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Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites				
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Description of Proposal
Please provide a description of your proposal to which your review relates. The description should be the same as given in the application form, or as amended with the agreement of the planning authority: * (Max 500 characters)
Appeal Statement for CHANGE OF USE FROM ONE SUI GENERIS TO ANOTHER SUI GENERIS 22/5 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP
Type of Application
What type of application did you submit to the planning authority? *
Application for planning permission (including householder application but excluding application to work minerals). Application for planning permission in principle. Further application. Application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
What does your review relate to? *
Refusal Notice. Grant of permission with Conditions imposed. No decision reached within the prescribed period (two months after validation date or any agreed extension) – deemed refusal.
Statement of reasons for seeking review
You must state in full, why you are a seeking a review of the planning authority's decision (or failure to make a decision). Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. If necessary this can be provided as a separate document in the 'Supporting Documents' section: * (Max 500 characters)
Note: you are unlikely to have a further opportunity to add to your statement of appeal at a later date, so it is essential that you produce all of the information you want the decision-maker to take into account.
You should not however raise any new matter which was not before the planning authority at the time it decided your application (or at the time expiry of the period of determination), unless you can demonstrate that the new matter could not have been raised before that time or that it not being raised before that time is a consequence of exceptional circumstances.
Refer to appeal statement
Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the Determination on your application was made? *
If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising the new matter, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should be considered in your review: * (Max 500 characters)

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to to rely on in support of your review. You can attach these documents electronically later in the			tend	
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Application Details				
Please provide the application reference no. given to you by your planning authority for your previous application.	22/04145/FUL			
What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	25/08/2022			
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	21/04/2023			
Review Procedure				
The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review an process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determ required by one or a combination of procedures, such as: written submissions; the holding of inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.	nine the review. Further	information may	√ be	
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In the event that the Local Review Body appointed to consider your application decides to install	spect the site, in your op	oinion:		
Can the site be clearly seen from a road or public land? *				
Is it possible for the site to be accessed safely and without barriers to entry? *				
Checklist – Application for Notice of Review				
Please complete the following checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary in to submit all this information may result in your appeal being deemed invalid.	nformation in support of	your appeal. Fai	lure	
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If you are the agent, acting on behalf of the applicant, have you provided details of your nam and address and indicated whether any notice or correspondence required in connection with review should be sent to you or the applicant? *		No 🗌 N/A		
Have you provided a statement setting out your reasons for requiring a review and by what procedure (or combination of procedures) you wish the review to be conducted? *	X Yes ☐ I	No		
Note: You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. You may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.				
Please attach a copy of all documents, material and evidence which you intend to rely on (e.g. plans and Drawings) which are now the subject of this review *	⊠ Yes ☐ I	No		
Note: Where the review relates to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission o planning condition or where it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in co application reference number, approved plans and decision notice (if any) from the earlier co	nditions, it is advisable t			

Declare - Notice of Review

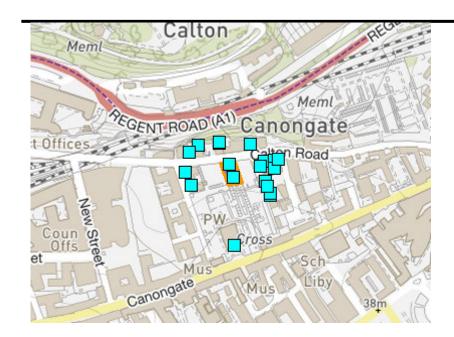
I/We the applicant/agent certify that this is an application for review on the grounds stated.

Declaration Name: Mr Thomas Cochrane

Declaration Date: 04/05/2023



Neighbours Notified for 22/04145/FUL Date 6 September 2022



Location Plan

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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Officer

Local1 Team

From: Transport Our Ref: 22/04145/FUL

Greg McDougall

22/04145/FUL FLAT 5 22 CALTON ROAD EDINBURGH EH8 8DP

TRANSPORT CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Summary Response

No objections.

Full Response

No objections subject to appropriate conditions and information.

Greg McDougall

TRANSPORT Greg McDougall Transport Officer



TmC Planning.
Thomas Cochrane
Suite 1:12 Stadium House
Alderstone Road
Livingston
EH54 5DT

Mr Adeeb Makda. 22-5 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Date:8 February 2023

Your ref: 22/04145/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (as amended):

Change of use from dwelling to short-term let.

Flat 5 22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

REFERENCE NUMBER: 22/04145/FUL

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Revised Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF 4) was approved by the Scottish Parliament on 11 January 2023. This plan is now a significant material consideration and is due to become part of the Development Plan from 13 February 2023. All planning applications must be considered against the relevant policies contained within NPF 4 in addition to the Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP).

NPF 4 contains a specific policy on short term lets, Policy 30(e) states:

- e) Development proposals for the reuse of existing buildings for short term holiday letting will not be supported where the proposal will result in:
- i. An unacceptable impact on local amenity or the character of a neighbourhood or area; or
- ii. The loss of residential accommodation where such loss is not outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits.

If you wish to provide a planning statement on how your proposal complies with the above policy, please do so by **22 February 2023**. This must be uploaded via eplanning.scot using application number **22/04145/FUL**.

Yours faithfully

Planning Officer



TmC Planning.
FAO: Thomas Cochrane
Suite 1:12 Stadium House
Alderstone Road
Livingston
EH54 5DT

Adeeb Makda. Flat 5 22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Decision date: 21 April 2023

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACTS DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Change of use from dwelling to short-term let. At Flat 5 22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Application No: 22/04145/FUL

DECISION NOTICE

With reference to your application for Planning Permission registered on 26 August 2022, this has been decided by **Local Delegated Decision**. The Council in exercise of its powers under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts and regulations, now determines the application as **Refused** in accordance with the particulars given in the application.

Any condition(s) attached to this consent, with reasons for imposing them, or reasons for refusal, are shown below;

Reason for Refusal:-

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Local Development Plan Policy Hou 7 in respect of Inappropriate Uses in Residential Areas, as the use of this property as a short stay let will have a materially detrimental effect on the living conditions and amenity of nearby residents.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to National Planning Framework 4 Policy 30(e) in respect of Local Amenity and Loss of Residential Accommodation, as the use of this dwelling as a short stay let will result in an unacceptable impact on local amenity and the loss of a residential property has not been justified.

Please see the guidance notes on our <u>decision page</u> for further information, including how to appeal or review your decision.

Drawings 01, 02A, represent the determined scheme. Full details of the application can be found on the <u>Planning and Building Standards Online Services</u>

The reason why the Council made this decision is as follows:

The proposal is acceptable with regard to Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 as it will preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

The change of use of this property to a short term let (STL) will have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenity. The loss of the residential accommodation has not been justified. Whilst it is recognised that there is an economic benefit to the city as a whole from the provision of tourist accommodation in this case it does not outweigh the adverse impact on residential amenity. The proposal does not comply with the Development Plan policy NPF 4 policy 30(e) and LDP policy Hou 7. There are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion. The proposal is unacceptable.

This determination does not carry with it any necessary consent or approval for the proposed development under other statutory enactments.

Should you have a specific enquiry regarding this decision please contact Lesley Porteous directly at lesley.porteous@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Chief Planning Officer

PLACE

The City of Edinburgh Council

NOTES

- 1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months beginning with the date of this notice. The Notice of Review can be made online at www.eplanning.scot or forms can be downloaded from that website. Paper forms should be addressed to the City of Edinburgh Planning Local Review Body, G.2, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG. For enquiries about the Local Review Body, please email localreviewbody@edinburgh.gov.uk.
- 2. If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Report of Handling

Application for Planning Permission Flat 5 22 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP

Proposal: Change of use from dwelling to short-term let.

Item – Local Delegated Decision Application Number – 22/04145/FUL Ward – B11 - City Centre

Recommendation

It is recommended that this application be **Refused** subject to the details below.

