

# Comments for Planning Application 17/01139/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 17/01139/FUL

Address: 40-41 The Square Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7HL

Proposal: Change of use from Class 1 (retail) to allow mixed use Class 2 (podiatry clinic) and Class 1 (ancillary retail)

Case Officer: Euan Calvert

## Customer Details

Name: Mr tom weatherston

Address: 60 Oakfield Court, Kelso, Scottish Borders TD5 7NW

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Local Member

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Value of property

Comment: I would like to support this application from class 1 retail to class 2 mixed use. This prime site in the centre of the town square has stood empty for over a year resulting in a negative impact on the town centre.

This business would bring a redundant shop back into use would provide employment and provide more choice of services in the town.

There is already a variety of class uses in the town centre and this proposal would compliment what we already have.

Planning policy encourages some flexibility in our town centres in Scotland and this proposal would help keep Kelso town centre vibrant and our empty shops to a minimum.

Kelso square is in the conservation area and investment in our town centre should be encouraged as long as it has a positive impact and I believe this shop opening again can only be positive for the town centre.

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Name: Miss Nicola Stewart

Address: 2 Whitmuirhaugh Farm cottages, Sprouston, Kelso Td5 8hp

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Value of property

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To Scottish Borders Council,

Provision of foot and ankle services does not currently meet the demand of the local community and I move that this application, if granted, will allow for the establishment of a vital service in our town centre. I know the applicant to have a wealth of experience in this sector and is most certainly the right person to deliver this service. In doing so, our town will benefit from the transformation of an otherwise empty and unsightly building, will experience increased footfall and will create excellent employment opportunities for local people.

I support this application in its entirety,

Regards,

Nicola Stewart

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Name: Mr william rogeron

Address: Cavalry Park, Peebles, Scottish Borders EH45 9BU

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to offer support to Mr McCriricks application for change of use consent to create a specialist podiatry clinic in this empty unit. Provision of this professional service centrally and occupation of the redundant unit would I believe have a positive impact on the town centre and benefit surrounding retail.

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Name: Mrs JOAN BLACK

Address: 51 Pinnaclehill Park, Kelso, Scottish Borders TD5 8HA

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Feel as premises have been empty for some time and given its prime location it is detrimental to centre not to allow and encourage this local man to set up his business in this area.

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Name: Mrs Susan Hay

Address: 1 Sunnyside Farm Cottages, Reston, Eyemouth, Scottish Borders TD14 5LN

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Dear Sir/Madam,

Having known the applicant, Robert McCririck, for a number of years, I believe him to be an impassioned and thoughtful individual who takes great pride in his Scottish Borders roots, having grown up very close to Kelso. I feel this pride in his local community and his dedication to providing a very high quality of care in his professional work will undoubtedly lead to a successful business venture and will be a huge asset to Kelso's residents, its local businesses and the wider community.

I offer my fullest support to this application and hope the planning team will agree.

Sincerely,

Susan Hay..

