

LRB-2024-22 23/02071/FLL – Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and associated works, 42 Muirend Road, Perth, PH1 1JU

PAPERS SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT

NOTICE OF REVIEW

UNDER SECTION 43A(8) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)IN RESPECT OF DECISIONS ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCHEMES OF DELEGATION AND LOCAL REVIEW PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (APPEALS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

IMPORTANT: Please read and follow the guidance notes provided when completing this form. Failure to supply all the relevant information could invalidate your notice of review.

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Date of application 3th DEC	C 2023 Da	te of decisio	n (if any)	7th FEB 2024
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<u>Note.</u> This notice must be served on the planning authority within three months of the date of the decision notice or from the date of expiry of the period allowed for determining the application.

Nature of application

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- Application for planning permission (including householder application) 1.
- 2. Application for planning permission in principle
- 3. Further application (including development that has not yet commenced and where a time limit has been imposed; renewal of planning permission; and/or modification, variation or removal of a planning condition)
- 4. Application for approval of matters specified in conditions

Reasons for seeking review

- 1. Refusal of application by appointed officer
- 2 Failure by appointed officer to determine the application within the period allowed for determination of the application
- 3. Conditions imposed on consent by appointed officer

Review procedure

The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review and may at any time during the review process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determine the review. Further information may be required by one or a combination of procedures. such as: written submissions; the holding of one or more hearing sessions and/or inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.

Please indicate what procedure (or combination of procedures) you think is most appropriate for the handling of your review. You may tick more than one box if you wish the review to be conducted by a combination of procedures.

- 1. Further written submissions
- 2. One or more hearing sessions
- 3. Site inspection
- 4 Assessment of review documents only, with no further procedure

If you have marked box 1 or 2, please explain here which of the matters (as set out in your statement below) you believe ought to be subject of that procedure, and why you consider further submissions or a hearing are necessary:

Site inspection

In the event that the Local Review Body decides to inspect the review site, in your opinion:

- 1. Can the site be viewed entirely from public land?
- 2 Is it possible for the site to be accessed safely, and without barriers to entry?

If there are reasons why you think the Local Review Body would be unable to undertake an unaccompanied site inspection, please explain here:

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Yes	No		
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Statement

You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. <u>Note</u>: you may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.

If the Local Review Body issues a notice requesting further information from any other person or body, you will have a period of 14 days in which to comment on any additional matter which has been raised by that person or body.

State here the reasons for your notice of review and all matters you wish to raise. If necessary, this can be continued or provided in full in a separate document. You may also submit additional documentation with this form.

REASE REFER TO ATTACHMENT FOR FUL COMMENTARY

Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the determination on your application was made?

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If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising new material, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should now be considered in your review.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THE APPLICATION WAS ASSESSED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHMENT FOR FUL COMMENTARY.

List of documents and evidence

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to submit with your notice of review and intend to rely on in support of your review.

23-018(PL)001 LOCATION PLANS A3. 23-018(PL)002 EXISTING SITE PLAN A3 23-010 (PL)003 PROPSED SITE PLAN A3. 23-018 (PL)004 PROPOSED GROUND ROCK PLAN A2 23-018 (PL)005 Fer A PLOFOTED FIRST FLOOR AND ROOF PLAN AZ 23-018(PL)006 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS A2 23-013 (PL) 007 PKOPOSED 30 VIEWS A2 23-015(PL)OH EXUTING SITE PLAN WITH HOUSE AND PLOT AREAS A3 23-018(PL)012 CONTEXTUAL ELEVATIONS A2 TEXT ATTACHMENTS TO THIS FORM A4 "STATEMENT + EMAIL FROM P. MULAMSON"

<u>Note.</u> The planning authority will make a copy of the notice of review, the review documents and any notice of the procedure of the review available for inspection at an office of the planning authority until such time as the review is determined. It may also be available on the planning authority website.

Checklist

Please mark the appropriate boxes to confirm you have provided all supporting documents and evidence relevant to your review:



Full completion of all parts of this form



Statement of your reasons for requiring a review



All documents, materials and evidence which you intend to rely on (e.g. plans and drawings or other documents) which are now the subject of this review.

<u>Note.</u> Where the review relates to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission or modification, variation or removal of a planning condition or where it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in conditions, it is advisable to provide the application reference number, approved plans and decision notice from that earlier consent.

