

# Development Management Sub Committee

**Wednesday 18 March 2020**

**Report for forthcoming application by**

**JS & R Mitchell. for Proposal of Application Notice**

**20/00717/PAN**

**at Land 322 Metres West Of 6, Ravelrig Road, Balerno  
Proposed mixed use development comprising residential  
development (Class 8), doctors' surgery (Class 2),  
community facility (Class 10), outdoor recreational area  
(Class 11) and associated landscaping, access and  
infrastructure works.**

**Item number**

**Report number**

**Wards**

B02 - Pentland Hills

## Summary

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Development Management Sub-committee of a forthcoming application for planning permission in principle for 'Proposed mixed use development comprising residential development (Class 8), doctors surgery (Class 2), community facility (Class 10), outdoor recreational area (Class 11) and associated landscaping, access and infrastructure works'.

In accordance with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, the applicant submitted a Proposal of Application Notice on 13th February 2020 (reference: 20/00717/PAN).

## Links

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**Coalition pledges**

**Council outcomes**

**Single Outcome Agreement**

## **Recommendations**

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- 1.1** It is recommended that the Committee notes the key issues at this stage and advises of any other issues.

## **Background**

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### **2.1 Site description**

The application site is situated to the north of Lanark Road West with Ravelrig Road running through the site. The land broadly slopes down towards the north and is currently used as arable farming land. The site falls within the Green Belt, as designated within the Edinburgh Local Development Plan.

The southern site boundary abuts an existing residential development which fronts the A70, Lanark Road West, to the south. This is generally late 20th century, predominantly two storey, detached houses.

The eastern boundary abuts a housing site which is situated to the west of Newmills Road, a residential development characterised by a mix of two storey and single storey detached dwelling houses.

North of the site lies the railway line and a landscape of primarily arable farmland. The western site boundary comprises a dense area of mature woodland covering the western end of Ravelrig Hill.

Within the locality is 550 Lanark Road West, Northfield, a Category B listed building (LB reference number: 27076, listing date: 30 January 1981) and a Historic Garden and Designed Landscape. Both Ravelrig Hill and Dalmahoy Hill are located within a designated site of importance for nature conservation, the boundary of which forms the western most edge of the application site.

### **2.2 Site History**

20th Jan 2020 - Proposal of Application Notice for proposed residential development with associated landscaping and infrastructure (application reference number: 20/00283/PAN).

30th Oct 2019 - Proposal of Application Notice for proposed residential development with associated landscaping and infrastructure works (application reference number: 19/05205/PAN).

## Main report

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### 3.1 Description of the Proposal

An application for planning permission in principle will be submitted for 'Proposed mixed use development comprising residential development (Class 8), doctor's surgery (Class 2), community facility (Class 10), outdoor recreational area (Class 11) and associated landscaping, access and infrastructure works'. No other details have been submitted.

### 3.2 Key Issues

The key considerations against which the eventual application will be assessed include whether:

#### **a) the principle of the development is acceptable in this location;**

The site is located within the Green Belt as identified on the Local Development Plan (LDP) Proposals Map.

The site must be assessed against all relevant policies within the LDP including LDP Policy Env 10 (Development in the Green Belt and Countryside). The Council's non-statutory planning guidance such as the Council's 'Guidance for Development in the Countryside and Green Belt' will also need to be considered by the applicant.

The proposal must comply with LDP Policy Hou 1 (Housing Development) which provides criteria for assessing whether greenfield/greenbelt housing proposals are acceptable.

#### **b) the design, scale and layout are acceptable within the character of the area; and does the proposal comply with the Edinburgh Design Guidance;**

The applicant will be required to comply with all relevant design policies within the LDP as well as non-statutory guidance where applicable (e.g. Edinburgh Design Guidance). A Design and Access Statement will be required to support the application as well as daylight, overshadowing and privacy assessment for both the proposal and neighbouring amenity.

#### **c) access arrangements are acceptable in terms of road safety and transport accessibility;**

LDP transport policies will apply to the proposal. The applicant will be required to provide transport information including a travel plan and demonstrate how the proposal complies with parking standards including service arrangements and cycle parking provision.

