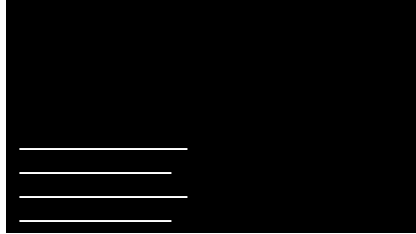


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Hello, I am writing in regards to the review of application for:

Name: Mrs Ruth McColl

Site: 56 Marchmont Road Marchmont Edinburgh

Description: Change of use for the property from residential to short term let.

Planning Application: 23/05626/FULSTL



The residents of Marchmont are working hard to object to the use of our properties as STL, particularly during a housing crisis.

This application is an absolute kick in the teeth to all neighbors.

Please take these objections into serious account as there is absolutely no need or want of this STL in our street and neighbourhood.

Many thanks

Sean Mcilroy (Neighbour)

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Hi Gina,

Thanks for sending on this comment from a neighbour. It is deeply disappointing that there is a small number of people who are so militant in their objection to STL in this area. Edinburgh relies on tourism as a key part of its economy and there must be capacity to accommodate tourists when they visit. If not for STL then Edinburgh would be overrun with hotels that would be soulless and, for the most part, under-occupied. Unfortunately, the introduction of the new STL licensing has allowed anyone to voice their grievances without engaging in a wider debate on the matter or allowing the applicant the opportunity to state their case for using their property in this manner.

The majority of complaints received in response to the original application assumed that all guests in STL accommodation were noisy and messy. If this is a basis for rejecting our application then almost every student property and HMO in the area would also need to be stopped. Before we applied to use this property as a STL my wife and I lived in the property for over 19 years and always tried to be respectful and helpful neighbours. We accepted that living in a tenement block meant that there needed to be some degree of give and take and that living in close quarters meant there was always going to be some level of disturbance from time to time.

I hope you will realise that we are not heartless landlords, trying to deny people the opportunity to live in the area but there needs to be some recognition that Marchmont will always be made up of a blend of owners/renters/students/visitors. It is important that decisions made now do not have long-term negative consequences for Edinburgh's ability to sell itself to the world.

In the meantime, we will await the review of our application in October.

Kind regards,  
Rod

Kindest Regards  
Local Review Body

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