Declaration

I the applicant/agent [delete as appropriate] hereby serve notice on the planning authority to review the application as set out on this form and in the supporting documents.

Signed			Date	28 APRIL	2024.
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Notice of Review 23/02071/FLL

(Statement page 3)

There are two reasons for this Notice of Review:

Firstly, the route to the refusal decision and secondly, the refusal decision itself.

1. To address the former

The application was submitted on the 13th December 2023. I emailed the case officer Joanne Ferguson on 11th January to enquire about progress and to see if she had any concerns with the application. I had no response.

I then I left a voicemail on her phone on 25th January 2024 Again, no response To this date I have had no response from Joanne Ferguson whatsoever. I consider this unprofessional.

Email correspondence with her team leader Paul Williamson post refusal has suggested that the lack of correspondence was due to her workload pressure. As a sole trader I well understand this problem and I confess that I often miss deadlines myself

However, the case officer had the option to employ one of two mechanisms to remedy this problem - extend the application period or suggest the application was withdrawn and reconsidered. Neither option was employed, and complete silence prevailed until the refusal was received on the 7th February. Again, I consider this unprofessional.

I am frustrated (as are my clients) that the case officer did not give us the option to extend or withdraw the application. It would have instantly resolved any timescale concerns on her side and given us the opportunity to re-design. There is no point in having the 'withdraw' facility if it is not made available to all applicants. The applicants cannot understand how they could pay £600 in fees and not receive even one email from the case officer.

By contrast, I am currently dealing with an application with one of Joanne's colleagues and the level of communication, collaboration and input has been exemplary. The fate of planning applications received by Perth and Kinross Council should not depend on which staff member the case is allocated to This is a lottery and not a professional service. Paul Williamson was decent enough to apologise for the service we received in his subsequent emails, see attached. In summary, we do not feel the applicants received a professional service and now ask for this to be reviewed afresh.

(The applicants are so disillusioned with the planning process that they have now bought a new house).

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2. To address the refusal decision itself.

The refusal of 7th February states:

"..proposal is considered to represent an overdevelopment of the site when taking account of the areas environs, established building heights and surrounding house types as a consequence the development is incompatible with the character and amenity of the area."

I know the case officer did visit the site; however, it is clear she only looked at the site in isolation and did not consider all the surrounding dwellings on Muirend Road. If she did not have time to respond to my email or phone call, then I have concerns that she did not have time to fully assess the details of the application.

As I show on the enclosed drawings 23-018(PL)011 and 23-018(PL)012 the proposals are neither overdevelopment in respect to plan or elevation, when viewed in context with the surrounding dwellings. I will not repeat the details here, but in summary, an analysis was undertaken to establish the existing house to plot ratios and the scale of the elevations in the environs (21 - 52 Muirend Road) to see if the proposal was indeed an 'overdevelopment of the site' as stated. Please refer to the original application drawings and the two additional drawings noted above.

Please note that I am aware that the Local Review Body are not obliged to entertain further drawings and documents beyond those originally submitted with the application, unless 'exceptional' circumstances prevail. Given the issues noted above and the fact this 'blank refusal' scenario has not occurred in any previous planning applications that I have submitted to Perth and Kinross Council over the last 25 years, I hope you would agree that this is indeed an 'exceptional' case.

If the case officer had engaged with myself during the application process as expected and had requested additional information to support the application, I would of course, have provided these additional drawings at the time I believe the applicants deserve a professional service this time around, so by way of recompense I would ask that the additional drawings are given due consideration. Thank you.

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Subject: RE: 23/02071/FLL Decision Notice From: Paul Williamson Date: 14/02/2024, 12:18 To: Steve Runciman <steve@crossingshouse.co.uk>

Good afternoon Steve

Thank you for your email in respect of the above, and I can understand your disappointment at the outcome. I am responding to you in this instance as Joanne's line manager, but also in light of Joanne presently being off ill.

At present we are facing an exceptionally high caseload among officers, and where we are content that there is sufficient information to proceed to determination, then it may be the case that officers submit their recommendations to myself in order to make as timeous a decision, and wherever possible within the statutory timescales of two months.

