**JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 2014 REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE MAY 2014 REPORT PREPARED BY THE PLANNING CONVENOR**

**DATE: 21 JUNE 2014**

**Edinburgh Local Plan/SESplan**

**On 19 June 2014 the Second Draft Local Plan was approved by the Planning Committee. We have not been successful in trying to remove Curriemuirend Park from the Plan, it is now there with 165 houses rather than the original 80.**

The Plan will be published for a further 6 week period of representation in August, and further consideration of the plan will take place in February 2015. It will then be submitted to the Scottish Government, together with all representations, and will be examined by a Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government prior to its final publication. Because this is a new draft Plan, representations to the first draft will not be carried forward, but all those who made representations will be contacted to advise them on how to respond to the revised plan.

**Work on the next SESplan is about to start - interested parties were invited to offer comments on the content of the Main Issues Report, which will be published early in 2015. A response was sent at the end of May.**

The examination of SESplan by the Reporter for the Scottish Government is now complete, and his report has been approved by Scottish Ministers, subject to the production of supplementary guidance on housing allocations by June 2014. The agreed draft of the Supplementary Guidance on housing allocations has now been submitted to Scottish Ministers. This proposes sites for a further 11,000 houses in the SESplan area, of which about 4,000 will be in Edinburgh. Some 2,500 of these will be outside the established Strategic Development Areas in W and SE Edinburgh.

***Developments in Balerno***

*David Wilson Homes have carried out a Pre-Application Consultation for a proposal to build about 300 houses at Cockburn Crescent/ Mansfield Road in Balerno. This site is in the Green Belt. An exhibition was held in Balerno on 28 February, and responses to the questionnaire were requested by 29 March. An application in principle for 300 houses has now been submitted, and our objections were sent in August. Over 500 public comments have been made.* ***This application was refused on 20 November, and the appointed Reporter has decided to reject the appeal. A further application for half of the site is now underway, and a public exhibition was held on 20 February.***

*A proposal for 120 houses in Ravelrig Road was made in July 2013 by Gladman Developments. A public meeting was held in Balerno Bowling Club on 3 October to display plans etc.* ***This resulted in an outline application in December 2013, on which I sent objections similar to those submitted for Cockburn Crescent. This Application has now been withdrawn, but a further identical application has now been submitted.***

***Garden District Proposals***

*A Pre-Application Consultation was held for a major development in the Green Belt north of Baberton/Juniper Green. This proposal from Murray Estates would see up to 3,500 houses built over a 20 year period, with extensive infrastructure including a sports hub and the Calyx, an international garden attraction. There were various exhibitions of the plans, and Currie CC held an information meeting on 4 February in the Gibson Craig Hall. This was very well attended, and almost all those present expressed their opposition to any further development in the Green Belt.* ***In the follow-up to the approval of the second draft plan CEC are looking again at the northern part of this site, adjacent to the A8 and Edinburgh Park.***

***Curriemuirend Park***

***In the run-up to discussion of the second draft LDP, further representations were made to Councillors asking for the removal of Curriemuirend Park. As reported above, these were unsuccessful, are we are now faced with a further period of campaigning, which will culminate in consideration of representations in February 2015.***

***A meeting to hear the outcome of the Feasibility Study into the proposed development at Curriemuirend Park was held at 7.30pm on 11 February in Tanners. The Council’s consultants concluded that even with 180 units on the site, most of them flats, the site is currently not viable.***

***Former Curriehill Primary School.***

***An exhibition of possible uses for this site was held on 28 April at the Gibson Craig Hall. Two alternatives were presented – a small supermarket with some housing, or just housing. In either event 25% of the housing would be affordable.***

**Planning Applications received between 25 May 2014 and 21 June 2014:**

**14/01978/FUL** 22 Baberton Mains Grove Edinburgh EH14 3DB Removal of existing garage, single storey extension to replace garage and enlarge kitchen. Application validated 20/05/2014, comments by 16/06/2014.

**14/02052/FUL** 10 Foulis Crescent Edinburgh EH14 5BN Proposed two storey and single storey extensions to property and formation of new vehicle run-in. Application validated 23/05/2014, comments by 20/06/2014.

