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# LOCAL REVIEW BODY MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 2016

A MEETING of the LOCAL REVIEW BODY will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS, TD6 0SA on MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 2016 at 10.00 AM

J. J. WILKINSON, Clerk to the Council,

8 February 2016

	BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.		
2.	Order of Business.		
3.	Declarations of Interest.		
4.	Consider request for review of refusal of planning con of erection of dwellinghouse on land west of Craigern Edderston Road, Peebles. 15/01034/FUL 16/00001/RR	e Coachhouse,	
	Copies of the following papers attached:-		
	(a) Notice of Review and accompanying papers	(Pages 1 - 58)	
	(b) Decision Notice	(Pages 59 - 60)	
	(c) Officer's Report	(Pages 61 - 68)	
	(d) Consultations	(Pages 69 - 76)	
	(e) List of Policies	(Pages 77 - 86)	
5.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated		
6.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urge	ent	

### **NOTES**

- Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

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Submission Date:	12/01/2016	



# **Supporting Statement to Notice of Review**

in relation to Scottish Borders Council's refusal of planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse on land to the west of Craigerne Coach House,

Edderston Road, Peebles

on behalf of Mrs Patricia Crippin

12 January, 2016



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Notice of Local Review is submitted on behalf of Mrs Patricia Crippin against the decision of Scottish Borders Council to refuse planning permission, on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, for the erection of a dwelling to the west of Craigerne Coach House. The application reference was 15/01034/FUL.

The appeal site is located adjacent to the development: "6 houses by sub-division, alteration and extension at Craigerne Coach House". This statement considers the relationship between the two proposals within the Grounds of Appeal.

The reasons for refusal include the Planning Officer's view that:

- The proposal would result in a cramped form of development;
- The proposal would be out of character with this part of Edderston Road;
- The house would result in an overdevelopment of ground, and reduction of ground, required for a landscaped and wooded setting of Craigerne Coach House;
- The proposal would result in an inappropriate congested appearance between the development and Edderston Road;
- The proposal would leave insufficient space for new and replacement planting;
- The proposal would undermine the retention of the preserved trees;
- The proposal would be out of character with the design of the Coach House development;
- The proposal would be out of character with the traditional houses in the area.

This statement will provide the background to the application, planning history and context and set out the grounds for Local Review, prior to demonstrating the acceptability of the proposal under those grounds.



# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- This supporting statement to Notice of Review is submitted by Ericht Planning & Property Consultants on behalf of Mrs Patricia Crippin to seek to challenge the refusal, by Scottish Borders Council, of consent for the erection of a two storey dwellinghouse on land to the west of Craigerne Coach House which fronts Edderston Road, hereinafter referred to as 'the subjects'.
- 1.2 Access to the subjects will be taken by way of the existing access to Craigerne Coach House as shown on the Site Plan. No new access is to be created, thus maintaining the wall and hedge alongside Edderston Road.
- The subjects are located adjacent to the 6-unit development at the Coach House [Refs: 12/00314/FUL; 14/00786/FUL and 15/01081/FUL]. The relationship of the subjects to the Coach House buildings can be seen within the 'Proposed Elevations' drawing 2014/12/104, included with this Local Review.
- 1.4 The following application drawings are included with the Local Review.

- Site Location Plan Ref: 2014/12/101
- Block Plan Ref: 2014/12/102
- Floor Plans Ref: 2014/12/103
- Elevations Ref: 2014/12/104

- Sketch showing appearance of proposed house
- 1.5 Members of the Local Review Body are requested to note the following key points regarding the application:
  - The subjects should be viewed in the context of the wider Craigerne Coach House development;
  - A reduced application boundary (to the Coach House development) was consented in 2014. The proposed house is located within this 'excluded' area.
  - The dry stone wall fronting Edderston Road will be preserved, with no new opening to be formed and the beech hedge inside this wall will remain intact.
  - Vehicle access is via the Coach House entrance. There is no need to create a new wall opening.
  - The adjacent Coach House is no longer a listed building.
  - Key external finishes include wet dash render walls (painted white), slated roof, timber casement windows, composite woodgrain effect external doors and upvc gutters and downpipes etc.



- Access to the dwelling from the parking spaces is by way of a pedestrian walkway. An accessible permeable walkway between the house and parking will be formed to prevent impact on trees' root protection areas.
- The appellant is agreeable to retention of all trees on the subjects and carrying out additional planting of 5 trees.
- The Appellant confirms that the proposal does not impact upon Root Protection Areas.
- A 1.2m high timber close boarded fence has been erected along the boundary of the Coach House development and the subjects, with a new beech hedge to be planted along the top of the banking.
- The retaining wall to the rear of the subjects will be 1.5m high above finished ground level of the plot.
- There have been no public objections or Community Council objections to the proposal.

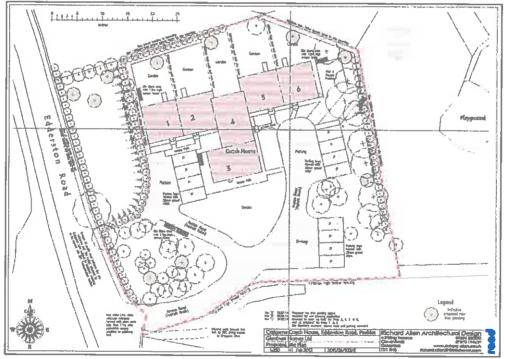


# 2.0 PLANNING CONTEXT AND HISTORY

- 2.1 The appeal site is physically, and in development management terms, closely related to the adjacent Glentress Homes Craigerne Coach House development. Given that a key concern of the Planning Officer is the perceived impact on the "success of the [Coach House] development and amenity of the area", it is relevant and necessary to consider the subjects in the context of the Coach House development.
- The Coach House development comprises sub-divisions, alterations and extensions to form 6 dwellinghouses. Three applications have been submitted for that proposal; an original proposal (2012) and two variations (2014 and 2015). The applications in 2012 and 2014 were approved, subject to conditions and a legal agreement and the Council has indicated that it is minded to approve the 2015 application, subject to planning conditions and a legal agreement.
- The alteration of the Coach House development's 'red line' application boundary should be noted. The 2014 Site Plan removed an area from the Coach House boundary and in 2015 this 'excluded area' was further revised and increased slightly in size. It is within this 'excluded area' that the subjects lie.
- 2.4 Craigerne Coach House used to be a category B listed building. It is, however, no longer listed. After detailed consideration and consultation with Scottish Borders Council, Historic Environment Scotland confirmed on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 that the listed status of Craigerne House and Craigerne Lodge had been updated and the Coach House had been removed from the statutory listing address. Importantly, Historic Scotland concluded "It appears that the building may not have continued to merit listing prior to the works (associated with the development of the Coach House) taking place".
- 2.5 The Case Officer is clear in his report that "any assessment of this current application for a new house cannot take into account listings or the previous listed status of the house".
- 2.6 For information, the site plans relating to the 3 separate Coach House applications in 2012, 2014 and 2015 are shown overleaf.



Fig 2: 2014 site plan - 14/00876/FUL



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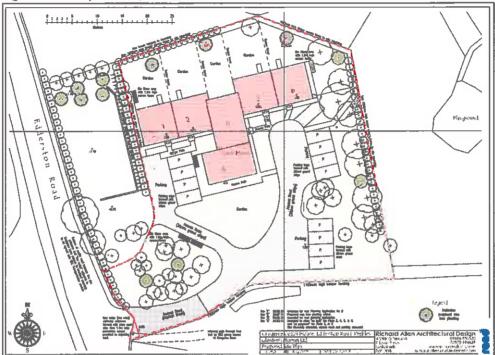


Fig 3: 2015 site plan - 15/01081/FUL



# 3.0 REFUSAL OF APPLICATION BY SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

3.1 The application was refused by Scottish Borders Council on 27<sup>th</sup> October on the basis set out below.

The application is contrary to policies G1, G7 and NE4 of the Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan 2011 in that the proposed development would represent a cramped form of development, out of character with this part of Edderston Road. The proposed house will result in an overdevelopment of, and significant reduction in, an area of ground required for landscaped and wooded setting of the approved Craigerne Coach House development, resulting in an inappropriate congested appearance between the development and Edderston Road, providing insufficient space for new and replacement planting, undermining the retention of the preserved trees and being out of character with the design of the Coach House development and the traditional houses in the area.



#### 4.0 GROUNDS FOR LOCAL REVIEW

4.1 The Appellant sets out the following two Grounds for Review, both of which are justified in the next section 5.0 'Case for the Appellant".

### [Policies G1 and G7]

Ground 1 – Addresses issues of spatial context/ relationship to Coach House development and character and design

The proposal would not comprise a cramped form of development or overdevelopment of the area around the Coach House. The area between the Coach House and the road would not appear 'congested'. The proposal would not be out of character with this part of Edderston Road, the design of the Coach House development or the character of traditional houses in the area.

# [Policy NE4]

Ground 2 – Addresses issue of trees and landscaping relating to the Coach House development

There is no material reduction in the ground otherwise required for the landscaped and wooded setting of the Coach House. The proposal does not leave insufficient space for new and replacement tree planting nor does it undermine the retention of the preserved trees.



### 5.0 CASE FOR THE APPELLANT

**GROUND 1:** The proposal would not comprise a cramped form of development or overdevelopment of the area around the Coach House. The area between the Coach House and the road would not appear 'congested'. The proposal would not be out of character with this part of Edderston Road, the design of the Coach House development or the character of traditional houses in the area.

- The proposed site lies within the settlement boundary of Peebles. There are various houses and garages along the upper section of Edderston Road including:

  [See Appendix 1 for photographs]
  - Loaningdale,
  - The Steading (Loaningdale)
  - Tantah Lodge/ Sandwood
  - Tantah Cottage
  - Craigerne Lodge/ Garage
- 5.2 The proposal can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site.
  - The dry stone wall fronting Edderston road will be preserved, with no new opening.
  - The beech hedge inside the dry stone wall alongside Edderston Road will remain intact.
  - Vehicle access is via the Coach House entrance. There is no need to create a new wall opening.
  - The adjacent Coach House is no longer a listed building.
  - Access to the dwelling from the parking spaces is by way of a pedestrian walkway. The walkway will not be formed from tarmac. A compliant walkway will be formed from gravel filled 'ground guard' to prevent impact on trees' root protection areas.
  - The elements of replacement tree planting required in terms of the Craigerne Coach House development, in so far as they lie within the application boundary, are to be provided as shown on the Block Plan.
  - The Appellant confirms that the proposal does not impact upon Root Protection Areas.
- 5.3 The level of open space remaining at Craigerne Coach House is sufficient for a development which lies within the Peebles settlement boundary at this location. There are several other properties with direct road frontage see Appendix 1.