In this instance, any potential solution would have required a comprehensive re-design in light of the scale of the adjacent property, hence the decision to reach a determination, as opposed to enter into a dialogue to seek amendments. As with any planning application determination, you have the right to seek a review should you wish to do so, or alternatively, you may wish to consider entering into pre application discussion to refine before any subsequent submission.

https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20213/Pre-application-services-

Notwithstanding, I note the reference to your attempts to contact Joanne for updates, and I shall remind her, as well as other colleagues in general about the importance of maintaining good levels of communications, particularly when pressed for an update.

For that I can only apologise.

Should you wish to discuss any further aspect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Paul

Paul Williamson, Team Leader (Local Developments) Development Management Economy, Development and Planning Perth & Kinross Council Pullar House 35 Kinnoull Street Perth PH1 5GD My working days are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



-----Original Message-----From: Development Management <u><DevelopmentManagement@pkc.gov.uk></u> Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:28 AM To: Joanne Ferguson Cc: Paul Williamson Subject: FW: 23/02071/FLL Decision Notice

CASE OFFICE ENQUIRY

Good morning,

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Please find email in relation to decided application 23/02071/FLL. Agent querying that no contact has been made with him before decision was made.

Paul I am CC'ing you for your information, I hope you don't mind.

Kind regards Ewa

-----Original Message-----From: Steve Runciman <<u>steve@crossingshouse.co.uk></u> Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:14 PM To: Development Management <<u>DevelopmentManagement@pkc.gov.uk></u> Subject: Re: 23/02071/FLL Decision Notice

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Good afternoon,

With regards to the refusal for the above application can you please confirm why no contact was made with myself to raise your concerns ?

I made numerous email approaches to the case officer (Joanne Ferguson) to enquire whether she was comfortable with the application and I received no response. If I had known that a refusal was likely, then I would have withdrawn the application.

I did not get that option, which is very disappointing.

Yours, Steve Runciman

On 13/02/2024 15:17, Developmentmanagement@pkc.gov.uk wrote:

See attached decision notice.

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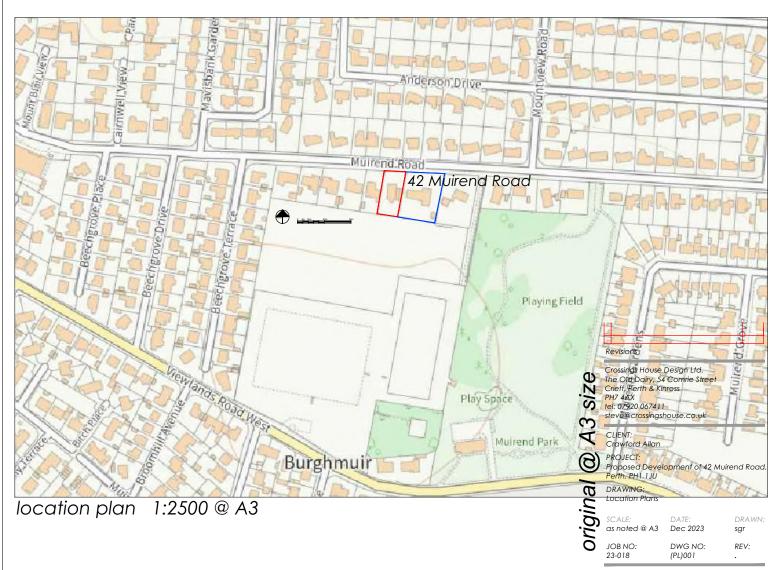
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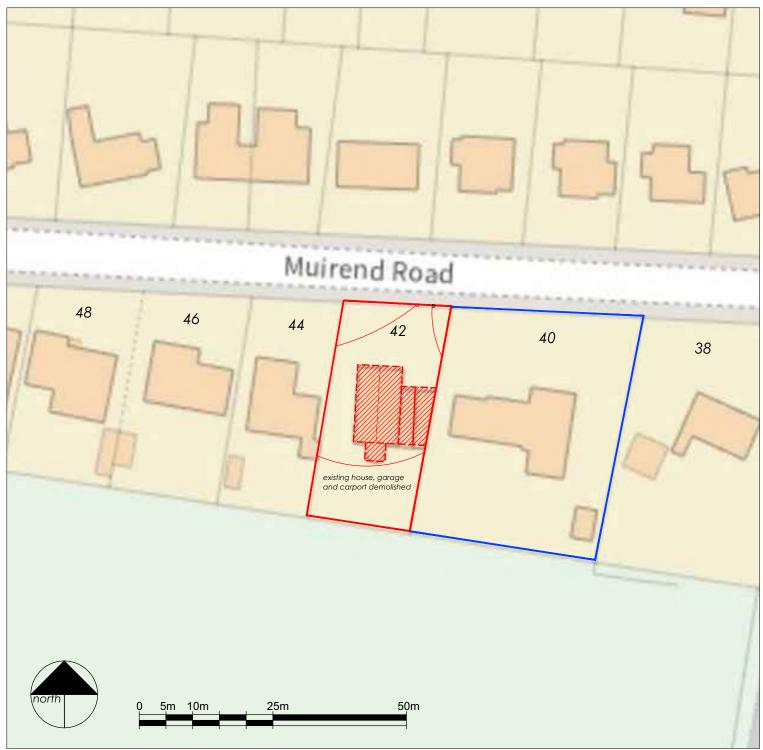
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location plan 1:1250 @ A3