**14/02252/FUL** 32 Baberton Crescent Edinburgh EH14 5BP Erect one storey, flat roof, extension to east side of existing house. Application validated 04/06/2014, comments by 20/06/2014.

**14/02295/FUL** 57 Juniper Avenue Edinburgh EH14 5EE Proposed demolition of an existing single storey kitchen extension and erection of a larger single storey extension over the footprint of the original. Application validated 18/06/2014, comments by 18/07/2014.

**14/02417/TCO** 11 Juniper Park Road Edinburgh EH14 5DX Permissions required for various tree works which include 2 Sycamore trees, 1 Holly tree and 2 Conifers. No objection 20/06/2014.

**14/02428/FUL** 6 Foulis Crescent Edinburgh EH14 5BN Demolition of existing garage and single storey extension. Construct two storey extension and two single storey rear extensions. Erect single storey timber office building in garden and form new vehicle access from Foulis Crescent. Application validated 17/06/2014, comments by 18/07/2014.

**Previous applications determined between 25 May 2014 and 21 June 2014:**

**13/01525/FUL** 1 Baberton Loan Edinburgh EH14 5DF Proposed conversion (change of use) of existing brick built disused warehouse facility to form 6 residential units utilising the existing building shell and profile. Application validated 30/04/2013, comments by 31/05/2013. **Considerably delayed for discussions with Roads Dept and others, but plan for the adopted road and path is now available. Pedestrian access to the Walkway will be maintained. The main issue still to be resolved concerns the windows overlooking the Walkway on the south side of the building. A further revised set of plans has now appeared, and I have sent a response supporting the development. Approved subject to a Planning Agreement on 18 June 2014.**

**14/01128/FUL** 20 Baberton Mains Court Edinburgh EH14 3ER Two-storey extension to front and side and single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Application validated 25/04/2014, **withdrawn 13/06/2014.**

**14/01525/FUL** 2 Baberton Mains Loan Edinburgh EH14 3EP Pitched roof extension above existing garage to form additional bedroom space. Application validated 18/04/2014, **granted 17/06/2014.**

**Previous applications still not determined:**

**13/03836/FUL** 22 Baberton Mains Loan Edinburgh EH14 3E. Domestic dwellinghouse extended and altered. Application validated 10/09/2013, comments by 05/10/2013. **This application appears identical to that which was refused in November 2010, on the grounds that it was out of scale with the surrounding properties. 6 objections have been submitted, including one from JGCC. A further neighbour notification was carried out on 20 May 2014, and I have submitted a further objection.**

**14/01923/ADV** 540A Lanark Road Edinburgh EH14 5EL Install internally illuminated fascia signs to front and side, install new ATM panels, window vinyls, welcome signage panel and internally illuminated projecting sign on existing flagpole. Application validated 16/05/2014, comments by 07/06/2014.

**Progress on Major Planning Applications:**

**11/01641/FUL** 50 Baberton Avenue Juniper Green Edinburgh EH14 5DU. Proposed development of sheltered apartments for the elderly plus communal facilities, car parking spaces and soft and hard landscaping. Consent given 01/09/2011 when a s.75 planning agreement was concluded.

**11/01641/CON** 50 Baberton Avenue Juniper Green Edinburgh EH14 5DU. Demolition of club house building and all attached ancillary buildings - Proposed development of sheltered apartments for the elderly plus communal facilities, car parking spaces and soft and hard landscaping. Consent given 01/09/2011.

***Final resurfacing at the end of construction of the McCarthy & Stone development has now been carried out, but CEC have refused to adopt the road as there needs to be further remedial work. Pending this turning circle is now unofficially in use.***

***Following demolition of the old Janitor’s house, work on the community garden on the east side of the Village Hall is now complete. A new ramp has been built to the front door of the Village Hall, and the disabled ramp at the rear is now also in use. McCarthy & Stone have removed the tall beech hedge which was planted at the end of last year, and also have now constructed low stone walls at the entrance to their site. This has not involved moving the original gateposts, as was previously proposed.***

**Enforcement Cases:**

**None**

**Other issues.**

Following contact with the Post Office in 2012 about the positioning of the pouch boxes at the junction of Baberton Avenue and Belmont Road, changes were made to the way deliveries are organised. Not clear now whether one or both boxes are still in use, further contact will be made with the Post Office to see if this can be resolved.

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