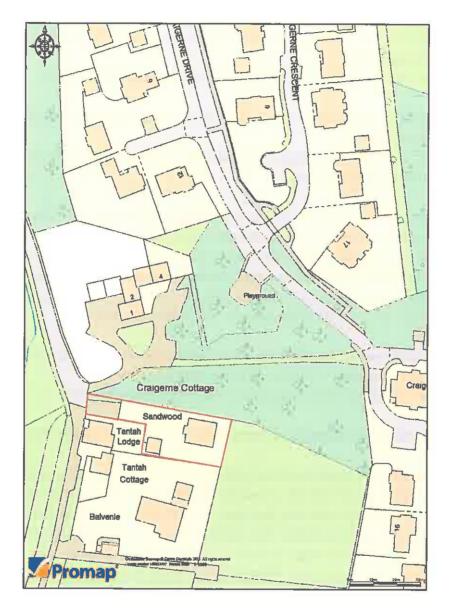
- 5.4 The site has no impact upon the provision of the public pedestrian access corridor which exists from the entrance gate of Craigerne through the wood to the Cala Homes development, as was required by the Access Officer as part of the Coach House development.
- 5.5 The Appellant strongly asserts that the development of the subjects would not lead to overdevelopment based upon the plot sizes in the vicinity the development of the house known as 'Sandwood' has been carried out behind Tantah Lodge (notwithstanding it is a listed building). Further, the proposal has road frontage with open agricultural land to the west and woodland to the north.
- The scale of the proposal is in keeping, in terms of footprint, with the houses within the Cala Homes development, although its overall massing is significantly smaller than most. Its relationship with the massing of the Coach House development is considered to be appropriate also. The development will not result in loss of daylight, sunlight or privacy to the properties at Craigerne as a result of overshadowing or overlooking. It is situated on a lower level.
- There are several houses with direct road frontage in the immediate vicinity, including Tantah Lodge, Tantah Cottage, Craigerne Lodge with its prominent modern roadside garage (see Appendix 1 photographs) and The Steading at Loaningdale. The presence of numerous houses in the immediate locality having road frontage is established. The proposed house is set back by 4m and separated from the road by the wall and hedge, unlike Tantah Lodge or Cottage.

# Tantah Lodge (07/00668/OUT and 09/01496/AMC)

In 2007, planning consent was obtained for the development of a house, now called 'Sandwood' in the garden ground to the rear of Tantah Lodge. (Ref: 07/00668/OUT and 09/01496/AMC). The location of the site and its relationship with adjacent houses is shown below. This application was not considered to be overdevelopment. Visual review of the map alone shows that the Coach House development has significantly more space than the Tantah Lodge/ Sandwood development, which is illustrated overleaf:



Fig 4: Development of a new house 'Sandwood' to the rear of listed Tantah Lodge – immediately adjacent to the TPO woodland.





- 5.9 The Officer's report for the "Sandwood" case made the following comments which the Applicant considers to be of relevance to the current appeal.
  - a) 'The proposal does not intrude into the open countryside and it would be consistent with the character of the settlement as well as being consistent with and conforming to the form of the settlement'.

**Comment**: This is considered to be equally true in respect of the subjects.

- b) 'There would be some impact on the amenity of Tantah Lodge but it is considered that this would be minimal'.
  - **Comment:** Similarly, the impact of development of the subjects on Craigerne Coach House would not be significant.
- c) 'The proposal can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site. The garden areas would be consistent with Tantah Lodge and Tantah Cottage'.
  - Comment: The garden ground afforded to the current proposal is greater than that afforded to Tantah Lodge and Cottage. The footprint of the appeal subjects is 112sqm and the application boundary measures 536sqm. The house thus occupies 21.7% of the plot. The figure for Tantah Lodge appears to be higher at c.30%.
- d) 'The area surrounding the application site is predominantly residential in character, and the type of development would be consistent with its surroundings'.
  - **Comment**: The same comment applies to the proposed development.
- e) 'There would be an insignificant increase in traffic and the visual impact would be minimal'.
  - Comment: Likewise, there would be insignificant traffic increase. The visual impact from Edderston Road would not be unreasonable, particularly given the presence of other houses in the vicinity with road frontage. The subjects would be partially screened at low level by the wall and hedge. The relationship of the two developments can be seen within the elevation drawings. A sketch is provided based directly upon drawings and photographs. This is not 'new information' it is purely an accurate interpretation of existing information contained within the application.
- 5.10 This proposal provides for a dwelling which fronts Edderston Road, adjacent to existing development at Craigerne Coach House. The proposal respects the character of the surrounding area, neighbouring uses and neighbouring built form in terms of scale,



massing, height and density. The resulting density of development is not inconsistent with the surrounding area as can be seen from the Location Plan.

- The house will have slate roof and white-painted wet dash harled render to ensure that it is in keeping with the development at Craigerne Coach House. Finishes include timber casement windows and woodgrain effect composite doors. The proposal will fit well with the sense of place at Craigerne and will complete the development at this location.
- The proposal retains the physical features of the stone wall along Edderston Road, together with the mature beech hedge. This will ensure that the development will retain an attractive boundary as viewed from the public road. There is no requirement to form a new access through the wall.
- 5.13 To the rear of the subjects is a 1.5m high retaining wall which is rounded off by an earth banking on which a new beech hedge will be planted on the west side of the 1.2m close boarded fence.
- The area of land is considered to comprise a gap site in terms of policy on infill development. In this regard, the proposal does not conflict with the established residential use of the area, nor detract from its character and amenity.
- The Officer notes the c. 5m separation distance between the Coach House and the proposed house. There is, however, no reference to the elevation drawings which clearly show the new house to be set at a lower level than the Coach House. The Officer shares the view that impacts on residential amenity are not such to warrant refusal in itself.
- The Officer expresses concern about the visually intrusive nature of the retaining wall.

  This would not be visible to the rear of the house to be constructed.



## **Policy NE4**

**GROUND 2:** There is no material reduction in the ground otherwise required for the landscaped and wooded setting of the Coach House. The proposal does not leave insufficient space for new and replacement tree planting nor does it undermine the retention of the preserved trees.

The coverage of the Coach House site when the land was acquired by Glentress Homes, pre any development taking place, was 336 sqm. This included the Coach House, its two lean-to extensions and dilapidated garages to the east. The site coverage proposed under the Coach House plans which have a 'minded to consent' status, (excluding the proposed plot) is 335 sqm. The coverage of the Coach House site has remained consistent and the addition of the proposed house with road frontage is considered to be reasonable in the context of the setting.





- The Officer's report states that "Two TPO trees were removed within the site.." The Appellant confirms that one tree within adjacent land, (owned by Barnardos), fell, in a storm, onto a tree within his ownership. Eclipse Tree Surgery (acting on behalf of the Appellant and Barnardos) removed both trees due to safety concerns. The Council's Tree Officer was fully informed.
- 5.19 The Officer's case report states that "Despite the Coach House being de-listed, the overall property, with extensions, would lie in attractive landscaped grounds whereby



the amenity of the area is preserved by protected trees, walls, hedges and a general green apron and setting to the site". In terms of these "attractive landscaped grounds" associated with the Coach House, the LRB is reminded that a (reduced) site area pertaining to the Coach House was consented in 2014 as shown in fig 2 above. The original boundary in the first application 12/00314/FUL included the land up to Edderston Road. The Appellant asserts that the reduced 'apron' had thus been accepted by the Council when support was given to the reduced site boundary in 2014.

5.20 The Appellant strongly asserts that the Coach House development would remain situated in attractive landscaped grounds as illustrated below.









- The Officer, within his case Report, observes that "There is no doubt that these trees, hedges and walls form a strong positive characteristic of Edderston Road.."

  It should be noted that these trees, hedges and the wall remain fully intact within the Appellant's proposal.
- 5.22 Whilst it is acknowledged that the final landscaping plan for the Coach House is to be agreed, as it will be dealt with by way of a planning condition associated with the Coach House consent, it is a matter of fact that the Council has agreed (in 2014) a reduction in the area of ground contained within the site boundary of the Coach House.
- The Officer has indicated that the land which comprises the appeal subjects must be used entirely as landscaping for the Coach House development. In this regard it should be noted that the ownership of the appeal site is separate from the ownership of the Coach House site (Glentress Homes). Any planning conditions relating to landscaping associated with the Coach House would be required to meet the tests contained in Planning Circular 4/1998.
- 5.24 The Circular states that particular care needs to be taken over conditions which require works to be carried out on land in which the applicant has no interest at the time when planning permission is granted. If the land is outside that site, a condition requiring the



carrying out of works on the land cannot be imposed unless the authority is satisfied that the applicant has sufficient control over the land to enable those works to be carried out. Any planning condition which requires the appeal subjects to be used solely for landscaping purposes may not be enforceable given the facts at hand and the separate ownership.

- As an aside, contrary to the Landscape Officer's assertion, within her (Nov '15) consultation on the 2015 Coach House application, stating that no landscaping plan had been submitted in relation to a planning condition contained within the 2014 application, it is confirmed that Glentress Homes did submit a Landscape Plan and details directly on 17 August 2015.
- 5.26 The Appellant is agreeable to all existing trees being retained within the subjects and carrying out new planting within the boundary. The proposal has been designed to respect the Root Protection Areas of the existing and replacement trees.
- The suggestion that there would be increased pressure on the surrounding TPO area appears to be unjustified. Nothing within the appeal site relates to trees within the remaining TPO area. The proximity of the house, "Sandwood" to TPO trees outwith its boundary is noted to be only 1.2m and this does not appear to have given rise to any concern. See Fig 14 below in Photograph Appendix 1



# Appendix 1 - Photographs

Fig 7: The plot's setting to the west of the Coach House



Fig 8: The plot's setting (left of photograph) in the context of dwellings to the south