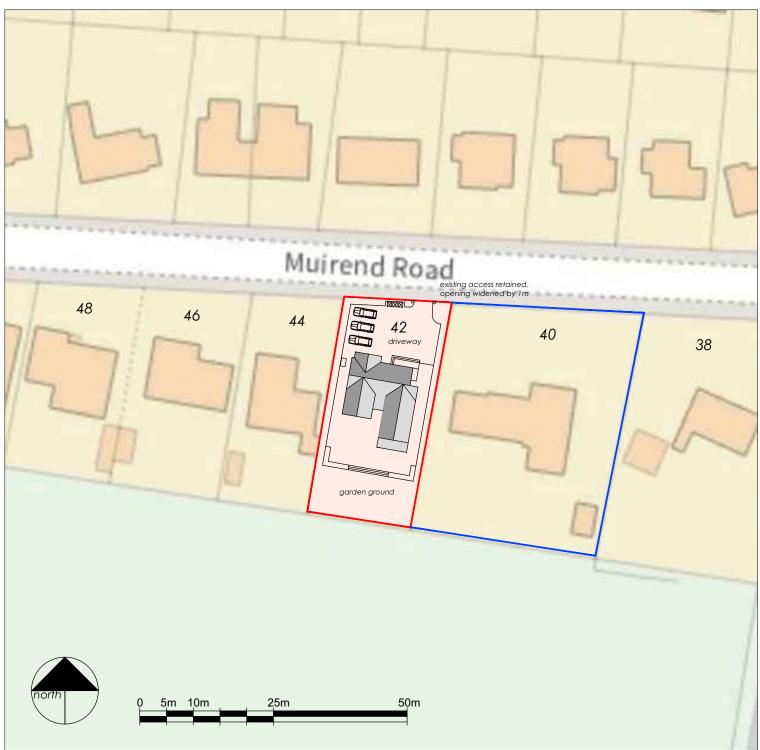




existing site plan 1:500 @ A3

site area = 825m² 0.0825 hectares 0.2038 acres





proposed site plan 1:500 @ A3

Site access: Existing access retained and widened by 1m.

Foulwater & surface water drainage: To existing sewer connections in Muirend Road.