Summary

The proposal is acceptable with regard to Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 as it will preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

The change of use of this property to a short term let (STL) will have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenity. The loss of the residential accommodation has not been justified. Whilst it is recognised that there is an economic benefit to the city as a whole from the provision of tourist accommodation in this case it does not outweigh the adverse impact on residential amenity. The proposal does not comply with the Development Plan policy NPF 4 policy 30(e) and LDP policy Hou 7. There are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion. The proposal is unacceptable.

SECTION A - Application Background

Site Description

The application site is a two-bedroom modern flat at 22 Calton Road. The property is on two levels on the second and third floors of a residential block of six flats. The flats sit to the rear of an office block which fronts Calton Road. The application property shares an entrance door, stairs and corridors with the other five flats. There is no communal or private garden.

Calton Road is primarily residential with student accommodation and some offices. It is very close to the city centre and Waverley Station.

The application site is in the Old and New Towns Edinburgh World Heritage Site and the Old Town Conservation Area.

Description Of The Proposal

The application seeks permission to change the residential use to a short term let apartment. No internal or external physical changes are proposed. Although the planning statement says that the proposal is retrospective, the applicant has confirmed that the short term let use has not yet started.

Supporting Information

Planning statement.

National Planning Framework 4 Planning Statement.

Relevant Site History

No relevant site history.

Other Relevant Site History

No other relevant planning site history.

Consultation Engagement

Transport

Publicity and Public Engagement

Date of Neighbour Notification: 21 April 2023

Date of Advertisement: 9 September 2022

Date of Site Notice: 9 September 2022

Number of Contributors: 4

Section B - Assessment

Determining Issues

Due to the proposed development falling within a conservation area, this report will first consider the proposals in terms of Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997:

- Is there a strong presumption against granting planning permission due to the development conflicting with the objective of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area?
- If the strong presumption against granting planning permission is engaged, are there any significant public interest advantages of the development which can only be delivered at the scheme's proposed location that are sufficient to outweigh it?

This report will then consider the proposed development under Sections 24, 25 and 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 1997 Act):

Having regard to the legal requirement of Section 24(3), in the event of any policy incompatibility between National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) & Edinburgh Local Development Plan 2016 (LDP) the newer policy shall prevail.

Do the proposals comply with the development plan?

If the proposals do comply with the development plan, are there any compelling material considerations for not approving them?

If the proposals do not comply with the development plan, are there any compelling material considerations for approving them?

In the assessment of material considerations this report will consider:

- equalities and human rights;
- public representations; and
- any other identified material considerations.

Assessment

To address these determining issues, it needs to be considered whether:

a) The proposals harm the character or appearance of the conservation area?

Section 64(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 states:

"In exercise, with respect to any buildings or other land in a conservation area, of any powers under any of the provisions in subsection (2), special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area."

The Old Town Conservation Area Character Appraisal emphasises the survival of the original medieval street pattern; the wealth of important landmark buildings; the survival of an outstanding collection of archaeological remains, medieval buildings, and 17th-century town houses; the consistent and harmonious height and mass of buildings; the importance of stone as a construction material for both buildings and the public realm; the vitality and variety of different uses; and the continuing presence of a residential community.

There are no external changes proposed, therefore, the impact on the appearance of the conservation area is acceptable.

Conclusion in relation to the conservation area

The proposals are acceptable with regard to Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

b) The proposals comply with the development plan?

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) was adopted by the Scottish Ministers on 13 February 2023 and forms part of the Council's Development Plan. NPF4 policies supports the planning and delivery of Sustainable Places, Liveable Places and Productive Places and are the key policies against which proposals for development

are assessed. Several policies in the Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP) are superseded by equivalent and alternative policies within NPF4. The relevant policies to be considered are:

- NPF4 Sustainable Places Policy 1.
- NPF4 Productive Places Tourism Policy 30.
- NPF4 Historic Assets and Places Policy 7.
- Local Development Plan Housing Policy, Hou 7.
- Local Development Plan Transport Policies, Tra 2 and Tra 3

The non-statutory Listed Building and Conservation Area Guidance is a material consideration when considering NPF4 policy 7.

The non-statutory Guidance for Business is a material consideration that is relevant when considering LDP Policy Hou 7 and the Edinburgh Design Guidance is a material consideration when considering LDP Policies Tra 2 and Tra 3.

Conservation Area and World Heritage Site

There are no external or internal works proposed and as such there will not be a significant impact on historic assets or places. The proposal complies with NPF 4 Policy 7.

Proposed Use

With regards to NPF 4 Policy 1, the proposed change of use does not involve operational development resulting in physical changes to the property. The proposals will have a negligible impact on the global climate and nature crisis.

NPF 4 Policy 30 seeks to encourage, promote and facilitate sustainable tourism development which benefits local people, is consistent with our net zero and nature commitments, and inspires people to visit Scotland. Criterion 30 (b) and (e) specifically relate to STL proposals.

LDP Policy Hou 7 (Inappropriate Uses in Residential Areas), seeks to protect residential amenity.

The non-statutory Guidance for Businesses (2023) states that an assessment of a change of use of dwellings to a short term let will have regard to:

- The character of the new use and of the wider area;
- The size of the property:
- The pattern of activity associated with the use including numbers of occupants, the period of use, issues of noise, disturbance and parking demand and
- The nature and character of any services provided.

In connection to short term lets it states, "The Council will not normally grant planning permission in respect of flatted properties where the potential adverse impact on residential amenity is greatest".

Amenity

The character of the immediate area is primarily residential. The flat is located within a modern flatted block, with a shared entrance, stairway and corridors.

The use as an STL would allow visitors to come and go from the premises for inconsistent periods of time on a regular basis throughout the year in a manner dissimilar to that of permanent residents. When staying at the property, guests can come and go at any time throughout the day and night impacting on the amenity of immediate residential occupants. Temporary visitors are likely to have less regard for the local amenity.

This increase in frequency of movement to the flat at unpredictable hours would damage the amenity of the immediate neighbours and adjacent properties. This could also have a negative impact on the community. Additionally, the extra servicing that is required for a STL compared to that of a residential use would further intensify the amount of disturbance, though this is likely to be carried out during the daytime.

A change of use would increase the level of ambient background noise beyond what is reasonably expected by neighbouring residents and will have a significant detrimental effect on the living conditions and amenity of nearby residents. The proposal does not comply with NPF 4 policy 30(e) part (i) and LDP policy Hou 7.

Loss of residential accommodation

NPF 4 policy 30 (e) part (ii) requires that where there is a loss of residential accommodation, this will only be supported where the loss is outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits.

Paragraph 220 of the LDP acknowledges that tourism is the biggest source of employment in Edinburgh, providing jobs for over 31,000 people. The use of the property by guests and the required maintenance and upkeep of STL properties are likely to result in a level of job creation and spend within the economy which can be classed as having an economic benefit.

However, having the property within residential use would also contribute to the economy, through the use of a variety of local services and employment opportunities across the city. Long term residents also have the ability to make consistent and long-term contributions to the local community.

The proposal would result in the loss of residential accommodation. There is a recognised need and demand for housing in Edinburgh, therefore, it is important to retain the existing supply where appropriate.

The applicant submitted a statement that demonstrated the number of residential properties available to rent and buy in the same postcode area as the application property. It concludes that the loss of residential would therefore not affect housing availability in the area.

In this instance, it has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the loss of the residential accommodation is outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits. As such, the proposal does not comply with NPF 4 30(e) part (ii).

Parking standards

There is a car parking space provided and there is space for bike storage within the rear courtyard. The proposals comply with policies Tra 2 and Tra 3.

Conclusion in relation to the Development Plan

The change of use of this property to an STL will have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenity. The loss of the residential accommodation has not been justified. Whilst it is recognised that there is an economic benefit to the City as a whole from the provision of tourist accommodation in this case it does not outweigh the adverse impact on residential amenity. The proposal does not comply with the Development Plan policy NPF 4 policy 30(e) and LDP policy Hou 7.

c) There are any other material considerations which must be addressed?