Fig 10: Remaining landscaped area for Coach House





Fig 11: Remaining landscaped area for Coach House



Fig 12: Edderston Road – view north. The wall and hedge will remain intact





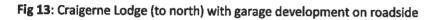
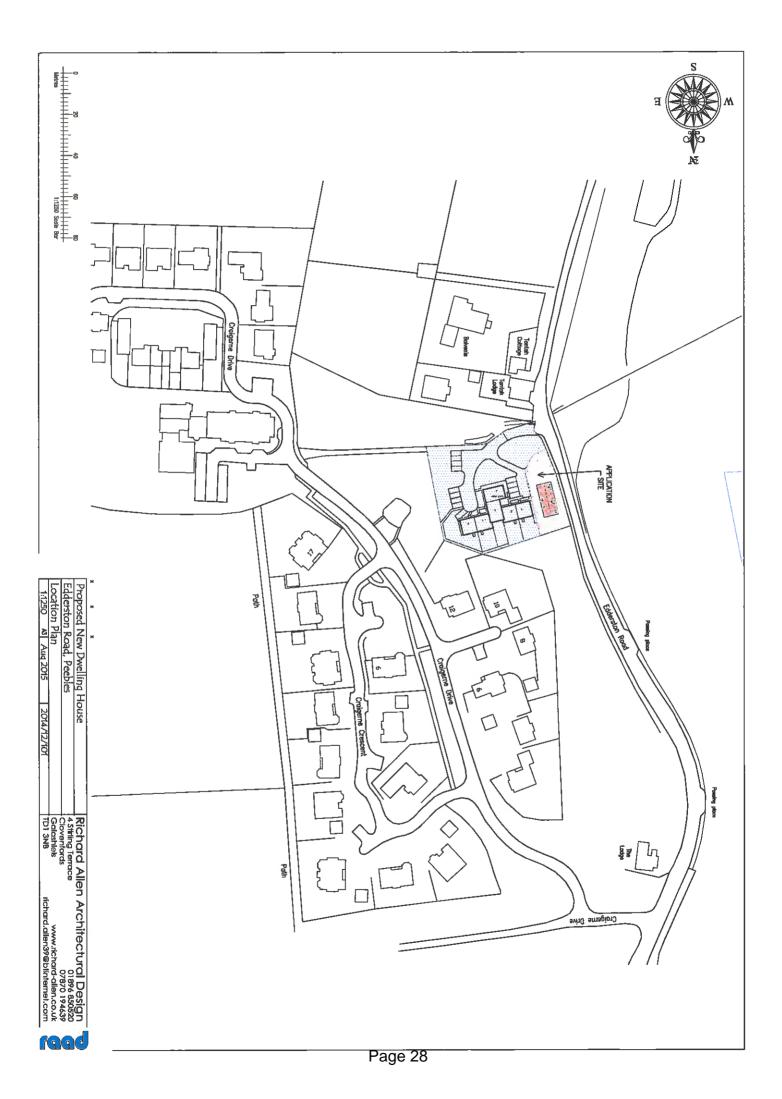
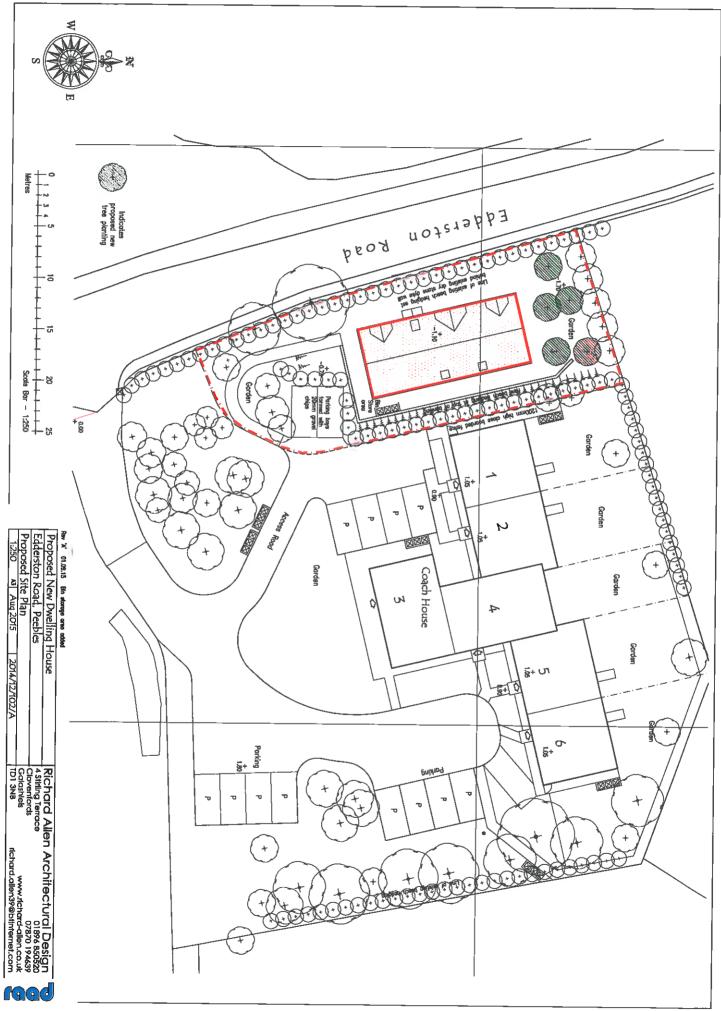




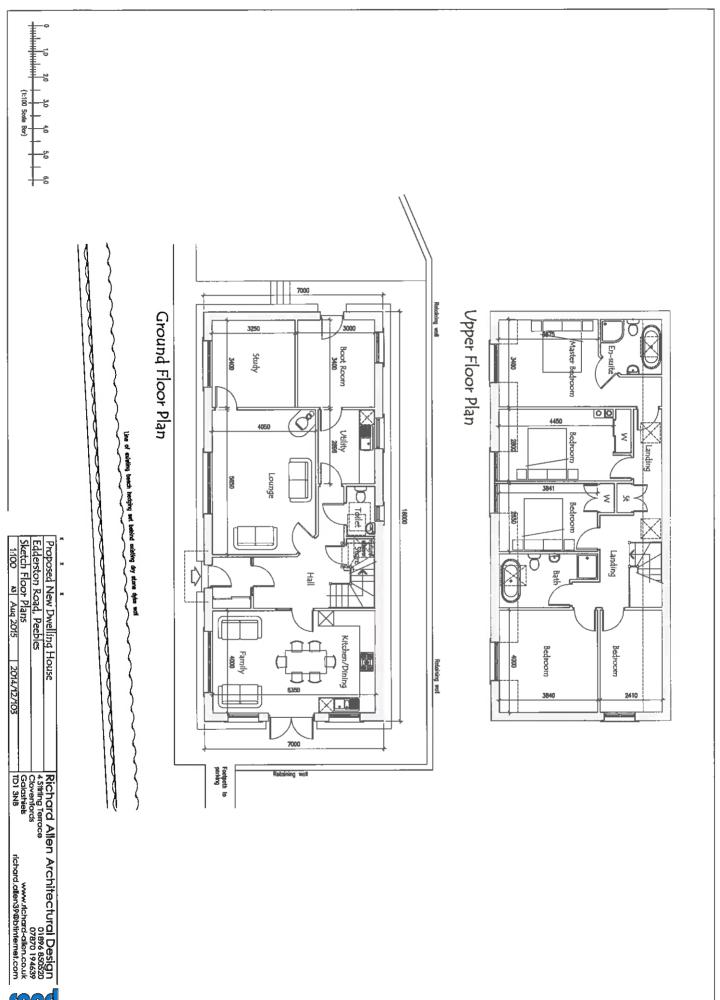
Fig 14: Sandwood – adjacent to Craigerne Coach House and TPO woodland

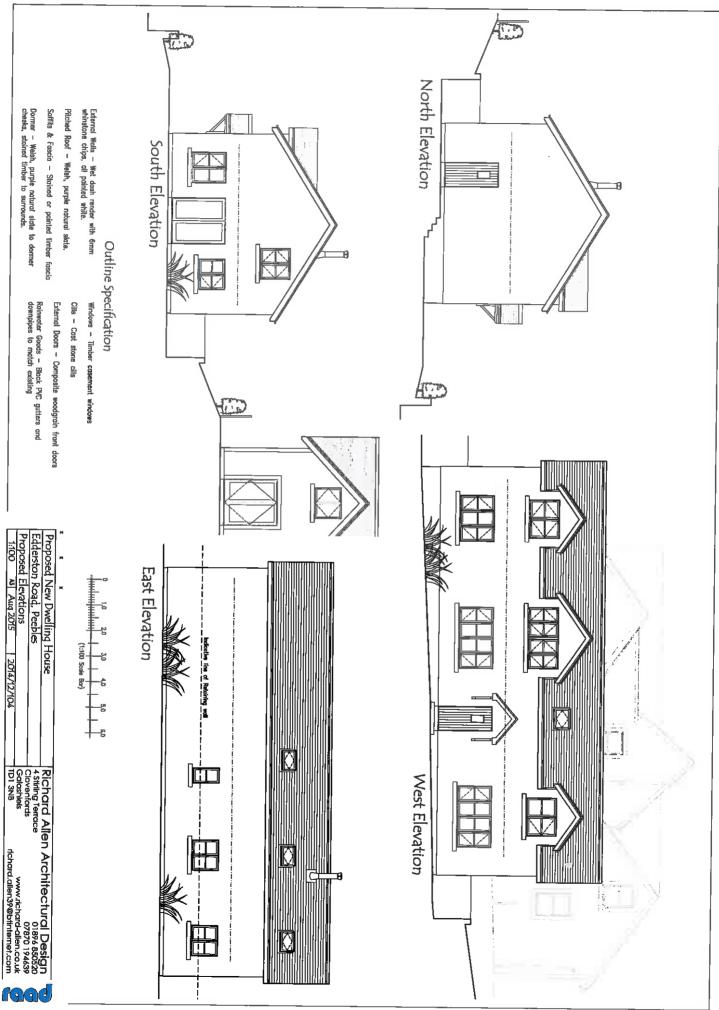






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# SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Fig 1: Application Site from the south



Fig 2: Application Site from the west



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Fig 3: Application Site from the south west



Fig 4: Application Site from the east









Fig 6: View south to (roadside) Tantah Lodge





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Fig 7: View south to roadside garage of Craigerne Lodge





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Application for Approval of Matters specified in conditions	
Description of Proposal	
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Erection of one dwellinghouse on land to west of Craigerne Coach House	
Is this a temporary permission? *	
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Ground formerly part of Craigerne Coach House before its development.	
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Are you proposing to connect to the public drainage network (eg. to an existing sewer)? *	
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No – proposing to make private drainage arrangements	
Not Applicable – only arrangements for water supply required	
Do your proposals make provision for sustainable drainage of surface water? (e.g. SUDS arrangements) *	✓ Yes □ No
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Please include details of SUDS arrangements on your plans	
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On behalf of:	Mrs Patricia Crippin
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A Design Statement or Design a	and Access Statement. *	Yes 🗸 N/A
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A Drainage Impact Assessment	(including proposals for Sustainable Drainage Systems). *	
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## **Planning Supporting Statement**

Land west of Craigerne Coach House, Edderston Road, Peebles EH45 9JD

**Erection of one dwellinghouse** 

On behalf of Mrs Patricia Crippin

September, 2015



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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PROPOSAL

