

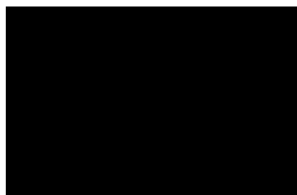
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I'd like to make further representation in response to the review of this planning application 22/06071/FULSTL and in support of my original objection and the 'planning refused' decision.



It is my opinion that the applicant's reasons for seeking a review on this decision are non-material in nature and in fact based at best on half truths.

Starting with the claim in the 'Description of Proposal' section that 'there is an excellent relationship with the local residents in the same block and adjacent properties'. This seems disingenuous when - upon checking the very first of the online objections to the original application - we discover an objection from a neighbour in the adjacent building. This surely negates the applicant's claim?

The description in the same paragraph about 'refurbishment and external maintenance enhancing the appearance of the building' is surely completely irrelevant. Is it too much to think that if the applicant rented it out long term, the building would remain in a good state of maintenance? If yes, that would indicate a serious problem with the landlord.

In the Statement of Reasons for Seeking Review, the applicant claims that 'In view of the compact size, it would not be suitable for full-time residential living' this is frankly preposterous and the words of someone who is refusing to acknowledge the scale of the housing crisis Edinburgh is currently suffering. I've lived in a flat smaller than that myself with my girlfriend. Half of the tenement flats in the less privileged 'industrial' areas of town are 'room and kitchen' and are successfully let and sold across the year. Add to that the desperate situation in the town where people simply can't afford housing, the idea of a very small, affordable flat in a central, safe area would offer an incredibly attractive prospect and would be snapped up.

In the same section, the applicant's assertion that the purpose built main door property minimises disturbance' demonstrates a simplistic understanding of the nature of disturbance...the late-night trundling suitcases, the endless taxi drop-off/collections at any time of the day will continue regardless.

Lastly, claims with regard to exemplary reviews on airbandb don't add up to material reasons for the refusal to be reversed.

I can't find any reason for the decision to be reversed and in fact to me it looks like the planning department's decision is being ignored in the pursuit of a breaking of the Control Zone and a weakening of the Local Development Plan's good intentions.

Sincerely

Nick Munro

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