The following material planning considerations have been identified:

Emerging policy context

City Plan 2030 represents the settled will of the Council, and it has been submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination. As such, limited weight can be attached to it as a material consideration in the determination of this application.

Equalities and human rights

Due regard has been given to section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010. No impacts have been identified.

Consideration has been given to human rights. No impacts have been identified through the assessment and no comments have been received in relation to human rights.

Public representations

A summary of the representations is provided below:

material considerations

- -Should be retained for residential use. Addressed in b) above.
- -Contradicts Hou 7 of LDP. Addressed in b) above.
- -Destroys communities. Addressed in b) above.

non-material considerations

- -Leads to shortage of housing. This is not a material consideration under the current LDP.
- -Not supportive of Scottish Government Housing Policy on 'More Homes' or Scottish Planning Policy on 'Socially Sustainable Places'. The application must be assessed against the statutory development plans.

Conclusion in relation to identified material considerations

The proposals do not raise any issues in relation to other material considerations identified.

Overall conclusion

The proposal is acceptable with regard to Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 as it will preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

The change of use of this property to an STL will have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenity. The loss of the residential accommodation has not been justified. Whilst it is recognised that there is an economic benefit to the city as a whole from the provision of tourist accommodation in this case it does not outweigh the adverse impact on residential amenity. The proposal does not comply with the Development Plan policy NPF 4 policy 30(e) and LDP policy Hou 7. There are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion. The proposal is unacceptable.

Section C - Conditions/Reasons/Informatives

The recommendation is subject to the following; **Conditions**

Reasons

Reason for Refusal

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Local Development Plan Policy Hou 7 in respect of Inappropriate Uses in Residential Areas, as the use of this property as a short stay let will have a materially detrimental effect on the living conditions and amenity of nearby residents.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to National Planning Framework 4 Policy 30(e) in respect of Local Amenity and Loss of Residential Accommodation, as the use of this dwelling as a short stay let will result in an unacceptable impact on local amenity and the loss of a residential property has not been justified.

Background Reading/External References

To view details of the application go to the Planning Portal

Further Information - Local Development Plan

Date Registered: 26 August 2022

Drawing Numbers/Scheme

01, 02A

Scheme 1

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Appendix 1

Consultations

NAME: Transport

COMMENT: No comments DATE: 8 September 2022

The full consultation response can be viewed on the Planning & Building Standards Portal.

Proposal Details

Proposal Name 100594292

Proposal Description Change of use to short term let

Address FLAT 5, 22 CALTON ROAD, OLD TOWN,

EDINBURGH, EH8 8DP

Local Authority City of Edinburgh Council

Application Online Reference 100594292-001

Application Status

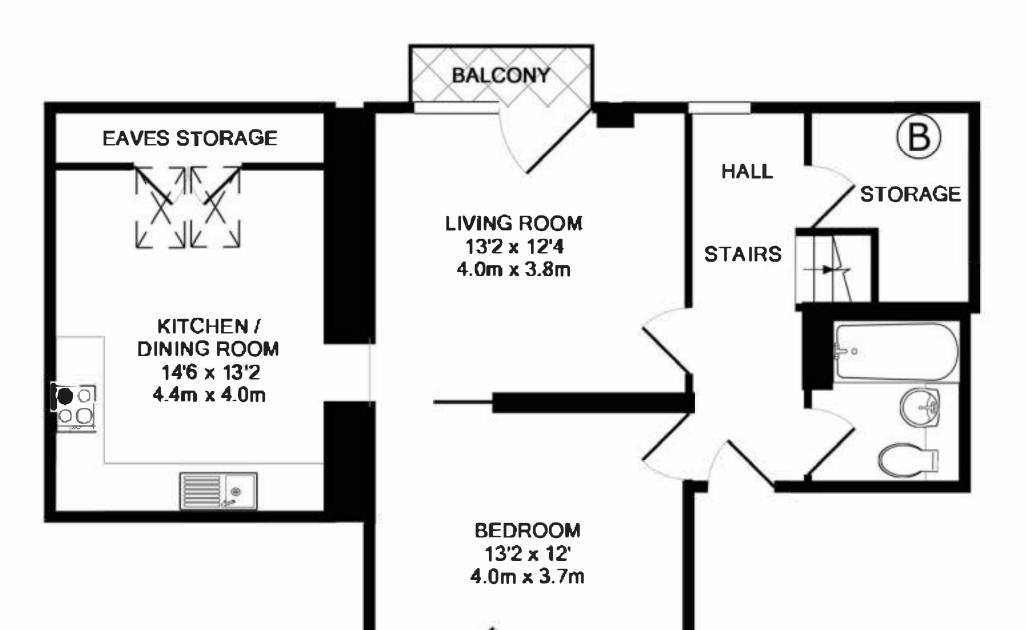
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN APPROX. FLOOR AREA 693 SQ.F (64.4 SQ.M.)

EAVES STORAGE STAIRS **BEDROOM** LANDING 17' x 15'11 5.2m x 4.9m ENSUITE 8' x 3'11 2.4m x 1.2m WARDROBE WARDROBE

22-5 CALTON ROAD TOTAL APPROX, FLOOR AREA 1174 SQ.FT. (109.0 SQ.M.)

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THIRD FLOOR PLAN APPROX. FLOOR AREA 480 \$Q.FT. (44.6 SQ.M.)



CHANGE OF USE FROM ONE SUI GENERIS TO ANOTHER SUI GENERIS

Planning statement on behalf of Adeeb Makda for change of use, for

22/5 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP

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August 2022

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I INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 TmC Planning and property development has been asked to provide a planning statement in support of this planning application. The proposal is to change the use retrospectively of the property known as 22/5 Calton Rd Edinburgh, from a residential use to a shortterm let property providing visitor accommodation.
- 1.2 The proposed visitor accommodation is considered a sui generis use, different to that of the current sui generis use as a residential flat. The recent Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 confirms that in certain areas, planning permission will be required for such a change. Given all of Edinburgh is currently anticipated as being such an area, the current application is being made to formalise this change and secure the benefit of planning permission.
- 1.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the change of use proposed under this application will result in no physical changes to the interior or exterior of this building necessitating planning permission.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is first to set out the context for this planning application by describing the property, its history and setting, and then looking at how the property is currently managed as visitor accommodation. A review is then undertaken of all relevant planning policies, guidance and recent appeal decisions with an assessment made as to how these can all be addressed satisfactorily.
- 1.5 It is our contention that the proposed change of use of this property will provide it with a sustainable function going forward that can contribute to Edinburgh's important tourist economy and reputation as a business destination. Such a change is appropriate today both to the character of the building and the character of the neighbourhood.

2 SITE BACKGROUND

2.1 Site Location

The site is located at 22/5 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP. The red line below indicates the site boundary and is listed as residential land on ScotLIS. Calton Road comprises of mixed development, made up of residential, flatted dwellings, student accommodation and offices.



Figure 1 - Site Location (ScotLIS, 2022)



Figure 2 - Aerial view (Google Earth, 2022)

2.2 Current Use

The flats are located to the rear of the property, with the offices located to the front side, which are shown in the images below from google earth:



Figure 3 – Offices entry from the North of the building



Figure 4&5 – Residential entry from the South of the building

2.3 Existing Floor Plans of 22/5 Calton Rd

To the rear of the building, the property is divided into six flats, with our applicant occupying one (22/5). The flat is a modern purpose built flat, consisting of two bedrooms, two

bathrooms in an area of 109 square metres. The flat can accommodate between one to four people.