- 1.1 This Planning Application is submitted by Ericht Planning & Property Consultants on behalf of Mrs Patricia Crippin to seek consent for the erection of a two storey dwellinghouse on land to the west of Craigerne Coach House which fronts Edderston Road. Access to the plot will be taken by way of the existing access to Craigerne Coach House as shown on the Block Plan.
- The plot is located adjacent to the development which is subject to planning consent 14/00876/FUL to form six dwellinghouses. The relationship of the buildings is shown within drawing 2014/12/104.
- 1.3 The following drawings have been provided by Richard Allen, Architect and form part of this application:

Site Location Plan Ref: 2014/12/101
Block Plan Ref: 2014/12/102
Floor Plans Ref: 2014/12/103
Elevations Ref: 2014/12/104

- 1.4 The application includes the following proposals:
  - Retention of the beech hedge to east of the dry stone wall alongside Edderston Road.
  - No requirement to break through the existing wall as vehicle access is via the Coach House entrance, with parking as shown on the Block Plan.
  - Key external finishes to include wet dash render walls (painted white), slated roof, timber casement windows, composite woodgrain effect external doors and upvc gutters and downpipes etc.
  - Access to the dwelling from the parking spaces is by way of a pedestrian walkway.
  - The elements of replacement tree planting required in terms of 14/00786/FUL, in so far as they lie within the application boundary, are to be provided as shown on the Block Plan. The Applicant confirms that the proposal does not impact upon Root Protection Areas.
  - 1.2m high timber close boarded fence is to be erected along the boundary of 14/00876/FUL and the current application site, with a new beech hedge to be planted along the top of the banking.
  - The retaining wall to the rear of the plot will be 1.5m high above finished ground level of the plot.



#### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND PLANNING HISTORY

## Pre-application enquiry – Case Officer's Observations

- A pre-application inquiry was made on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 in respect of the potential for the development of one house on the proposed site. The Case Officer reverted on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 with the observations noted below. The Applicant seeks to answer some of these points and challenge others, as noted within the forthcoming sections.
  - Development of the site would be overdevelopment of land that forms the setting of the Coach House, a category B statutory listed building;
  - There would be insufficient space to create a dwelling without undue congestion and a cramped impression with the consented Coach House extension.
  - The impact would be one of overall detriment to the character and setting of the listed building.
  - There would be a high building to plot ratio inappropriate to the character of the area with little buffer space to the roadside wall/ hedge, to the Coach House and parking area to the rear and to the replacement trees, which would require Root Protection Areas which would not be provided adequately by the proposals.
  - There would be visibility requirements for the new access which could have the result of reduction or removal of the hedge/ wall, further exacerbating the impression of overdevelopment;
  - The parking and landscaping layout required for the consented development should not be amended to allow for consideration of a house plot;
  - The area of the plot has a contribution to make in the overall landscape setting and parking arrangements for the consented scheme.
- 2.2 A site meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 between the Applicant's agent and the Case Officer, during which the above points were discussed.
- 2.3 The Applicant met with the Council's Roads Officer in May, 2014 and subsequently the Officer issued a drawing to the Applicant showing the standard service layby which would be required were access to the plot to be taken directly off the public road. The Applicant considered this option and reached the view that a more appropriate access could be achieved by making



use of the existing access to the Coach House, a suggestion which is understood to have been made by the Road's Officer at the meeting.

- 2.4 Craigerne Coach House was a Category B Listed Building which was included within Historic Scotland's listed building register under 'Edderston Road, Craigerne School with Coach House and Lodge' (ref 39168). The subjects were described as 'plain single storey and attic L-plan gabled coach house complex to W. Harled with painted ashlar dressings. Timber sash and case windows. Grey slates; overhanging eaves'.
- 2.5 An 'application' for the removal of the Listed Status was submitted to Historic Scotland by the Applicant's Agent on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Historic Scotland's document 'Assessment against Listing Criteria' dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 states that "the merit of the building prior to any works taking place in 2012 is a factor. It appears that the building may not have continued to merit listing prior to the works taking place. This assessment therefore focusses on the merit of the building prior to the conversion works taking place."
- 2.6 After detailed consideration and consultation with Scottish Borders Council, Historic Scotland confirmed on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 that the listed status of Craigerne House and Craigerne Lodge had been updated and the Coach House had been removed from the statutory listing address.
- 2.7 On 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, the Local Authority became aware of the construction of a retaining wall outwith the application boundary of 14/00876/FUL which was erected to support ground within the aforementioned boundary. The current application includes this retaining wall.



#### 3.0 ANALYSIS AGAINST PLANNING POLICY

- 3.1 Key policies within the Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan against which this application must be assessed include:
  - G7 Infill development;
  - G1 Quality Standards for New Development;
  - NE4 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows;
  - H2 Protection of Residential Amenity.

## 3.2 Policy G1 Quality Standards for Development

This proposal provides for a dwelling which fronts Edderston Road, adjacent to existing development at Craigerne Coach House. The proposal respects the character of the surrounding area, neighbouring uses and neighbouring built form in terms of scale, massing, height and density. The resulting density of development is not inconsistent with the surrounding area as can be seen from the Location Plan submitted with this application.

- The proposal can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site. The Applicant requests that the Council consider the development of 'Sandwood', the house which was granted planning consent to the rear of Tantah Lodge (a listed building), in terms of plot ratios.
- 3.4 The house will have slate roof and white-painted wet dash harled render to ensure that it is in keeping with the development at Craigerne Coach House. Finishes include timber casement windows and woodgrain effect composite doors. The proposal will fit well with the sense of place at Craigerne and will complete the development at this location.
- The proposal retains the physical features of the stone wall along Edderston Road, together with the mature beech hedge. This will ensure that the development will retain an attractive boundary as viewed from the public road. There is no requirement to form a new access through the wall. Existing trees are retained within the site, as required by the Tree Officer as part of the Craigerne Coach House development, and the new planting required is retained within the site boundary.
- To the rear of the property is a 1.5m high retaining wall which is rounded off by an earth banking on which a new beech hedge will be planted on the west side of the 1.2m close boarded fence.



3.7 The level of open space remaining at Craigerne Coach House is appropriate and sufficient for a development which lies within the Peebles settlement boundary at this location. The site has no impact upon the provision of public access from the entrance gate of Craigerne to the Cala Homes development.

#### **Policy G7 Infill Development**

- 3.8 This remaining area of land is considered to comprise a gap site for the purposes of this policy. In this regard, the proposal does not conflict with the established residential use of the area, nor detract from its character and amenity.
- 3.9 This policy seeks to ensure that overdevelopment does not occur. The Applicant strongly asserts that the development of this site in the manner proposed would not lead to overdevelopment based upon the plot sizes in the vicinity, development which has been permitted behind Tantah Lodge (notwithstanding it is a listed building) and the specific location of the proposal which has road frontage with open agricultural land to the west and woodland to the north.
- 3.10 The scale of the house proposed is in keeping, in terms of footprint, with the houses within the Cala Homes development, although its overall massing is significantly smaller than most. Its relationship with the overall massing of the Coach House development is considered to be appropriate also. The development will not result in loss of daylight, sunlight or privacy to the properties at Craigerne as a result of overshadowing or overlooking.
- There are several houses which front Edderston Road in the immediate vicinity, including Tantah Lodge, Tantah Cottage, Craigerne Lodge and its prominent garage. The concept of the proposed house being located to front the road is established in the locality and should not be considered to be unacceptable. Indeed, the proposed house is set back and separated from the road by the wall and hedge, unlike Tantah Lodge.
- 3.12 The site will be served by mains drainage by connecting to the existing drainage system which serves the Craigerne Coach House development. Surface water will drain to a soakaway.



## **Policy BE6 Protection of Open space**

This policy seeks to protect open space within settlements including green corridors, natural greenspaces, woodlands and greenspaces within residential areas which is used informally. It is asserted that sufficient open space will remain within the Coach House development. Whilst it is acknowledged that the extent of open space associated with 14/00876/FUL was reduced from the 2013 consent by an altered site boundary to provide for the current application, it is considered that adequate shared open space is available which is appropriate to a development of this scale which lies within the Peebles settlement boundary, in addition to existence of private garden ground.

## **Policy NE4 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows**

This policy supports the maintenance and management of woodland. As noted previously, existing trees will be retained, as required under 14/00876/FUL and replacement tree planting is to be carried out, as is also required.

#### **Policy H2 Protection of Residential Amenity**

- 3.15 This development will thus not have adverse impact on the amenity of the residential area surrounding Craigerne in terms of the following points:
  - Loss of open space;
  - The scale, form and type of development in terms of its fit with the area;
  - The impact on surrounding properties in terms of overlooking and loss of privacy;
  - The generation of traffic or noise;
  - The level of visual impact (from the public road and from existing houses).
- 3.16 In terms of the Officer's specific comments contained within his email of 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 the Applicant wishes to comment as follows:
  - a) The Applicant does not consider the proposal to be 'overdevelopment' of the site in terms of the general density of development and plot size in the vicinity. The Coach House is no longer listed.
  - b) The proposal is not considered to give rise to 'undue congestion' or a 'cramped impression' with the consented Coach House extension. The plot has a reasonable area of garden ground and the ground level is lower than that of the Coach House. There is physical containment of the site by levels, retaining wall, fence, wall and beech hedging.



- c) The concern that the impact would be one of 'overall detriment to the character and setting of the listed building' no longer applies, although the Applicant does propose a house which would be in keeping with, and sympathetic to, the Coach House development as the requirement for good design, notwithstanding the removal of the listed status, is acknowledged.
- d) The assertion that there would be a 'high building to plot ratio inappropriate to the character of the area' is challenged. On the basis of existing development, including that to the rear of the statutorily listed Tantah Lodge and the Cala Homes development, this proposal is considered to be reasonable in the context of its specific location.
- e) There is a reasonable level of 'buffer space to the roadside wall/ hedge' and to the Coach House and parking area'. The distance between Edderston Road and the front elevation of the house is 4 metressubstantially more than at Tantah Lodge. The proposal has been designed to respect the Root Protection Areas of the existing and replacement trees.
- f) In terms of the concern that there would be 'visibility requirements for the new access which could have the result of reduction or removal of the hedge/ wall, further exacerbating the impression of overdevelopment', it is confirmed that no new access from the public road is proposed.