**d) there are any other environmental factors that require consideration;**

The applicant will be required to submit sufficient information to demonstrate that the site can be developed without having a detrimental impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Assessment will be required to consider the potential impacts of the proposed development.

In order to support the application, the following documents will be submitted:

- Pre- Application Consultation Report;
- Planning Statement;
- Design and Access Statement;
- Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment;
- Sustainability Form S1;
- Daylight, privacy and overshadowing information;
- Transport Statement;
- Waste Management Information;
- Protected species information/ extended phase 1 survey;
- Ground investigations/Site investigations;
- Flooding risk and drainage information;
- Noise/Air Quality information and
- Surface Water Management Plan.

### **3.3 Assessment**

This report highlights the main issues that are likely to arise in relation to the various key considerations. This list is not exhaustive and further matters may arise when the new application is received, and consultees and the public have the opportunity to comment.

### **Financial impact**

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**4.1** The forthcoming application may be subject to a legal agreement.

### **Risk, Policy, compliance and governance impact**

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**5.1** Provided planning applications are determined in accordance with statutory legislation, the level of risk is low.

### **Equalities impact**

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**6.1** This is a pre-application report. When a planning application is submitted it will be assessed in terms of equalities and human rights.

### **Sustainability impact**

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**7.1** A sustainability statement will need to be submitted with the application.

## Consultation and engagement

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### 8.1 Pre-Application Process

There is no pre-application process history.

### 8.2 Publicity summary of representations and Community Council comments

The applicant's Proposal of Application Notice noted that a public exhibition will be held at Balerno Community Centre, 11 Main Street, Balerno, EH14 7EQ on 23rd March 2020 from 2pm - 8pm. A public notice will be placed in the Edinburgh Evening News at least seven days prior to the event and the applicant advertised the event locally by using posters in public buildings.

The applicant has confirmed that Balerno Community Council and Currie Community Council, along with Cllr Graeme Bruce, Cllr Neil Gardiner, Cllr Ricky Henderson and Cllr Susan Webber received a copy of the Proposal of Application Notice on 13th February 2020.

### Background reading/external references

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- To view details of the proposal of Application Notice go to
- [Planning and Building Standards online services](#)
- [Planning guidelines](#)
- [Conservation Area Character Appraisals](#)
- [Edinburgh Local Development Plan](#)

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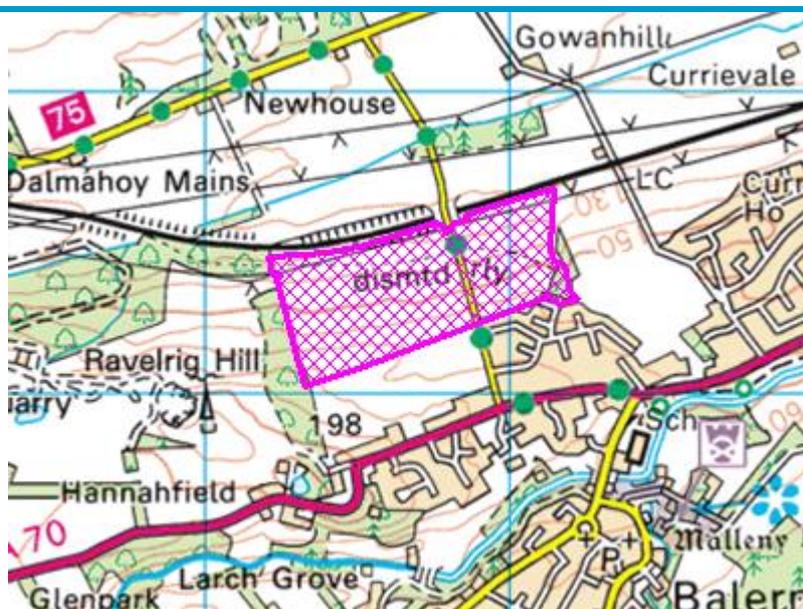
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## Location Plan

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