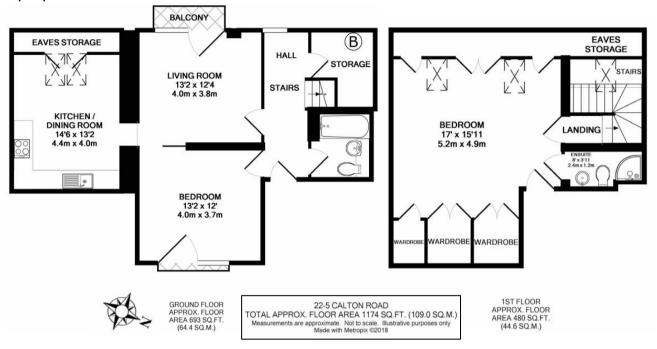


Figure 6 – Existing Floor Plans of the flat no.22/5 Calton Rd

2.4 Location of site in relation to surrounding area



Figure 7 – Path to Waverley Station from property (Google Earth, 2022)

The red line shows the distance between the property and Waverly train station, which is approximately 380m. The property is 750m to the new development of the St James Quarter

shopping centre and 850m to Princes Street. Calton Hill is 530m away to the property and is right in the centre of the city. It is a very popular tourist attraction, as it provides 360° wide views of the city, and has a variety of historical attractions such as the Nelson Monument and Dugald Monument.



Figure 8 - Path to the steps of Calton Hill

2.5 Planning History

The following planning applications were granted planning permission for the proposed site:

Reference number 02/02703/FUL to 'demolish existing warehouse and construct mixed development, building offices to Calton road - 6 no. flats to rear' was granted planning permission 19th Feb 2002.

> Demolish existing warehouse and construct mixed development, building offices to Calton Road - 6 number flats to rear (variation to consent 02/02703/ful) 22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Ref. No: 02/02703/VARY | Received: Thu 18 Sep 2003 | Validated: Thu 18

Sep 2003 | Status: Permission has been varied

Reference number 02/02703/CON for the 'demolition of existing single storey warehouse, removal of existing cooler tanks and removal of existing fence and gates to Calton Road. Existing asphalt ground surface o be removed over extent of site' was granted planning permission and validated on 29th Nov 2002.

Demolition of existing single storey warehouse, removal of existing cooler tanks and removal of existing fence and gates to Calton Road. Existing asphalt ground surface to be removed over extent of site

22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Ref. No: 02/02703/CON | Received: Fri 29 Nov 2002 | Validated: Fri 29 Nov 2002 | Status: Application Granted

 Reference number 02/02703/VARY to 'demolish existing warehouse and construct mixed development, building offices to Calton Road – 6 number flats to rear (variation to consent 02/022703/FUL). Permission has been varied was issued on 12th Nov 2003.

Demolish existing warehouse and construct mixed development, building offices to Calton Road - 6 no. flats to rear

22 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP

Ref. No: 02/02703/FUL | Received: Thu 18 Jul 2002 | Validated: Thu 18 Jul 2002 | Status: Application Granted

2.6 Similar Applications

 Reference number 22/00803/FUL to 'Change of use from residential to shortterm let'. The property is with one bedroom and bath, in a residential neighbourhood. The granted property is supported by the neighbours through the comments on the portal (figure 8)

Change of Use (retrospective) from residential to short-term let.

17 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh EH11 1RF

Ref. No: 22/00803/FUL | Received: Mon 21 Feb 2022 | Validated: Mon 21 Feb 2022 | Status: Application Granted

Application Summary

Application Number: 22/00803/FUL

Address: 17 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh EH11 1RF

Proposal: Change of Use (retrospective) from residential to short-term let.

Case Officer: Jackie McInnes

Customer Details

Name: Miss Fiona Machray

Address: 20 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour-Residential

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I'm supportive of no 17 Ashley terrace continuing to be used for short term rental. I have never had any issues or concerns since the property has been let out

Figure 9 -Supporting comments for change of use

2.7 Short-term lets nearby

The short-term lets around the applicant's property in the radius of 2miles are shown in green and the applicant's property is shown in red.

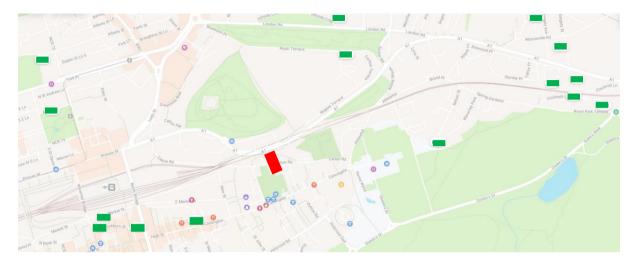


Figure 10 -Green plots are the short term lets in the radius of 2 miles from the applicant's property in red plot

3 PROPOSAL

The proposal is for change of use of a flatted dwelling to short-term letting accommodation. Short-term letting accommodation and flatted dwellings are not covered under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997 and are categorised as sui generis.

Due to the size of the flat, accommodating up to four people, the proposal is small in scale and will not change the residential character and amenity of the area or cause disturbance.

3.1 Justification

Short-term letting accommodation are very flexible and have a wide variety of benefits, for landlords, guests, and tourists in general. They are commonly used and most popular as accommodation for tourists during busy peaks in the year, however they have wider benefits such as landlords and owners can make an income from their property whilst they are away on holiday, or existing homeowners can make use of alternative accommodation whilst carrying out work on their own property. This type of accommodation also caters for workers who are looking for short term accommodation or give an insight for people who are looking to move to the area.

3.2 Parking

The building provides 6 car permitted parking in the rear courtyard for the Residential flats. The applicant's property is permitted to use I car parking lot and there is space for bike parking within the rear courtyard.



Figure 11 -Permitted Car parking in the rear courtyard of the property

3.3 Access to the Property

The main entry to the compound is secured with electric main gate which gives access to the courtyard. Followed by the parking, there is another secured electric door on the rear courtyard providing access to the communal staircase.



Figure 12-Electric main door to the rear courtyard



Figure 13-Electric main door to the residential flats



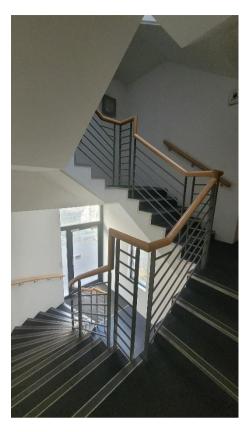


Figure 14&15 -corridor and staircase access to the 6 flats

3.3 Change of Use

The change of use will utilise this property in a sustainable manner and pose no impact on the neighbouring properties. The change of use from one sui generis to another sui generis is reversible and therefore, can be reversed back if required in the future.

3.4 Tourism

- The proposed use is seen as bringing tourists to the city centre and supporting local businesses.
- It is recognised that tourism is significant source of economic activity in Edinburgh.
- Tourism strategy 2030 for Edinburgh City Council.

3.5 Planning Circular 01/2021 – short-term let control areas

The planning authority might want to designate a control area for one or more of the following policy objectives.

• To help manage high concentrations of secondary letting (where it affects the availability of residential housing or the character of a neighbourhood)

- To restrict or prevent short-term lets in places or types of buildings where it is not appropriate
- To help local authorities ensure that homes are used to best effect in their areas.

3.6 Supporting Planning Circular

The properties around the applicant's property are mixed use properties. There are Office spaces sharing the same compound, there are commercial student accommodations occupied in 32 & 63 Calton Rd. There are other residential properties around the applicant's property in 75 Calton Rd and in 24-26 Calton Rd.

The impact on the existing neighbourhood would be negligible, as it shares the usage of Commercial, Institutional and Residential properties.