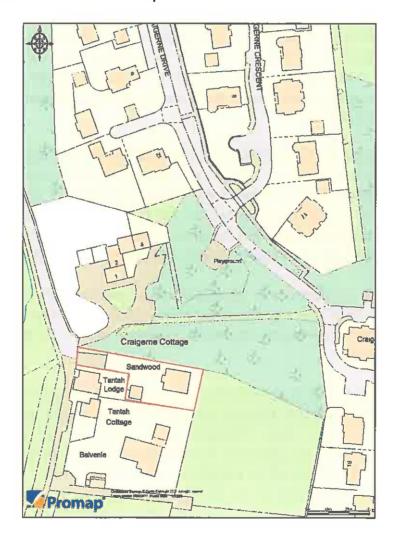


#### 4.0 OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS - RELEVANT PLANNING CONSENTS

4.1 The Applicant would like to mention to the Council certain applications which share several relevant points with the proposed development, in light of the current proposal.

## Tantah Lodge (07/00668/OUT and 09/01496/AMC)

In 2007, planning consent was obtained for the development of a house, now called 'Sandwood' in the garden ground to the rear of Tantah Lodge. (Ref: 07/00668/OUT and 09/01496/AMC). The location of the site and its relationship with adjacent houses is shown below. This application was not considered to be overdevelopment.





- 4.3 The Officer's report for this case makes the following comments which the Applicant considers to be of relevance to the current application, notwithstanding that each application is treated on its merits.
  - a) 'The proposal does not intrude into the open countryside and it would be consistent with the character of the settlement as well as being consistent with and conforming to the form of the settlement'. Comment: This is considered to be equally true in respect of the current proposal.
  - b) 'There would be some impact on the amenity of Tantah Lodge but it is considered that this would be minimal'. Comment: Similarly, the impact on Craigerne Coach House would be minimal.
  - c) 'Policy BE6 is not applicable as such applies to defined types of open spaces such outdoor sports facilities, amenity open spaces, play areas parks and gardens. It does not apply to private garden areas'. Comment: Whilst policy may have altered slightly, there is still considered to be sufficient open space within 14/00876/FUL.
  - d) 'The proposal can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site. The garden areas would be consistent with Tantah Lodge and Tantah Cottage'. Comment: The garden ground afforded to the current proposal is greater than that afforded to Tantah Lodge and Cottage. The footprint of the house is 112sqm and the application boundary measures 536sqm. The house thus occupies 21.7% of the plot. The figure for Tantah Lodge appears to be higher at c.30%.
  - e) 'The area surrounding the application site is predominantly residential in character, and the type of development would be consistent with its surroundings'. **Comment**: The same comment applies to the proposed development.
  - f) 'There would be an insignificant increase in traffic and the visual impact would be minimal'. Comment: Likewise, there would be insignificant traffic increase. The visual impact from Edderston Road would not be unreasonable, particularly given the presence of other houses in the vicinity with road frontage. The site would be partially screened at low level by the wall and hedge. The relationship of the two developments can be seen within the elevation drawings.



## Craigmount 14/00937/FUL

- In 2014, planning consent was achieved for development in the garden ground of Craigmount, a large detached Category C Listed villa in Bonnington Road. The plot comprised most of the rear garden. The following points are noted:
  - a) The development was not considered to be backland development as there is no strong unbroken pattern of 'only frontage' houses and there are a number of modern houses set to the rear of other houses.
  - b) The principle of the application was deemed to be acceptable as it accords with the character of the area and the pattern already established, having a sympathetic relationship with surrounding urban fabric.
  - c) The fact that the ridgeline of the new house was below that of the existing house was viewed positively.

### Land to the East of Craigmount, Bonnington Road

- This site has been subject to a number of subsequent applications, but the principle of development for two houses was established by way of planning consent 09/01570/PPP. Several points from the Officer's report are noted below:
  - a) This site lies in a location which is comprises an attractive rural transition from town to country (despite the site being within the settlement boundary). **Comment:** This is similar to the proposed plot at Craigerne.
  - b) The character of the lane has been irretrievably altered both by the modern Cala Homes development to the east and by other nearby approvals. Comment: the same situation applies at Craigerne with the Cala Homes Development.
  - c) It would be unsafe to base a reason for refusal on the grounds that the proposed development would change the aspect and character of the road, given previous decisions.
  - d) The development would result in twice the density exhibited by existing houses on the west side of Bonnington Road but this is a density that has recently been accepted to the north of this application site and to the south of "Arnsheen". Comment: The densities exhibited in surrounding development at Craigerne.



e) Such overall density on an infill site within the town is still relatively generous and provides an appropriate transition between lower density houses to the west and higher densities to the east. Comment: The density of housing at this part of Edderston Road continues to remain lower than further north on the road. The surrounding trees, protected by Tree Protection Order ensures a relatively open feel to this part of the town.





## Regulatory Services

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

**Application for Planning Permission** 

Reference: 15/01034/FUL

To: Mrs Patricia Crippin per Ericht Planning & Property Consultants Per Kate Jenkins 40 Belgrave Road Edinburgh EH12 6NQ

With reference to your application validated on **2nd September 2015** for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for the following development:-

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

at: Land West Of Craigerne Coachhouse Edderston Road Peebles Scottish Borders

The Scottish Borders Council hereby refuse planning permission for the reason(s) stated on the attached schedule.

Dated 27th October 2015 Regulatory Services Council Headquarters Newtown St Boswells MELROSE TD6 0SA

Signed

Chief Planning Officer



## Regulatory Services

#### **APPLICATION REFERENCE: 15/01034/FUL**

#### Schedule of Plans and Drawings Refused:

Plan Ref	Plan Type	Plan Status
Planning Supporting Statement Site Photographs 2014/12/104 2014/12/102A 2014/12/103 2014/12/101	Report Photos Elevations Site Plan Floor Plans Location Plan	Refused Refused Refused Refused Refused Refused

#### **REASON FOR REFUSAL**

The application is contrary to Policies G1, G7 and NE4 of the Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan 2011 in that the proposed development would represent a cramped form of development, out of character with this part of Edderston Road. The proposed house would result in an overdevelopment and significant reduction, of an area of ground which is required for landscaped and wooded setting for the approved Craigerne Coach House development, resulting in an inappropriate congested appearance between the development and Edderston Road, providing insufficient space for new and replacement planting, undermining the retention of preserved trees and being out of character with the design of the Coach House development and the traditional houses in the area.

#### FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse planning permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months from the date of this notice. The notice of review should be addressed to Corporate Administration, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose TD6 OSA.

If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Planning Authority or by the Scottish Ministers, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner may serve on the Planning Authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

## SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

## APPLICATION TO BE DETERMINED UNDER POWERS DELEGATED TO **CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER**

## PART III REPORT (INCORPORATING REPORT OF HANDLING)

REF:

15/01034/FUL

APPLICANT:

Mrs Patricia Crippin

AGENT:

Ericht Planning & Property Consultants

**DEVELOPMENT:** 

Erection of dwellinghouse

LOCATION:

Land West Of Craigerne Coachhouse

Edderston Road

Peebles

Scottish Borders

TYPE:

**FUL Application** 

**REASON FOR DELAY:** 

## **DRAWING NUMBERS:**

Plan Ref	Plan Type	Plan Status
PLANNING SUPPORT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS 2014/12/104 2014/12/102A 2014/12/103 2014/12/101		Report Refused Refused Refused Refused Refused Refused

## **NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIONS: 0 SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS:**

#### Roads Planning:

There is satisfactory space for the parking of 2 vehicles and turning within the curtilage of the site. The site is served by a single track road however there are several passing opportunities. Overall I have no objections to the above proposal provided the following conditions are adhered to :-

- Parking for a minimum of two vehicles, excluding any garages, must be provided within the curtilage of the property prior to occupation and be retained thereafter in perpetuity.
- A contribution of £1000 will be required for the development as per the Scottish Borders Local Plan revised Development contributions 2011.
- No access, either pedestrian or vehicular, is to be taken directly off Edderston Road.

Landscape Architect: Response awaited.

Archaeology Officer: No implications.

Director of Education and Lifelong Learning:

Primary School Contributions £9823 High School Contributions £1383

Total = £11206

Rolls over 90% place strain on the school's teaching provision, infrastructure and facilities and reduce flexibility in timetabling, potentially negatively effecting quality standards within the school environment. Contributions are sought to raise capital to extend or improve schools, or where deemed necessary to provide new schools, in order to ensure that over-capacity issues are managed and no reduction in standards is attributed to this within the Borders Area.

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Please note that the level of contributions for all developments will be reviewed at the end of March each year and may be changed to reflect changes in the BCIS index – therefore we reserve the right to vary the level of the contribution if the contribution detailed above is not paid before 1 April 2016.

Environmental Health:

Amenity and Pollution

Assessment of Application

Nuisance

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Recommendation

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Solid Fuel Stove

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Paper and kindling can be used for lighting, but purpose made firelighters can cause fewer odour problems.

Scottish Water: Response awaited.

Peebles and District Community Council: Response awaited.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND POLICIES:

Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan 2011

Policy G1 Quality Standards for New Development

Policy G5 Developer Contributions

Policy G7 Infill Development

Policy NE4 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows

Policy H2 Protection of Residential Amenity

Policy Inf4 Parking Provisions and Standards

Policy Inf5 Waste Water Treatment Standards

"Development Contributions" SPG
"Trees and Development" SPG

## Recommendation by - Craig Miller (Lead Planning Officer) on 26th October 2015

Craigerne Coach House was previously a Category B Listed Building when extensions were consented to it to create an additional five dwellinghouses. This involved a new wing to the west towards Edderston Road and a reconfigured and enlarged wing to the east. The design was carefully negotiated during processing of the application to ensure that the character of the listed building and its landscaped, former parkland, setting were preserved. However, that development proceeded in an unauthorised manner with numerous changes which necessitated new applications for listed building and planning consent. Subject to conditions, consents were granted to rectify some of the less appropriate changes. A new application has now been submitted to attempt to keep some of the changes which were sought to be rectified by condition.

Before those conditions could be enforced, Craigerne Coach House was de-listed by Histric Environment Scotland for the reasons given by the agent in her Supporting Statement, Therefore, any assessment of this current application for a new house cannot take into account listings or the previous listed status of the house. Assessment must be based principally upon Local Plan Design, Infill and Tree Policies - G1, G7 and NE4. It is important to note that, although subsequent applications sought to create a cleared site without significant landscaping on the land between the proposed west wing and Edderston Road, no such approval has been granted for the final landscaping scheme on the overall site. Indeed, two TPO trees were removed within the site and an unauthorised retaining wall erected which is also the subject of this application.

