

Planning Report November 2013

As we had problems receiving the Planning Lists from CEC in October I have included these in this report, as the problem has now been resolved.

October Applications

Over the October period there has been six applications submitted to the CEC planning authority. These included home extensions and alterations, alterations to the Administration Centre at the Forth Road Bridge 13/03152/FUL, the proposal of application notice for the Corus Site 13/04022/PAN and the erection of two semi-detached houses on the west half of the site at 22 Kirkliston Road 13/04227/FUL. QDCC has raised an objection with planning on the Kirkliston Road application.

October Decisions

The authority granted four applications, which included the market application 13/02603/FUL to allow use of the public car park on the High Street.

There was also one refusal 13/03420/FUL a proposed alteration of loft space in Shore Road

November Applications

Over the November period there has been seven applications submitted to CEC planning authority. These include home extensions and alterations and the erection of a conservatory and one change of use at 57 The Loan from gymnasium to class 1 retail 13/04455/FUL for Barnardo's

November Decisions

The authority granted four applications, two for home extension/alterations, 13/03538/FUL for Forth Replacement Crossing and one renewal of consent for Avon House, Loch Road 13/03060/PPP

Planning Matters

Agilent Site

QDCC had a meeting with Gavin Pope from Cala Homes and Justin Lamb in which we were presented with an update on the plans, which included changes to the pathways to/from the Dark Entrance and through the site - they have reinstated the two pathways which were on the original plans but had been removed, QDCC are pleased that they have listened to comments raised by. They also brought with them 3d drawing and pictures which gave us a context to the setting and we appreciate the commitment made

by Cala in especially the cost element in producing these drawings. Cala are having a variety of plans updated on transport/parking after taking on board the comments raised by QDCC and residents and we hope to have them soon.

Corus Site

13/04022/PAN - consultations were held on two days by EMA at the High School and was well attended. There have been many concerns raised by residents in the Varney's regarding the proposed access to this site and we have been informed that a petition is also being organised, QDCC have also had residents contacting us directly. We intend to gather the views and concerns from residents on this site.

Kirkliston Road Application 13/04227/FUL

QDCC have objected to the plans to build two semi detached houses on half of this site. QDCC had previously objected to a similar plan in 2008. In addition to the concerns QDCC already had many concerned residents contacted QDCC as there still seems to be some dubiety about the land ownership, for the strip of land that the developers (and the new owners if the application is granted) would have to use to access the two properties. CEC say it adopted and owners in neighbouring properties say that this piece of land is in their title deeds and nobody was consulted about the adoption by CEC. The neighbours may wish to legally challenge this and this will incur legal costs, QDCC doesn't have the funds or resource to challenge this on their behalf and we can only state what CEC has told us. The residents will have to pay any costs if they wish to pursue this.

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