• Figure showing the list of properties include within the boundaries of shopping areas to assist in the use of the policies in Part 2 Section 6 Shopping and Leisure. Properties in I 2 Calton Road are highlighted to show that the area is having mixed use development around the applicant's property as per Edinburgh Local Development

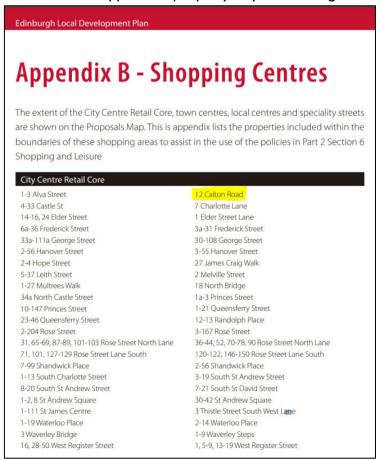


Figure 16 – List showing Shopping Centres

- Plan November 2016, Appendix B- Shopping Centres.
- Hereby the above-mentioned details about the existing neighbourhood states that the change of use from one sui generis to another sui generis is appropriate change.

4 RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

Sui generis is Latin for 'of its own kind'. It is a term to categorise buildings that do not fall within any particular use class for the purposes of planning permission.

At the time of writing the status of the property is as a residential property. Commentary on the policy context for the Change of Use of residential accommodation to short term let visitor accommodation is presented below.

- National and local planning policies for Edinburgh typically deal with tourism rather than
 focussing on such changes of use. Separate non-statutory guidance on change of use for
 business has also been produced. Both policies and guidance are therefore examined in
 this section of the planning statement.
- The proposal is for change of use of a flatted dwelling to short-term letting accommodation. Short-term letting accommodation and flatted dwellings are not covered under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997 and is sui generis.
- The term short-term let has been outlined in the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, it states the following:
 - **2.** (I) For the purposes of section 26B of the Act, and subject to section 26B (3) of the Act, a short-term let is provided where all the following criteria are met:
 - a) sleeping accommodation is provided to one or more persons for one or more nights for commercial consideration,
 - b) no person to whom sleeping accommodation is provided is an immediate family member of the person by whom the accommodation is being provided,
 - the accommodation is not provided for the principal purpose of facilitating the provision of work or services to the person by whom the accommodation is being provided or to another member of that person's household,

- d) the accommodation is not provided by an employer to an employee in terms of a contract of employment or for the better performance of the employee's duties
- e) the accommodation is not excluded accommodation.
- Policy Hou 7 the use would not have a materially detrimental effect on nearby residents in this busy urban location.

5 SUMMARIES

- In the Scottish context, Edinburgh occupies a unique position in terms of its attractions to ever-growing numbers of tourists. Evidence from the last decade suggests that additional supply of tourist accommodation across the city is quickly taken up by increases demand, meaning the healthy occupancy rates can be maintained by a wide range of different visitor accommodation providers.
- According to visit Scotland there were around 19.2 million visitor nights in Edinburgh in 2019 from domestic and international overnight visitors with a total spending of £1.87 billion.
- With reference to Edinburgh by Numbers 2021, 7 of the top 10 most visited attractions in Scotland in 2019 are based in Edinburgh. Most visitors arrived in Edinburgh during the defined summer period in 2019, especially for overseas visitors with 41% arriving during July to September. While the traditional peak season increased by 42% from 568,000 to 804,000 visits between 2013 and 2019, the increase in the off-season period of October to March was greater (Jan-Mar up by 113% and Oct-Dec up by 143%)
- Edinburgh's eleven major festivals take place throughout the year, bringing cultural, social, employment and economic benefit to the citizens of the city and region. The major festivals like international children's festival, Edinburgh festival fringe, international book festival, international Art festival, Jazz ang blue festival, etc. are within 2.2miles away from the proposed property.
- The proposal represents sustainable and efficient use of the site, has due regard to the characteristics of the existing and surrounding area, and makes an important contribution in the economy of the Edinburgh City Council area.

PLANNING STATEMENT FOR: CHANGE OF USE

• The proposed development accords overall with the relevant provisions of the

development plan.

• The proposal should be permitted as it is within the urban area with good public transport

access to the city centre.

6 CONCLUSIONS

This change of use application is in accordance with Edinburgh City Council Local

Development Plan policy. Therefore, the proposal complies with the terms and advice given

regarding the strategic planning policy objectives within that area.

This development application is of suitable scale and design, which is compatible with the

location and will not have a detrimental impact on visual amenities or detrimental impact on

the character of the surrounding buildings.

The proposed change of use from flatted dwelling residence to short-term let will improve

economy of the applicant and provides the need for accommodation for the tourists of

Edinburgh which reflects the economy of the city.

This application will enhance and create a more economically sustainable area, and therefore

we look forward to receiving a grant of planning for the proposal above.

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PLANNING STATEMENT SUPPORTING NPF4

CHANGE OF USE FROM ONE SUI GENERIS CLASS TO ANOTHER SUI GENERIS.

ON BEHALF OF Mr ADEEB MAKDA AT

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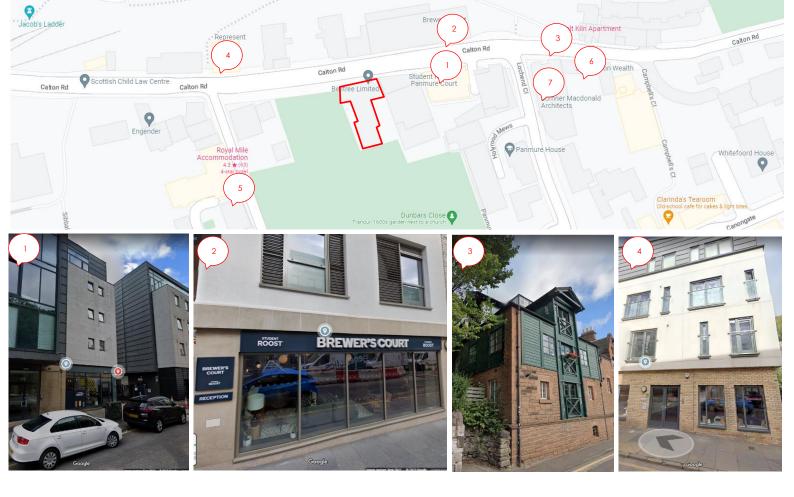
National Planning Framework 4 (Revised Draft 8th November 2022)

Tourism _ Policy 30

- e) Development proposals for the reuse of existing buildings for short term holiday letting will not be supported where the proposal will result in:
 - i. An unacceptable impact on local amenity or the character of a neighbourhood or area; or
 - ii. The loss of residential accommodation where such loss is not outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits.

Statistics

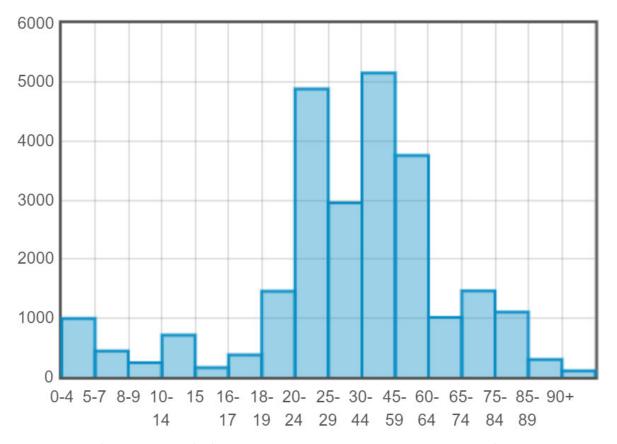
- 22 Calton Road building is a mixed-use apartment with flatted dwellings and office spaces in the rear and front of the building respectively.
- Calton Road is a mix of commercial, flatted dwellings, retail, student accommodations, Holiday apartments and hotels.





Non-residential buildings in EH8 8DP (Google Earth)

A total population of 25061 by 2011 in EH8 postcodes. In which, majority
of population is in between age 20-44 (Economically independent) as
shown in below graph.



