

Application Comments for 15/01354/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 15/01354/FUL

Address: Office West Grove Waverley Road Melrose Scottish Borders TD6 9SL

Proposal: External alterations and erection of 4 No flagpoles

Case Officer: Stuart Herkes

Customer Details

Name: Mr Robin Purdie

Address: 16 High Cross Avenue, Melrose, Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 9SQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Once again, I have absolutely no objection whatsoever to the site being developed for commercial usage. Nor would I have objected if the site had been developed into flats etc.

However, I object to the proposed colour of the building, and object to the flagpoles.

The proposed colour is, quite simply, not in-keeping with the darker surrounding buildings.

With regard to the flagpoles, these are far from in-keeping with the area and would be a blight on the main route into the town. The site falls on the edge of a conservation area, and is not a new housing scheme, nor is it an Arnold Clark showroom.

And in all honesty, I find the suggestion that the non-inclusion of flags will impact on the owner's ability to attract corporate tenants to be quite bizarre. It will surely be the location/quality of premises/terms that will attract commercial tenants, and I very much doubt that flags will mean anything to a tenant one way or another (unless said tenant is able to emblazon them with their own advertising).

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Alan Young

Address: Tweedside Tweedmount Road, Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 9ST

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Detrimental to Residential Amenity
- Road safety

Comment: I refer to the previous application for flagpoles on this site and copy my objection to that application "the proposed alterations to the building are very welcomed. The flagpoles are however out of context for this residential area, their positioning will distract drivers and pedestrians at this very busy junction. Their height would also appear excessive". My previous comments apply equally to this application. The access from Tweedmount Road is already extremely difficult due to its location and speed that cars enter Melrose. The addition of flags close to the road junction only further adds to the safety issues when using this junction.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Rodger Johnston

Address: 14 High Cross Avenue, Melrose, Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 9SQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Road safety

Comment: I have no objection to the proposed alterations to the building as such but the external colour of the new render is not appropriate for this style of building, however the proposed sighting of 4 No flagpoles would be unsuitable for this part of Melrose. The flagpoles could prove distracting at this fast and busy junction. The alignment of the poles would restrict the view of on coming traffic approaching town, neighbours and family find it difficult in getting onto the road on leaving the shared drive way at our property.

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Name: Mr Sam Whiting

Address: Rowan Tweedmount Road, Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 9ST

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Detrimental to Residential Amenity
- Road safety

Comment: I fully support the proposed enhancements to the buildings but object in the strongest terms to the proposed flagpoles.

The flagpoles are totally inconsistent with this well established residential area. Whilst this building has been used as business premises for many years, it has always maintained a marketing approach that is both proportionate and appropriate to its location. The proposed flagpoles are neither proportionate or appropriate to this residential area.

The junction when pulling out of Tweedmount Road onto the main carriageway is already extremely hazardous. On numerous occasions, I have had close encounters with speeding cars entering Melrose from the Galashiels direction. Flags and Flagpoles would serve as an additional moving distraction to these drivers (which is exactly their purpose) at a critical time as they approach this already hazardous junction.