – February 2013

12 St. Thomas Road – Planning applications 12/03203/CON & FUL

As previously reported the latter application was withdrawn and 12/03203/CON was approved on 11 February for the demolition of the existing bungalow. The previous consent 10/02988/FUL to build a large house on the same site remains valid.

31 Liberton Road EH16 6AH – application 12/04342/FUL for 48 retirement homes

This application by McArthur & Stone is still pending. The site is just outside our area.

1 Burgess Terrace EH9 2BD – applications 12/04326/FUL & LBC

Revised drawings for this application were submitted to remove part of a proposed house extension adjacent to the flank boundary of the property and also to reduce the roof height and length of a proposed garage. These beneficial changes removed the grounds for our previous objection, which has been withdrawn.

34 Lygon Road EH16 5QA – application 12/04319/FUL – widen existing driveway

This application was approved on 15 February by delegated decision. It was considered that the non-compliance with the recently approved Guidance for Householders is acceptable.

42 Mayfield Road – application 12/04518/FUL – conversion of outbuilding to dwelling

As discussed at the last meeting a letter supporting this application was submitted and the application was approved on 15 February by delegated decision.

Craighouse Campus Development – application 12/04007/FUL

This application is still under consideration. Our letter of objection has been ruled as material. The number of drawings and documents on the portal relating to this application has now grown to 232.

Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP)

GPCC was represented at the LDP training event on 23rd January. This concentrated on the timetable and procedure leading to LDP approval, which is linked to the timetable for the Strategic Development Plan (SESplan), which is itself currently under formal examination by the Scottish Government Planning Inspectorate. After the training event a change to the LDP timetable was announced on 30 January, whereby publication of the draft LDP plan will not now be held back until SESplan is approved, but will be reported to Planning Committee on 19 March and published for public consultation probably during May. This change is because changes to SESplan may be required and rather than delay further the LDP timetable this will now be brought forward, accepting that some changes later to LDP may be required as a consequence of SESplan changes. If this is the case any LDP changes will be subject to further consultation later, but this consultation will then be limited only to these LDP changes. It was also learned at the 23rd January event that statutory guidance would follow the LDP process to give effect to detailed aspects of the LDP and some concern was expressed that it could be difficult to comment meaningfully on the broader principles and policies of the LDP without knowing what might be included later in detailed statutory guidance.

EACC Planning Sub-Group

Experience with the PAN/PAC procedure for major applications was set out in a paper prepared by a Sub-Group member and at the EACC Executive meeting on 7th February this was approved for submission to the Scottish Government, as part of a review of the operation of the 2006 Act which is underway. A further Sub-Group meeting with the Planning Committee Convenor and Planning Service Heads is scheduled for 4th March to take forward procedural and other planning issues.

Craigmillar Urban Design Framework

CEC is conducting a review of this Urban Design Framework to reflect economic and other changes since it was approved in 2006. The deadline for comments is 29 March and details of drop-in events and how to comment are in the circulation file. The area covered is adjacent to but outside the GPCC area.

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