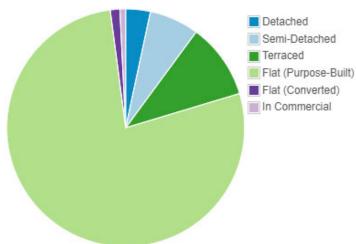
Population chart age wise in EH8, year 2011 (Streetcheck.co.uk and Datashine Scotland)

• Flatted dwelling dominated in EH8 area with 9502 flats by the year 2011 and 159 flats converted which is less than 2% of the flats.

Housing Types

Housing Types

Detached	410
Semi-Detached	826
Terraced	1256
Flat (Purpose-Built)	9502
Flat (Converted)	159
Residence in Commercial Building	96
Total	12249



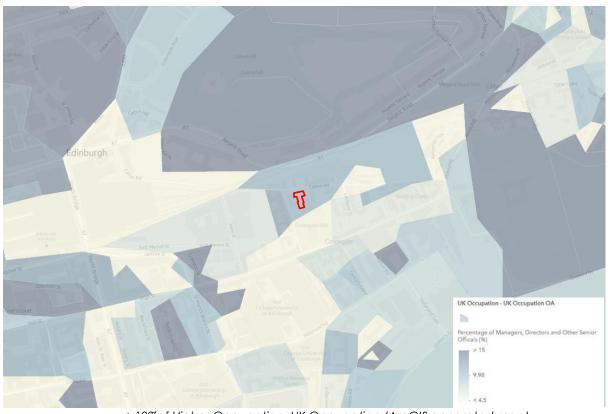
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Justification

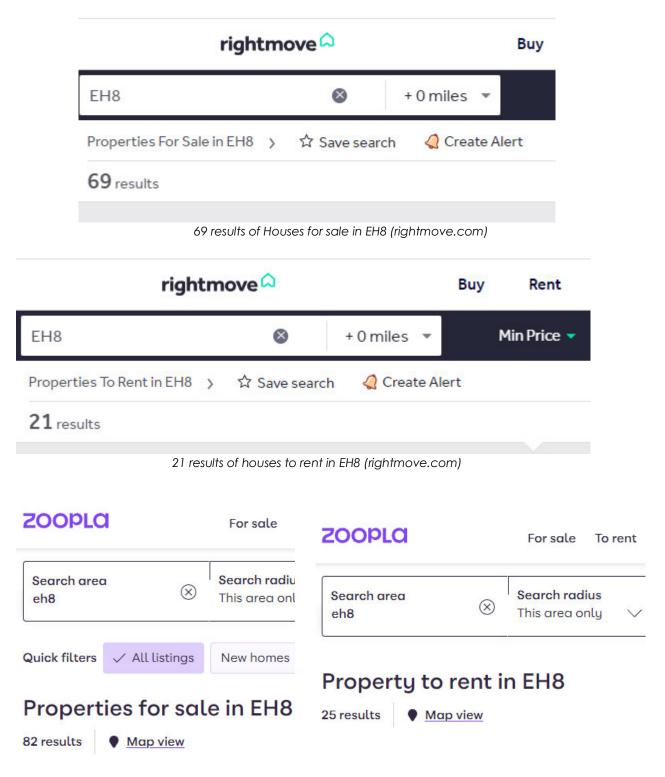
- With the above provided statistics and images, it is shown that Calton Road is not a Residential exclusive area but a mixed-use area with commercial and office spaces, short term lettinas, student Hotels, Holiday apartments and residential accommodations, apartments. Hence the area will not be affected with the change of use from flatted dwelling to short-term let property. In addition, 22/5 flat has permitted parking spot for 1 car within the compound of the apartment and the access is well secured with double secured electric gates to enter in the premises.
- Based on the population as per age, EH8 area is having more full-time employee population. And there are adequate number of residential dwellings currently available for renting and for sale. Hence the change of use from flatted dwelling to short term let property does not affect housing accommodation availability. In addition, contributes to the need for accommodation for the tourists of Edinburgh which contributes to the economy of the city of Edinburgh.



>55% of Full-time workers, UK Economic Activity (ArcGIS generated map)



>10% of Higher Occupation, UK Occupation (ArcGIS generated map)



82 and 25 properties for sale and rent respectively in EH8 (zoopla.com)

 The above screenshots from real estate websites show the availability of houses in this area with 69, 82 results to buy and 21, 25 results for renting houses. Hence, with above information it is inferred that there is a negligible impact on loss of residential accommodation by the proposed change of use.



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Site Address	Details		
Planning Authority:	City of Edinburgh Council		
Full postal address of th	ne site (including postcode where available	e):	
Address 1:	FLAT 5		
Address 2:	22 CALTON ROAD		
Address 3:	OLD TOWN		
Address 4:			
Address 5:			
Town/City/Settlement:	EDINBURGH		
Post Code:	EH8 8DP		
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Agent Details			
Please enter Agent detail	s		
Company/Organisation:	TmC Planning and Property Developmen	t Ltd.	
Ref. Number:		You must enter a Bu	uilding Name or Number, or both: *
First Name: *	Thomas	Building Name:	Suite 112 Stadium House
Last Name: *	Cochrane	Building Number:	
Telephone Number: *	01312100400	Address 1 (Street): *	Alderstone Road
Extension Number:		Address 2:	
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Livingston
Fax Number:		Country: *	Scotland
		Postcode: *	EH54 7DN
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Title:	Mr	You must enter a Bu	uilding Name or Number, or both: *
Other Title:		Building Name:	
First Name: *	Adeeb	Building Number:	22-5
Last Name: *	Makda	Address 1 (Street): *	Calton Road
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Edinburgh
Extension Number:		Country: *	Scotland
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	EH8 8DP
Fax Number:			
Email Address: *			

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Please provide	the details of the original application(s) below:	
Was the origina	l application part of this proposal? *	☒ Yes ☐ No
Applicat	ion Details	
Please select w	hich application(s) the new documentation is related to.	
Application: *	100594292-001, application for Planning Permission, submitted on 16	/08/2022
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characters)	an explanation as to why the documentation is being attached after the comments for change of use	original application was submitted: * (Max 500
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Declaration Nar	me: Mr Thomas Cochrane	
Declaration Dat	e: 25/08/2022	

Proposal Details

Proposal Name 100594292

Proposal Description Change of use to short term let

Address FLAT 5, 22 CALTON ROAD, OLD TOWN,

EDINBURGH, EH8 8DP

Local Authority City of Edinburgh Council

Application Online Reference 100594292-002

Application Status

Form complete
Main Details complete
Checklist complete
Declaration complete
Supporting Documentation complete

Attachment Details

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APPEAL STATEMENT FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM ONE SUI GENERIS TO ANOTHER SUI GENERIS

On behalf of Adeeb Makda, 22/5 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP





HISTORY

The application site is a two-bedroom modern flat at 22 Calton Road. The property is on two levels on the second and third floors of a residential block of six flats. The flats sit to the rear of an office block that fronts Calton Road. The application property shares an entrance door, stairs, and corridors with the other five flats. There is no communal or private garden.

Calton Road is primarily residential with student accommodation and some offices. It is very close to the city centre and Waverley Station.

The application site is in the Old and New Towns Edinburgh World Heritage Site and the Old Town Conservation Area.

LOCATION

The site is located at 22/5 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP. The red line below indicates the site boundary and is listed as residential land on ScotLIS. Calton Road comprises mixed development, made up of residential, flatted dwellings, student accommodation, and offices.



Figure 1 - Site Location (ScotLIS, 2022)





Figure 2: Aerial View, Google Earth 2022

Existing Building

The flats are located at the rear of the property, with the offices located on the front side, which are shown in the images below from google earth:



Figure 3: Office entry from the North of the building







Figure 4: Residential entry from the South of the building

Existing Floor Plans of 22/5 Calton Road

To the rear of the building, the property is divided into six flats, with our applicant occupying one (22/5). The flat is a modern purpose-built flat, consisting of two bedrooms, and two bathrooms in an area of 109 square metres. The flat can accommodate between one to four people.