The agent has submitted a Supporting Statement which gives the background to the site, justification for the application, reports on pre-app consultation and draws parallels with other recent infill developments. I have looked carefully at this Statement and the examples given elsewhere but do not believe that any of them can be considered direct comparisons which form a compelling case to allow this development. Despite Craigerne Coach House being delisted, the overall property, with extensions, would lie in attractive landscaped grounds whereby the amenity of the area is preserved by protected trees, walls, hedges and a general green apron and setting to the site. There is no doubt that these trees, hedges and walls form a strong positive characteristic of Edderston Road and the retention and protection of this setting was considered vital in the decisions to allow the enlargement and extension of the Coach House. Despite the western wing being allowed which would bring the built form nearer to the public road, it was felt that, with

retention and augmentation, the landscaped framework could enhance the attraction and amenity of the building despite its enlargement. Although there have been subsequent revisions and a delisting of the building, the landscaped framework is still considered essential to the success of the development and amenity of the area - and has never been finally consented through successive conditions and landscaping submissions.

Two trees were felled within and at the northern end of the site which have been agreed to be replaced. Five trees are shown on the plan at the northern end but it was also noted that services appear to run through this part of the site which also raises questions about the success and suitability of new planting in this area. Furthermore, only 6-7 metres space is given between the site boundary and the northern gable of the proposed house which is considered wholly inadequate for the replanting of appropriate tree replacements and their subsequent growth. The comments of the Landscape Architect on the revised application make it clear that the reservation of green apron and appropriately planted space with hedging and dry stone walling are essential to be retained in line with Local Plan Policy NE4 and the requirements of Policies G1 and G7.

Indeed, nomatter what size, shape or height of house proposed on the site, the hardening of the space would be detrimental to the green setting of the enlarged Coach House, exacerbated by the intrusive retaining wall which has been formed along the length of the site and the circulation space required around the house. Although the wall and hedge are intending to be retained along the roadside, the face of the house will be no more than 3-4 metres from the hedging, its 15.5m length and 6-7m height dominating the boundary treatment and reducing the attraction and setting currently created by the wall and hedge. If the application is refused, then it is partially retrospective in relation to the retaining wall and this would need to be addressed in the overall discharge of the landscaping condition.

Although the agent has responded to these points and it is noted that the access and parking now occur to the rear without impact on the hedge and wall, the development removes the attractive green apron to the proposed Craigerne Coach House development from Edderston Road and provides both insufficient space for adequate replacement planting and creates a hard, congested and inappropriate setting. The final landscape treatment of this area has still to be agreed and should not be dictated by the achievement of a dwellinghouse on the ground.

The Landscape Architect opposes the proposal for the above reasons but also makes the point that due to the congested nature of the proposal and lack of garden ground around it, there would be increased pressure on the remaining and replacement TPO trees as a result, which will undermine the integrity and protection of the Tree Preservation Order.

Apart from the impacts on amenity, there are also issues of congestion and overdevelopment caused by the actual proposal on both the site and immediate surrounds itself and on the approved western wing of the Coach House development. Whilst the agent has sought to reference other plot ratios on modern developments elsewhere, none compare to this particular case where significant enlargement and development of Craigerne Coach House has already been allowed, partly on the basis of retention and augmentation of its landscaped and wooded grounds. To place a large house (over 200 square metres) on an intervening space of no more than 15m and within 5m of the new western gable of the Coach House would result in a congested and cramped visual relationship, to the detriment of the carefully design Coach House extension and the overall amenity of the area. The 5m separation between properties is further congested by the retaining wall, timber fencing and beech hedging. It is insufficient space without creating a strong impression of overdevelopment and congestion. Even if the house was proposed as a smaller single storey house, these impacts would still be considerable and considered inappropriate, the main restriction being the lack of depth of the site and the current house only being 6.5m deep - there is no further reduction possible in this respect.

The relationships of other existing houses to new houses referenced by the agent do not, in my opinion, create any compelling case for arguing that the relationship proposed at the application site is part of the general density or built fabric of the area. There is no accurate assessment of plot ratios on the other cases mentioned at Tantah Lodge or Craigmount and, in any case, both those cases involved retention of older houses to the site frontages where the relationship is already existing. The facts are that the relationship created by the proposal would represent overdevelopment and cramping both in terms of buildings to buildings and hard to soft buffer space and landscaping.

Impacts on residential amenity are not severe enough to warrant refusal of the application, the design of the proposed house limiting windows to the rear to ground floor level looking into the retaining wall. Three upper floor velux windows serve a bathroom and landing and there will be no significant detrimental impacts in this respect. In terms of the design of the house, however, there are improvements that could be made in terms of the fenestration which is dominantly horizontal in emphasis along the frontage. The dormers are oversized and the triple and quadruple window arrangements provide an inappropriate suburban form within the context of more vertical window patterns nearby and forming the character of the area. Had the application been acceptable in other respects, then there would have been further negotiation over the fenestration but, as it stands, the design represents a further reason to oppose the application, in line with Policies G1 and G7.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The application is contrary to Policies G1, G7 and NE4 of the Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan 2011 in that the proposed development will represent overdevelopment, and significant reduction, of an area of ground which is required for landscaped and wooded setting for the approved Craigerne Coach House development, resulting in an inappropriate congested appearance between the development and Edderston Road, providing insufficient space for new and replacement planting, undermining the retention of preserved trees and being out of character with the design of the Coach House development and the traditional houses in the area.

#### Recommendation: Refused

The application is contrary to Policies G1, G7 and NE4 of the Scottish Borders Consolidated Local Plan 2011 in that the proposed development would represent a cramped form of development, out of character with this part of Edderston Road. The proposed house would result in an overdevelopment and significant reduction, of an area of ground which is required for landscaped and wooded setting for the approved Craigerne Coach House development, resulting in an inappropriate congested appearance between the development and Edderston Road, providing insufficient space for new and replacement planting, undermining the retention of preserved trees and being out of character with the design of the Coach House development and the traditional houses in the area.

"Photographs taken in connection with the determination of the application and any other associated documentation form part of the Report of Handling".

## Walling, Fiona

From:

Miller, Craig

Sent:

13 January 2016 14:53

To:

localreview RE: 15/01034/FUL

Fiona

Subject:

I have none. I expect the agent may wish to argue that this single plot is a contribution towards the housing shortfall identified by the Reporter in the LDP - but I would simply argue back that other Policy breaches far outweigh the minimal benefit of the addition of one house towards the shortfall target.

Regards

Craig

Craig Miller MRTPI Lead Planning Officer **Development Management** Regulatory Services Scottish Borders Council

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From: Walling, Fiona On Behalf Of localreview

Sent: 13 January 2016 14:40

To: Miller, Craig

Subject: 15/01034/FUL

Hi Craig

We have received a notice of review in connection with the above. Also attached is a copy of the acknowledgement sent to the agent today. This contains additional paragraphs asking for any representation on the review connected to the reporter's recommendations on the Local Development Plan.

If you have any comments to add about this application in respect of the LDP recommendations please could you let me have these by 29 January.

**Thanks** 

Fiona

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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

To: Planning and Building Standards

Attention: Craig Miller

From:

LANDSCAPE SECTION

ate: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

Contact:

S McDermott

Ext: 5425

Ref: 15/01034/FUL

Subject: Erection of dwellinghouse, land west of Craigerne Coachhouse, Edderston Road Peebles

It is recognised that a formal recommendation can only be made after consideration of all relevant information and material considerations. This consultation advice is provided to the Development Control service in respect of landscape related issues.

## Description of the Site

The site is currently garden ground of the coach house development which includes conversion and extensions to the existing coach house to form 6no units. Currently the garden ground creates a setting for the development and the original drystone dyke and beech hedge contribute to the local aesthetics. The site is covered by the Craigerne and Tantah Tree Preservation Order (SBC TPO No 31). The Tweed Valley Special landscape Area extends as far as the west side of Edderston Road, but does not include the site.

The site, which until fairly recently was ground sloping down from the coach house to the western boundary, has been levelled off by dropping the excavating the ground and building a block work retaining wall, 2m inside the eastern boundary and extending north-south for approximately 21m before turning westward for 7m.

## Nature of the Proposal

The proposal is for a 1½ storey house to the west of the approved coach house conversion.

## Implications of the Proposal for the Landscape including any Mitigation

The coach house has been extended and converted to form 6no units and benefits from being set within mature woodland developed and extended in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when Craigerne House was built.

While the parkland associated with the approaches to Craigerne House has been developed, a good deal of effort was made, in agreeing a layout for the houses to the north and east of this site, to retain as many trees as possible and to retain features of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century estate such as the imposing tree lined avenue that was the main driveway to Craigerne House.

I am of the opinion that the addition of another sizeable house on this small site immediately to the west of the original coachhouse, diminishes the aesthetic and setting of the 6 unit development. It does not offer any meaningful garden ground to the proposed house and I suggest will put the remaining TPO trees under pressure of removal due to future overshadowing.

Nor does the proposed scheme allow adequate space for replacement tree planting required as a result of the previous felling of a number of mature trees covered by the above mentioned TPO, and the replacement planting of which, was agreed with SBC Tree Officer.

## Conclusion

I think this proposal will have a negative impact on the setting and amenity of the approved development and will undermine the Tree Preservation Order by putting undue pressure on the remaining trees in the immediate area as well as impacting on the agreed replanting of previously felled TPO trees along the north boundary, which require adequate space to develop satisfactorily and in accordance with <u>BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations</u>. I suggest that the proposal amounts to overdevelopment of the site and therefore, on landscape and visual grounds, I cannot support this application.

Siobhan McDermott LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT



#### **Scottish Borders Council**

## Regulatory Services - Consultation reply

Planning Ref	15/01034/FUL
Uniform Ref	15/01673/PLANCO
Proposal	Erection of dwellinghouse
Address	Land West Of Craigerne Coachhouse Edderston Road Peebles Scottish Borders
Date	21/9/15
Amenity and Pollution Officer	David A. Brown
Contaminated Land Officer	Reviewed – no comments.

#### **Amenity and Pollution**

#### Assessment of Application

Nuisance

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It is proposed to utilise a solid fuel stove within the premises.

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#### Informative

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# PLANNING CONSULTATION

To: Archaeology Officer

From: Development Management Date: 3rd September 2015

Contact: Craig Miller 2 01835 825029 Ref: 15/01034/FUL

#### PLANNING CONSULTATION

Your observations are requested on the under noted planning application. I shall be glad to have your reply not later than 24th September 2015, If further time will be required for a reply please let me know. If no extension of time is requested and no reply is received by 24th September 2015, it will be assumed that you have no observations and a decision may be taken on the application.

Please remember to e-mail the DCConsultees Mailbox when you have inserted your reply into Idox.

Name of Applicant: Mrs Patricia Crippin

Agent: Ericht Planning & Property Consultants

Nature of Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Site: Land West Of Craigerne Coachhouse Edderston Road Peebles Scottish

**Borders** 

**OBSERVATIONS OF: Archaeology Officer** 

# CONSULTATION REPLY

There are no known archaeological implications.

