

Subject: Re: Notice of Local Review No 23/02368/FUL

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Please note that i continue to object to this application

David Meek

On Tue, 2 Apr 2024 at 14:12, <localreviewbody@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re:

Name: Cornerstone.

Site: Proposed Telecomms Apparatus 35 Metres North Of 7 Drumsheugh Place Edinburgh

Description: Temporary consent for a period of up to 2 years for the installation of 20m high street

furniture style mast with 3 No. antennas, 2 No. cabinets and all ancillary development.

Planning Application: 23/02368/FUL

As per the letter sent to me on 2nd April, please find attached additional evidence as requested which further explains why the mast should not be erected on the proposed site.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Baig

Chair - Moray Feu & Neighbourhood Residents' Association (affiliated to NTBCC)

EWH

General comment.

1. This is all very virtuous but it is not clear how the Plan relates to the challenges facing EWH. What is the scale of the challenge? For example, how many listed buildings are at risk? What proportion of the EWH's streets are in bad condition? How are EWH's communities at risk as result of Airbnb, inappropriate development, tourism and other threats?
2. What are the priorities? Are there geographical and/or themed priorities? If this is a plan for managing the EWH over the next 12 years then surely there should be a clear list of priorities and a means of measuring progress against those means.

Conservation and maintenance of buildings and public spaces.

- The conservation and maintenance of buildings and public spaces is key to ensuring that the unique character of the World Heritage Site is protected and passed on to future generations. This is a role that should be a partnership between the public bodies listed in the Management Plan and the stakeholders and owners of the WHS's buildings. There is considerable goodwill amongst those stakeholders, however they do need advice on good practice and clarity on what forms of development and conservation are and are not permitted.
- We take public spaces to include the World Heritage Site's streets and through ways. We recognise the pressure and conflicting demands that are placed on the area's streets. Some residential streets, including Albyn Place, St. Colm Street, the South side of Ainslie Place, Great Stuart Street and Randolph Crescent experience unacceptable and inappropriate levels of traffic. Heavy vehicles using these streets have contributed to damage to under-pavement cellars and are slowly leading to the degradation of World Heritage Site Buildings. How are the EWH addressing this sort of issue? How are the EWH proposing to reduce levels of noise and pollution in residential areas within the World Heritage Site? This is surely a priority for the communities of the World Heritage area.
- As well as the physical condition of the streets the conservation and maintenance of public spaces should encapsulate ensuring the removal of inappropriate street furniture and signs, ensure streets are safe and the removal of litter, graffiti and other waste that degrades the sense of place. If the public realm is maintained to a high standard then the owners of neighbouring properties are more likely to take pride in maintaining both their own properties and their area as a whole.

The Climate Emergency

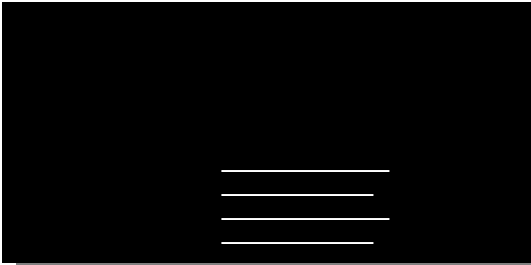
1. Both national and international climate change agendas requires a transition to a zero carbon future within a period that runs roughly parallel with the lifetime of this management plan. Is the EWH an enabler of or obstacle to this transition? Do they support installation of zero carbon measures, including Solar Panels, Heat Pumps, Double Glazing within the EWH? Whilst recognising that there is a tension between conservation of historic buildings and retro-fitting to ensure they are carbon neutral EWH (and its partners) should be encouraging an approach that allows the fitting of solar panels and other measures that have no long term detrimental impact on historic buildings. It was interesting to read a recent article on the installation of solar panels and new roof on Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, one of the UK's most iconic listed buildings. The point was made that the roof was expected to last 100 years, the solar panels 30 years. That is a relatively short period of time in the life of a building of that age. Why can't the EWH promote a similar approach for historic buildings in the Old and New Town?

Awareness, appreciation and activity around the World Heritage status

1. It is easy to think of this 'challenge' as being one for spreading the message to residents, businesses and visitors to the World Heritage Area. We would agree. Through close working with Community Councils, Residents Associations and similar organisations it should be possible to create two-way flows of communication where EWH's message is disseminated across the Old and New Towns and the concerns and ambitions of the communities who live and work here are funnelled through (and influence) EWH's working. But it should also be more than this. It should be about ensuring that the policies and actions of the EWH's partners (including CEC, HES etc) are better aligned with the EWH's agenda.

Sustainable Visitor experience

1. We endorse the approach of working in partnership to advocate for and secure sustainable tourism within the WHS. We would look to take this forward and propose that any future 'tourist tax' should be used to support firstly the conservation and maintenance of the WHS's historic buildings, public spaces (including streets) and secondly initiatives to foster strong communities within the Old and New Towns.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I note that a Local Review Body will meet on 14th August to consider the proposal for a 20m high 5G mast and associated cabinets on Lynedoch Place.

The points made in my previous objection to the mast all remain relevant and will hopefully be taken into account when reviewing this application. In addition I would draw the Review Board's attention to the Edinburgh World Heritage's Management Plan. This sets out the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) for the Old and New Town World Heritage Site and should be used when assessing development proposals within the Site. The OUV highlights the importance of the New Town mentioning both the historic buildings and the integrated gardens. Randolph Crescent and the Randolph Crescent Gardens form part of the New Town and are included within the World Heritage Site. They lie immediately adjacent to the proposed mast. The Management Plan seeks to ensure that the OUV of the Site and its setting are understood, protected and sustained. I believe that the erection of a 20 metre high mast on the boundary of one of the New Town's historic gardens is a flagrant breach of the World Heritage Site's OUV.

Regards

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