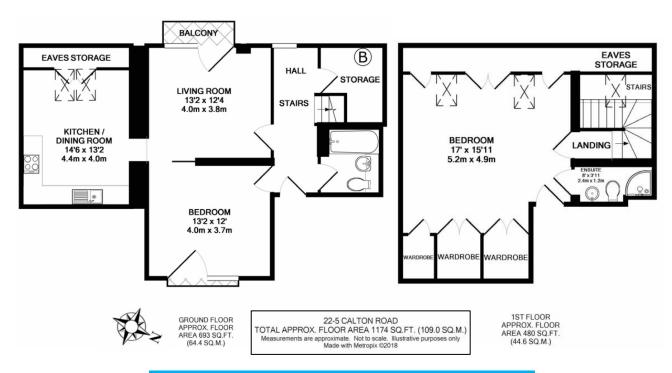


Figure 5: Existing Floor Plan of the Flat



REASON FOR APPEAL:

The planning officer has stated the following:

The proposal is contrary to Local Development Plan Policy HOU 7 in respect
of Inappropriate Uses in Residential Areas, as the use of this property as a
short-stay let will have a materially detrimental effect on the living
conditions and amenities of nearby residents.

Policy Hou 7 Inappropriate Uses in Residential Areas

Developments, including changes of use, which would have a materially detrimental effect on the living conditions of nearby residents, will not be permitted.

234 The intention of the policy is firstly, to preclude the introduction or intensification of non-residential uses incompatible with predominantly residential areas and secondly, to prevent any further deterioration in living conditions in more mixed use areas which nevertheless have important residential functions. This policy will be used to assess proposals for the conversion of a house or flat to a House in Multiple Occupation (i.e. for five or more people). Further advice is set out in Council Guidance

Policy Hou 7 – the use would not have a materially detrimental effect on nearby residents in this busy urban location. There are a few short-term lets that have been granted surrounding this area (Refer to appendix and map below).

The proposal is for a change of use of a flatted dwelling to short-term letting accommodation. Short-term letting accommodation and flatted dwellings are not covered under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997 and are categorised as sui generis.

Due to the size of the flat, accommodating up to four people, the proposal is small in scale and will not change the residential character and amenities of the area or cause a disturbance. This development application is of suitable scale and design, which is compatible with the location and will not have a detrimental impact on visual amenities or detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding buildings.



The proposed change of use from flatted dwelling residence to a short-term let will improve the economy of the applicant and provides the need for accommodation for the tourists of Edinburgh which reflects the economy of the city.

The short-term lets around the applicant's property in the radius of 2 miles are shown in green and the applicant's property is shown in red.





Figure 6: Existing short-term let surrounding Calton Road



2. The proposal is contrary to National Planning Framework 4 Policy 30(e) in respect of Local Amenities and Loss of Residential Accommodation, as the use of this dwelling as a short stay let will result in an unacceptable impact on local amenities and the loss of residential property has not been justified.

Tourism

Policy Principles

Policy Intent:

To encourage, promote and facilitate sustainable tourism development which benefits local people, is consistent with our net zero and nature commitments, and inspires people to visit Scotland.

Policy Outcomes:

 Communities and places enjoy economic, social and cultural benefits from tourism, supporting resilience and stimulating job creation.

Local Development Plans:

LDPs should support the recovery, growth and long-term resilience of the tourism sector. The spatial strategy should identify suitable locations which reflect opportunities for tourism development by taking full account of the needs of communities, visitors, the industry and the environment. Relevant national and local sector driven tourism strategies should also be taken into account.

The spatial strategy should also identify areas of pressure where existing tourism provision is having adverse impacts on the environment or the quality of life and health and wellbeing of local communities, and where further development is not appropriate.

Policy 30

- a) Development proposals for new or extended tourist facilities or accommodation, including caravan and camping sites, in locations identified in the LDP, will be supported.
- b) Proposals for tourism related development will take into account:
 - The contribution made to the local economy;
 - ii. Compatibility with the surrounding area in terms of the nature and scale of the activity and impacts of increased visitors;

- Impacts on communities, for example by hindering the provision of homes and services for local people;
- iv. Opportunities for sustainable travel and appropriate management of parking and traffic generation and scope for sustaining public transport services particularly in rural areas;
- v. Accessibility for disabled people;
- vi. Measures taken to minimise carbon emissions;
- vii. Opportunities to provide access to the natural environment.
- c) Development proposals that involve the change of use of a tourism-related facility will only be supported where it is demonstrated that the existing use is no longer viable and that there is no requirement for alternative tourism-related facilities in the area.
- d) Proposals for huts will be supported where the nature and scale of the development is compatible with the surrounding area and the proposal complies with relevant good practice guidance.
- e) Development proposals for the reuse of existing buildings for short term holiday letting will not be supported where the proposal will result in:
 - An unacceptable impact on local amenity or the character of a neighbourhood or area; or
 - The loss of residential accommodation where such loss is not outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits.



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Short-term letting accommodations are very flexible and have a wide variety of benefits, for landlords, guests, and tourists in general. They are commonly used and most popular as accommodation for tourists during busy peaks in the year, however, they have wider benefits such as landlords and owners can make an income from their property whilst they are away on holiday, or existing homeowners can make use of alternative accommodation whilst carrying out work on their own property. This type of accommodation also caters for workers who are looking for short-term accommodation or gives insight to people who are looking to move to the area.

Impact on local amenities or the character of a neighbourhood or surrounding area.

Calton Road Calton Road is primarily residential with student accommodation and some offices. It is very close to the city centre and Waverley Station and popular destination for walkers or tourists who can stay or explore the area. The use of the property for a short-term stay sits comfortably within this area and is surrounded by tourist attractions and supported close to public transportation (Waverly Train Station).

The red line shows the distance between the property and Waverly train station, which is approximately 380m. The property is 750m to the new development of the St James Quarter shopping centre and 850m to Princes Street. Calton Hill is 530m away from the property and is right in the centre of the city.





Figure 7: Path to Waverley Station from the property, Google Earth

It is a very popular tourist attraction, as it provides 360° wide views of the city, and has a variety of historical attractions such as the Nelson Monument and Dugald Monument.



Figure 8: Path to the steps of Calton Hill



Its use for short-term stay lets will generate no more traffic than if used for long-term accommodation. The property is well attended to by the owners who maintain an attractive frontage for the mutual benefit of guests and other visitors to Calton Road or Edinburgh.

The property has its own main door and so guests arriving and departing will not unduly disturb neighbours. The main entrance to the compound is secured with the electric main gate which gives access to the courtyard. Followed by the parking, there is another secured electric door in the rear courtyard providing access to the communal staircase.



Figure 9: Main Entrance to the property



Figure 10: Corridor and staircase access to the property



Due to the size of the flat, accommodating up to four people, the proposal is small in scale and will not change the residential character and amenities of the area or cause a disturbance.

The building provides 6-car permitted parking in the rear courtyard for the Residential flats. The applicant's property is permitted to use 1 car parking lot and there is space for bike parking within the rear courtyard.



Figure 11: Permitted car parking.



THE LOSS OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION WHERE SUCH LOSS IS NOT OUTWEIGHED BY DEMONSTRABLE LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Tourism is the biggest source of employment in Edinburgh, providing jobs for over 31,000 people. The jobs created in the care, maintenance, and upkeep of short-term let properties are significant. Short-term lets offer visitors a flexible and cheaper travel alternative and have contributed positively to Edinburgh's tourism and hospitality industry. Guests at the application property regularly leave reviews which report they are frequent visitors to the local restaurants, shops, pubs, and tourist attractions.

They also frequently indicate that, due to the excellence of the experience offered, they are likely to return to Edinburgh again. The provision of short-term let properties is also a key component in maintaining the arts industry. It has recently been reported that the potential loss of short-term let properties could see a 30% reduction in the Edinburgh Fringe programme. The option of an exception from the licencing obligations for short-term let properties for the festival periods is not a viable alternative for the applicant.