# PLANNING CONSULTATION

On behalf of: Director of Education & Lifelong Learning

From:

Head of Property & Facilities Management

Contact:

Marc Bedwell, ext 5242

To:

Head of Planning & Building Standards

Contact:

Craig Miller 2 01835 825029

Date: 13 January 2016 Ref: 15/01034/FUL

#### PLANNING CONSULTATION

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Nature of Proposal Erection of dwellinghouse

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OBSERVATIONS ON BEHALF OF: Director of Education & Lifelong Learning

# CONSULTATION REPLY

I refer to your request for Education's view on the impact of this proposed development, which is located within the catchment area for Kingsland Primary School and Peebles High School.

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Rolls over 90% place strain on the school's teaching provision, infrastructure and facilities and reduce flexibility in timetabling, potentially negatively effecting quality standards within the school environment. Contributions are sought to raise capital to extend or improve schools, or where deemed necessary to provide new schools, in order to ensure that overcapacity issues are managed and no reduction in standards is attributed to this within the Borders Area.

This contribution should be paid upon receipt of detailed planning consent but may be phased subject to an agreed schedule.

Please note that the level of contributions for all developments will be reviewed at the end of March each year and may be changed to reflect changes in the BCIS index - therefore we reserve the right to vary the level of the contribution if the contribution detailed above is not paid before 1 April 2016.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.lf you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

# REGULATORY SERVICES



To: Development Management Service

**FAO Craig Miller** 

Date: 16/09/15

From: Roads Planning Service

Contact: Dalton Redpath Ext: 5517 Ref: 15/01034/FUL

Subject: Erection of dwellinghouse

Land West Of Craigerne Coachhouse, Edderston Road,

**Peebles** 

There is satisfactory space for the parking of 2 vehicles and turning within the curtilage of the site. The site is served by a single track road however there are several passing opportunities. Overall I have no objections to the above proposal provided the following conditions are adhered to:-

- 1. Parking for a minimum of two vehicles, excluding any garages, must be provided within the curtilage of the property prior to occupation and be retained thereafter in perpetuity.
- 2. A contribution of £1000 will be required for the development as per the Scottish Borders Local Plan revised Development contributions 2011.
- 3. No access, either pedestrian or vehicular, is to be taken directly off Edderston Road.

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#### **List of Policies**

Local Review Reference: 16/00001/RREF
Planning Application Reference: 15/01024/FUL
Development Proposal: Erection of Dwellinghouse

Location: Land west of Craigerne Coachhouse, Edderston Road, Peebles

Applicant: P Crippin

# **SESplan Strategic Development Plan 2013**

None

#### Consolidated Scottish Borders Local Plan 2011:

#### POLICY G1 - QUALITY STANDARDS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

All new development will be expected to be of high quality in accordance with sustainability principles, designed to fit with Scottish Borders townscapes and to integrate with its landscape surroundings. The standards which will apply to all development are that:

- 1. It is compatible with, and respects the character of the surrounding area, neighbouring uses, and neighbouring built form,
- 2. it can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site,
- 3. it retains physical or natural features or habitats which are important to the amenity or biodiversity of the area or makes provision for adequate mitigation or replacements,
- 4. it creates developments with a sense of place, designed in sympathy with Scottish Borders architectural styles; this need not exclude appropriate contemporary and/or innovative design,
- 5. in terms of layout, orientation, construction and energy supply, the developer has demonstrated that appropriate measures have been taken to maximise the efficient use of energy and resources, including the use of renewable energy and resources and the incorporation of sustainable construction techniques in accordance with supplementary planning guidance referred to in Appendix D,
- 6. it incorporates appropriate hard and soft landscape works, including structural or screen planting where necessary, to help integration with its surroundings and the wider environment and to meet open space requirements. In some cases agreements will be required to ensure that landscape works are undertaken at an early stage of development and that appropriate arrangements are put in place for long term landscape/open space maintenance,
- 7. it provides open space that wherever possible, links to existing open spaces and that is in accordance with current Council standards pending preparation of an up-to-date open space strategy and local standards. In some cases a developer contribution to wider neighbourhood or settlement provision may be appropriate, supported by appropriate arrangements for maintenance,
- 8. it provides appropriate boundary treatments to ensure attractive edges to the development that will help integration with its surroundings,
- 9. it provides for linkages with adjoining built up areas including public transport

- connections and provision for bus laybys, and new paths and cycleways, linking where possible to the existing path network; Green Travel Plans will be encouraged to support more sustainable travel patterns,
- 10. it provides for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems where appropriate and their after-care and maintenance.
- 11. it provides for recycling, re-using and composting waste where appropriate,
- 12. it is of a scale, massing, height and density appropriate to its surroundings and, where an extension or alteration, appropriate to the existing building,
- 13. it is finished externally in materials, the colours and textures of which complement the highest quality of architecture in the locality and, where an extension or alteration, the existing building,
- 14. it incorporates, where required, access for those with mobility difficulties,
- 15. it incorporates, where appropriate, adequate safety and security measures, in accordance with current guidance on 'designing out crime'.

#### POLICY G5 - DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Where a site is otherwise acceptable but cannot proceed due to deficiencies in infrastructure and services or to environmental impacts, any or all of which will be created or exacerbated as a result of the development, the Council will require developers to make a full or part contribution through S.75 or alternative Legal Agreements towards the cost of addressing such deficiencies.

Each application will be assessed to determine the appropriate level of contribution guided by: the requirements identified in the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on developer contributions; planning or development briefs; outputs from community or agency liaison; information in settlement profiles; other research and studies such as Transport Assessments; the cumulative impact of development in a locality; provisions of Circular 12/96 in respect of the relationship of the contribution in scale and kind to the development. Contributions will be required at the time that they become necessary to ensure timeous provision of the improvement in question. The Council will pursue a pragmatic approach, taking account of the importance in securing necessary developments, and exceptional development costs that may arise. Contributions are intended to address matters resulting from new proposals, not existing deficiencies. In general, the Council does not intend to require contributions arising from the needs of affordable housing. Contributions towards maintenance will generally be commuted payments covering a 10 year period.

Contributions may be required for one or more of the following:

- 1. Treatment of surface or foul waste water in accordance with the Plan's policies on preferred methods (including SUDS maintenance);
- 2. Provision of schools, school extensions or associated facilities, all in accordance with current educational capacity estimates and schedule of contributions:
- 3. Off-site transport infrastructure including new roads or road improvements, Safer Routes to School, road safety measures, public car parking, cycle-ways and other access routes, subsidy to public transport operators; all in accordance with the Council's standards and the provisions of any Green Travel Plan;
- 4. Leisure, sport, recreation, play areas and community facilities, either on-site or off-site;
- 5. Landscape, open space, trees and woodlands, including costs of future management and maintenance;
- 6. Protection, enhancement and promotion of environmental assets either on-site or offsite, having regard to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Biodiversity, including compensation for any losses and/or alternative provision;

7. Provision of other facilities and equipment for the satisfactory completion of the development that may include: measures to minimise the risk of crime; provision for the storage, collection and recycling of waste, including communal facilities; and provision of street furniture.

#### POLICY G7 – INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Within Development Boundaries, as shown on Proposals Maps, development on non-allocated, infill or windfall, sites, including the re-use of buildings, will be approved if:

- 1. in the case of a gap site, it can be justified under Policies BE6 (Protection of Open Space), Policy NE3 (Local Biodiversity) and Policy Inf11 (Developments that Generate Travel Demand);
- 2. in the case of employment land the proposed new use can be justified under Policy ED1 to prevent the loss of employment land with prospects of future use;
- 3. in the case of garden ground or backland sites, it can be justified under Policy H2 to safeguard the amenity of residential areas;

In all cases, the following criteria will apply to proposed infill development:-

- i) where relevant, it does not conflict with the established land use of the area; and
- ii) it does not detract from the character and amenity of the surrounding area; and
- iii) the individual and cumulative effects of the development can be sustained by the social and economic infrastructure and it does not lead to over-development or 'town and village cramming'; and
- iv) it respects the scale, form, design, materials and density of its surroundings; and
- v) adequate access and servicing can be achieved, particularly taking account of water and drainage and schools capacity; and
- vi) it does not result in any significant loss of daylight, sunlight or privacy to adjoining properties as a result of overshadowing or overlooking.

All applications will be considered against the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Placemaking and Design.

#### POLICY H2 - PROTECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

Development that is judged to have an adverse impact on the amenity of existing or proposed residential areas will not be permitted. To protect the amenity and character of these areas, any developments will be assessed against:

- 1. The principle of the development, including where relevant, any open space that would be lost; and
- 2. The details of the development itself particularly in terms of:

- (i) the scale, form and type of development in terms of its fit within a residential area.
- the impact of the proposed development on the existing and surrounding properties particularly in terms of overlooking and loss of privacy. These considerations apply especially in relation to garden ground or 'backland' development,
- (iii) the generation of traffic or noise,
- (iv) the level of visual impact.

#### POLICY INF4 – PARKING PROVISIONS AND STANDARDS

Development proposals should provide for car and cycle parking in accordance with the Council's published adopted standards, or any subsequent standards which may subsequently be adopted by the Council (see Appendix D).

Relaxation of standards will be considered where the Council determines that a relaxation is required owing to the nature of the development and/or positive amenity gains can be demonstrated that do not compromise road safety.

In town centres where there appear to be parking difficulties, the Council will consider the desirability of additional public parking provision, in the context of policies to promote the use of sustainable travel modes.

#### POLICY INF5 – WASTE WATER TREATMENT STANDARDS

The Council's preferred method of dealing with waste water associated with new development will be, in order of priority:

- 1. direct connection to the public sewerage system, including pumping if necessary, or failing that:
- 2. negotiating developer contributions with Scottish Water to upgrade the existing sewerage network and/or increasing capacity at the waste water treatment works, or failing that:
- agreement with Scottish Water to provide permanent or temporary alternatives to sewer connection including the possibility of stand alone treatment plants until sewer capacity becomes available, or, failing that:
- 4. for development in the countryside i.e. not within or immediately adjacent to publicly sewered areas, the use of private sewerage providing it can be demonstrated that this can be delivered without any negative impacts to public health, the environment or the quality of watercourses or groundwater.

In settlements served by the public foul sewer, permission for an individual private septic tank will normally be refused unless exceptional circumstances prevail and the conditions in criterion 4 can be satisfied.

Development will be refused if:

- 5. it will result in a proliferation of individual septic tanks or other private water treatment infrastructure within settlements,
- 6. it will overload existing mains infrastructure or it is impractical for the developer to provide for new infrastructure.