Visit Scotland Tourism Aims

The Scottish Tourism Alliance has recently published the 'Scotland's Outlook for 2030' outlining how the country can contribute and benefit from growing its tourist industry.

In the document, the alliance emphasizes the importance of growing the tourist industry to attract investment and job creation and giving visitors a 'shop window' to view the opportunities available here, which can generate further investment into local towns.

Supporting tourist development also provides employment. The sector currently employs over 8% of our population.



The proposal will provide accommodation for tourists and individuals visiting the city and support the Edinburgh City and Cramond local economies. The proposal will not prejudice or inhibit the activities of any nearby employment use and will have a negligible adverse effect on residential amenities. It will not adversely affect the vitality of the local area. For these reasons, the local economic benefits clearly outweigh the loss of residential accommodation.

How Many People Visit Scotland every year?

Visit Scotland's most recent findings conclude:

- ✓ In 2019 alone, there were over 150 million visits to Scotland from around the world.
- ✓ Almost 6 million of those visits were from England (1 in 10 people).
- √ There were around 10.8 million total overnight stays in 2019 across the Glasgow and Clyde Valley region.
- ✓ From the USA alone, there were around 534,000 visits to the Edinburgh and Lothian region.

Edinburgh 2020: The Edinburgh Tourism Strategy

As a tourism destination, Edinburgh has an outstanding track record of success. Over the past 20 years, both the volume and the value of tourism have increased dramatically:

- Visitor spending has increased from £250m in 1990 to more than £1 billion per annum in 2010 - the highest tourism spending in any UK city after London.
- It punches significantly above its weight arrivals, spending, and bed spaces per capita are all above its UK peers. It is attracting higher proportions and numbers (per capita) of discretionary holiday visitors. Business visits per capita are also above average. Its market is also characterised by a high proportion of overseas visitors.



In addition, the city clearly delivers a product that meets visitor demand:

- In domestic markets, it is the UK's preferred city break destination and the winner
 of many accolades such as 2010 'Favourite UK City' as voted by Conde Nast
 Readers' Travel Awards, 2009 Best Destination Cruise Port as voted by Cruise
 Critic, and 2010 'Favourite UK City' in the Guardian & Observer Travel Awards for
 the eleventh consecutive year.
- · Approximately 50% of our leisure tourism consists of repeat visits.
- Edinburgh is the UK's most popular city for international association meetings outside London.
- Average annual hotel room occupancy has grown from 57% in 1990 to 77% in 2010
 Edinburgh has outperformed most of its peer cities in Europe. The average achieved daily rate and revenue per available room are around the median for European cities good but still competitive through much of the year.
- Tourism-related employment accounts for approximately 12% of the workforce, increasing from 12,000 to 32,000 full-time job equivalents in the last 20 years.
- Edinburgh Airport, now Scotland's largest, had flights serving 120 destinations in 2010, up from 40 in 1991, and handled a record of nearly 10m passengers in 2011, up from 2.34m in 1991. The growth in the number of destinations has been due predominantly to the advent of budget airlines, which has been highly beneficial for tourism in Edinburgh.
- Edinburgh Festivals continue to grow year after year the economic impact has increased from £184 million in 2005 to £261 million in 2010.



SUMMARIES

- i. In the Scottish context, Edinburgh occupies a unique position in terms of its attractions to ever-growing numbers of tourists. Evidence from the last decade suggests that an additional supply of tourist accommodation across the city is quickly taken up by increased demand, meaning the healthy occupancy rates can be maintained by a wide range of different visitor accommodation providers.
- ii. According to Visit Scotland there were around 19.2 million visitor nights in Edinburgh in 2019 from domestic and international overnight visitors with a total spending of £1.87 billion.
- iii. With reference to Edinburgh by Numbers 2021, 7 of the top 10 most visited attractions in Scotland in 2019 are based in Edinburgh. Most visitors arrived in Edinburgh during the defined summer period in 2019, especially overseas visitors with 41% arriving from July to September. While the traditional peak season increased by 42% from 568,000 to 804,000 visits between 2013 and 2019, the increase in the off-season period of October to March was greater (Jan-Mar up by 113% and Oct-Dec up by 143%)
- iv. Edinburgh's eleven major festivals take place throughout the year, bringing cultural, social, employment and economic benefit to the citizens of the city and region. The major festivals like the international children's Festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, international book festival, International Art Festival, Jazz, and blue festival, etc. are within 2.2 miles away from the proposed property.
- v. The proposal represents a sustainable and efficient use of the site, has due regard to the characteristics of the existing and surrounding area, and makes an important contribution to the economy of the Edinburgh City Council area. The proposed development accords overall with the relevant provisions of the development plan.
- vi. The proposal should be permitted as it is within the urban area with good public transport access to the city centre. This development application is of suitable scale and design,



- which is compatible with the location and will not have a detrimental impact on visual amenities or detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding buildings.
- vii. The proposed change of use from flatted dwelling residence to a short-term let will improve the economy of the applicant and provides the need for accommodation for the tourists of Edinburgh which reflects the economy of the city.

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Appendix

SHORT TERM LET

 20/00985/FUL | Conversion of Class 2 Commercial space to Sui Generis Student Accommodation space. Ground floor commercial space (currently not in use) is proposed to be converted to provide 9 additional studios, within the existing student accommodation development. | 32 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP - GRANTED.

Reference	20/00985/FUL
Application Validated	Wed 11 Mar 2020
Address	32 Calton Road Edinburgh EH8 8DP
Proposal	Conversion of Class 2 Commercial space to Sui Generis Student Accommodation space. Ground floor commercial space (currently not in use) is proposed to be converted to provide 9 additional studios, within the existing student accommodation development.
Status	Application Granted
Decision	Granted
Decision Issued Date	Tue 19 May 2020
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	2

2. 22/00169/CLE | Short-term let. | 16 Nether Craigwell Edinburgh EH8 8DR- **GRANTED.**

Reference	22/00169/CLE
Application Validated	Tue 18 Jan 2022
Address	16 Nether Craigwell Edinburgh EH8 8DR
Proposal	Short-term let.
Status	Application Granted
Decision	Granted
Decision Issued Date	Thu 17 Feb 2022
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	_

3. 22/04943/CLE | The property is currently being used as a short-term let business. | Flat 4 20 Old Tolbooth Wynd Edinburgh EH8 8EQ – **GRANTED.**

Reference	22/O4943/CLE
Application Validated	Fri 30 Sep 2022
Address	Flat 4 20 Old Tolbooth Wynd Edinburgh EH8 8EQ
Proposal	The property is currently being used as a short term let business
Status	Application Granted
Decision	Granted
Decision Issued Date	Fri 10 Mar 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	-



4. Reference number 22/00803/FUL to 'Change of use from residential to short-term let'. The property is one bedroom and bath, in a residential neighbourhood. The granted property is supported by the neighbours through the comments on the portal-GRANTED.

Change of Use (retrospective) from residential to short-term let.

17 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh EH11 1RF

Ref. No: 22/00803/FUL | Received: Mon 21 Feb 2022 | Validated: Mon 21 Feb 2022 | Status: Application Granted

Application Summary

Application Number: 22/00803/FUL

Address: 17 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh EH11 1RF

Proposal: Change of Use (retrospective) from residential to short-term let.

Case Officer: Jackie McInnes

Customer Details

Name: Miss Fiona Machray

Address: 20 Ashley Terrace Edinburgh

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour-Residential

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I'm supportive of no 17 Ashley terrace continuing to be used for short term rental. I have

never had any issues or concerns since the property has been let out



- 22 Calton Road building is a mixed-use apartment with flatted dwellings and office spaces in the rear and front of the building respectively.
- ii. Calton Road is a mix of commercial, flatted dwellings, retail, student accommodations, Holiday apartments, and hotels.