#### POLICY NE4 – TREES, WOODLANDS AND HEDGEROWS

The Council supports the maintenance and management of trees, woodlands, including ancient woodlands and ancient woodland pastures, and hedgerows, (hereafter referred to as the 'woodland resource') and requires developers to incorporate, wherever feasible, the existing woodland resource into their schemes.

- Development that would cause the loss of, or serious damage to the woodland resource, will be refused unless the public benefits of the development at the local level clearly outweigh the loss of landscape, ecological, recreational, historical or shelter value. Decision making will be informed by the Scottish Borders Woodland Strategy, expert advice from external agencies, the existing condition of the woodland resource and BS5837: Trees in Relation to Construction;
- 2. The siting and design of the development should aim to minimise adverse impacts on the biodiversity value of the woodland resource, including its environmental quality, ecological status and viability:
- 3. Where there is an unavoidable loss of the woodland resource, appropriate replacement planting will normally be a condition of planning permission. In some locations planning agreements will be sought to enhance the woodland resource;
- 4. Development proposals should demonstrate how the protection of the woodland resource will be carried out during construction, adopting British Standard 5837.

# Proposed Local Development Plan 2015 (incorporating changes accepted by Scottish Borders Council)

# Policy PMD2: Quality Standards

All new development will be expected to be of high quality in accordance with sustainability principles, designed to fit with Scottish Borders townscapes and to integrate with its landscape surroundings. The standards which will apply to all development are that:

## Sustainability

- a) In terms of layout, orientation, construction and energy supply, the developer has demonstrated that appropriate measures have been taken to maximise the efficient use of energy and resources, including the use of renewable energy and resources such as District Heating Schemes and the incorporation of sustainable construction techniques in accordance with supplementary planning guidance. Planning applications must demonstrate that the current carbon dioxide emissions reduction target has been met, with at least half of this target met through the use of low or zero carbon technology,
- b) it provides digital connectivity and associated infrastructure.
- c) it provides for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems in the context of overall provision of Green Infrastructure where appropriate and their after-care and maintenance,
- d) it encourages minimal water usage for new developments,
- e) it provides for appropriate internal and external provision for waste storage and presentation with, in all instances, separate provision for waste and recycling and, depending on the location, separate provision for composting facilities,
- f) it incorporates appropriate hard and soft landscape works, including structural or screen planting where necessary, to help integration with its surroundings and the wider environment and to meet open space requirements. In some cases agreements will be required to ensure that landscape works are undertaken at an early stage of development and that appropriate arrangements are put in place for long term landscape/open space maintenance,

g) it considers, where appropriate, the long term adaptability of buildings and spaces.

#### Placemaking & Design

- h) It creates developments with a sense of place, based on a clear understanding of the context, designed in sympathy with Scottish Borders architectural styles; this need not exclude appropriate contemporary and/or innovative design,
- i) it is of a scale, massing, height and density appropriate to its surroundings and, where an extension or alteration, appropriate to the existing building,
- j) it is finished externally in materials, the colours and textures of which complement the highest quality of architecture in the locality and, where an extension or alteration, the existing building,
- k) it is compatible with, and respects the character of the surrounding area, neighbouring uses, and neighbouring built form,
- I) it can be satisfactorily accommodated within the site,
- m) it provides appropriate boundary treatments to ensure attractive edges to the development that will help integration with its surroundings,
- n) it incorporates, where appropriate, adequate safety and security measures, in accordance with current guidance on 'designing out crime'.

#### Accessibility

- o) Street layouts must be designed to properly connect and integrate with existing street patterns and be able to be easily extended in the future where appropriate in order to minimise the need for turning heads and isolated footpaths,
- p) it incorporates, where required, access for those with mobility difficulties,
- q) it ensures there is no adverse impact on road safety, including but not limited to the site access.
- r) it provides for linkages with adjoining built up areas including public transport connections and provision for buses, and new paths and cycleways, linking where possible to the existing path network; Travel Plans will be encouraged to support more sustainable travel patterns,
- s) it incorporates adequate access and turning space for vehicles including those used for waste collection purposes.

#### Greenspace, Open Space & Biodiversity

- t) It provides meaningful open space that wherever possible, links to existing open spaces and that is in accordance with current Council standards pending preparation of an up-to-date open space strategy and local standards. In some cases a developer contribution to wider neighbourhood or settlement provision may be appropriate, supported by appropriate arrangements for maintenance,
- u) it retains physical or natural features or habitats which are important to the amenity or biodiversity of the area or makes provision for adequate mitigation or replacements.

Developers are required to provide design and access statements, design briefs and landscape plans as appropriate.

## Policy PMD5: Infill Development

Development on non-allocated, infill or windfall, sites, including the re-use of buildings within Development Boundaries as shown on proposal maps will be approved where the following criteria are satisfied:

a) where relevant, it does not conflict with the established land use of the area; and

- b) it does not detract from the character and amenity of the surrounding area; and
- c) the individual and cumulative effects of the development can be sustained by the social and economic infrastructure and it does not lead to over-development or 'town and village cramming'; and
- d) it respects the scale, form, design, materials and density in context of its surroundings; and
- e) adequate access and servicing can be achieved, particularly taking account of water and drainage and schools capacity; and
- f) it does not result in any significant loss of daylight, sunlight or privacy to adjoining properties as a result of overshadowing or overlooking.

All applications will be considered against the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Placemaking and Design. Developers are required to provide design statements as appropriate.

#### Policy HD3 – Protection of Residential Amenity

Development that is judged to have an adverse impact on the amenity of existing or proposed residential areas will not be permitted. To protect the amenity and character of these areas, any developments will be assessed against:

- a) the principle of the development, including where relevant, any open space that would be lost; and
- b) the details of the development itself particularly in terms of:
  - (i) the scale, form and type of development in terms of its fit within a residential area,
  - (ii) the impact of the proposed development on the existing and surrounding properties particularly in terms of overlooking, loss of privacy and sunlighting provisions. These considerations apply especially in relation to garden ground or 'backland' development,
  - (iii) the generation of traffic or noise,
  - (iv) the level of visual impact.

#### Policy IS2: Developer Contributions

Where a site is otherwise acceptable in terms of planning policy, but cannot proceed due to deficiencies in infrastructure and services or to environmental impacts, any or all of which will be created or exacerbated as a result of the development, the Council will require developers to make a full or partial contribution towards the cost of addressing such deficiencies.

Contributions may be required for one or more of the following:

- a) treatment of surface or foul waste water in accordance with the Plan's policies on preferred methods (including SUDS maintenance);
- b) provision of schools, school extensions or associated facilities, all in accordance with current educational capacity estimates and schedule of contributions;
- c) off-site transport infrastructure including new roads or road improvements, Safer Routes to School, road safety measures, public car parking, cycle-ways, bridges and associated studies and other access routes, subsidy to public transport operators; all in accordance with the relevant standards and the provisions of any Travel Plan;
- d) leisure, sport, recreation, play areas and community facilities, either on-site or off-site;

- e) landscape, open space, allotment provision, trees and woodlands, including costs of future management and maintenance;
- f) protection, enhancement and promotion of environmental assets either on-site or offsite, having regard to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Biodiversity, including compensation for any losses and/or alternative provision;
- g) provision of other facilities and equipment for the satisfactory completion of the development that may include: measures to minimise the risk of crime; provision for the storage, collection and recycling of waste, including communal facilities; provision of street furniture and digital connectivity with associated infrastructure.

Wherever possible, any requirement to provide developer contributions will be secured by planning condition. Where a legal agreement is necessary, the preference for using an agreement under other legislation, for example the 1973 Local Government (Scotland) Act and the 1984 Roads (Scotland) Act will be considered. A planning obligation will only be necessary where successors in title need to be bound by its terms. Where appropriate, the council will consider the economic viability of a proposed development, including possible payment options, such as staged or phased payments.

#### Policy IS7 – Parking Provision and Standards

Development proposals should provide for car and cycle parking in accordance with approved standards.

Relaxation of technical standards will be considered where appropriate due to the nature of the development and/or if positive amenity gains can be demonstrated that do not compromise road safety.

In town centres where there appear to be parking difficulties, the Council will consider the desirability of seeking additional public parking provision, in the context of policies to promote the use of sustainable travel modes.

#### Policy IS9 - Waste Water Treatment Standards and Sustainable Urban Drainage

#### Waste Water Treatment Standards

The Council's preferred method of dealing with waste water associated with new development will be, in order of priority:

- a) direct connection to the public sewerage system, including pumping if necessary, or failing that:
- b) negotiating developer contributions with Scottish Water to upgrade the existing sewerage network and/or increasing capacity at the waste water treatment works, or failing that:
- c). agreement with Scottish Water and SEPA where required to provide permanent or temporary alternatives to sewer connection including the possibility of stand alone treatment plants until sewer capacity becomes available, or, failing that:
- d) for development in the countryside i.e. not within or immediately adjacent to publicly sewered areas, the use of private sewerage treatment may be acceptable, providing it can be demonstrated that this can be delivered without any negative impacts to public health, the environment or the quality of watercourses or groundwater.

In settlements served by the public foul sewer, permission for an individual private sewage treatment system will normally be refused unless exceptional circumstances prevail and the conditions in criteria d above can be satisfied,

Development will be refused if:

- a) it will result in a proliferation of individual septic tanks or other private water treatment infrastructure within settlements,
- b) it will overload existing mains infrastructure or it is impractical for the developer to provide for new infrastructure.

#### Sustainable Urban Drainage

Surface water management for new development, for both greenfield and brownfield sites, must comply with current best practice on sustainable urban drainage systems to the satisfaction of the council, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (where required), Scottish Natural Heritage and other interested parties where required. Development will be refused unless surface water treatment is dealt with in a sustainable manner that avoids flooding, pollution, extensive canalisation and culverting of watercourses. A drainage strategy should be submitted with planning applications to include treatment and flood attenuation measures and details for the long term maintenance of any necessary features.

#### Policy EP13: Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows

The Council will refuse development that would cause the loss of or serious damage to the woodland resource unless the public benefits of the development clearly outweigh the loss of landscape, ecological, recreational, historical, or shelter value.

Any development that may impact on the woodland resource should:

- a) aim to minimise adverse impacts on the biodiversity value of the woodland resource, including its environmental quality, ecological status and viability; and
- b) where there is an unavoidable loss of the woodland resource, ensure appropriate replacement planting, where possible, within the area of the Scottish Borders; and
- c) adhere to any planning agreement sought to enhance the woodland resource

#### **Other Material Considerations**

SBC Supplementary Planning Guidance – Placemaking and Design 2010

SBC Supplementary Planning Guidance – Trees and Development 2008

SBC Supplementary Planning Guidance – Development Contributions (updated and revised 2015)

Circular 4/1998 – Use of Conditions in Planning Permissions