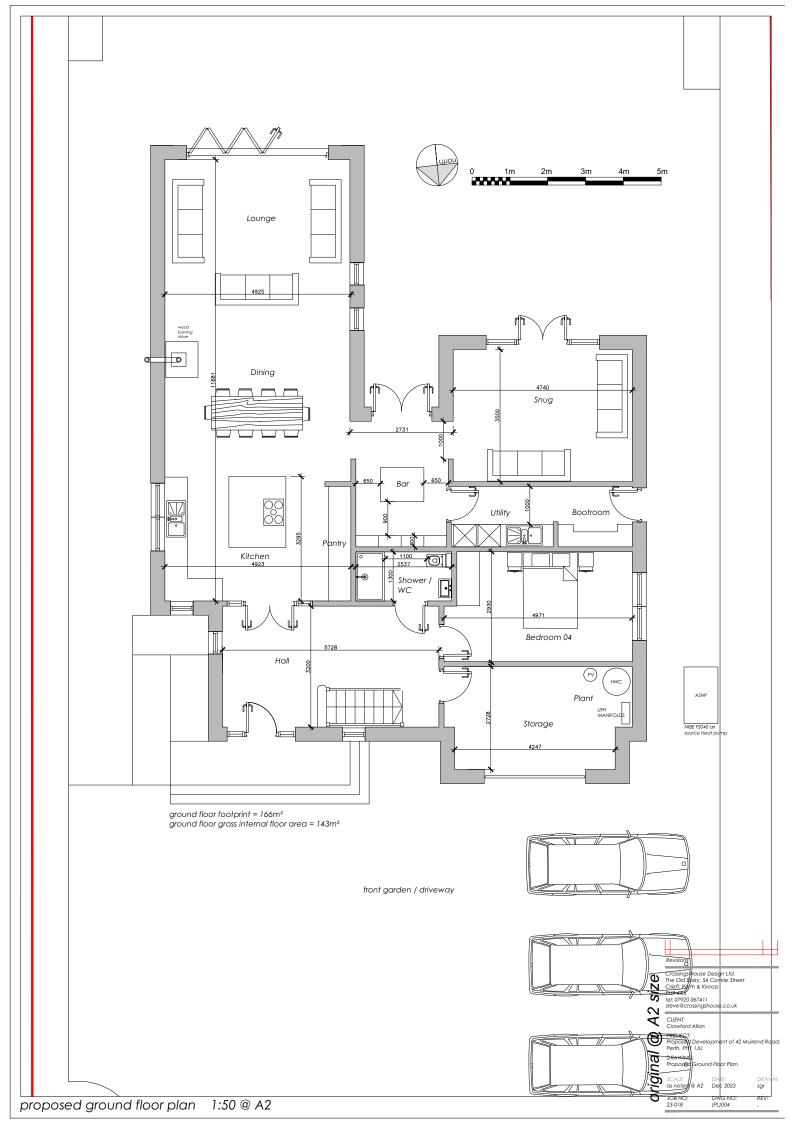
Listed building/Conservation area status: Not applicable.

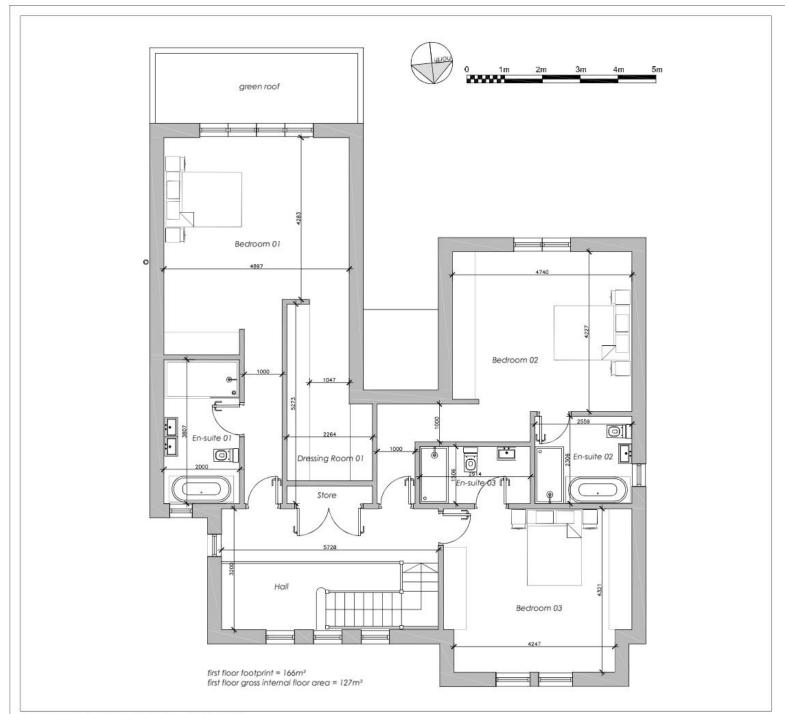
Flooding risk: Not applicable

Trees on site: Not applicable.

Ecological issues: Not applicable.







proposed first floor plan 1:50 @ A2



proposed roof plan 1:200 @ A2





Roof finishes: Rediand Stonewold II concrete interlocking roof files, colour 'grey'

Wall finishes: Sand/cement render, colour 'white' Brickwork to front and rear gable and around openings: Ibstock 65mm Lodge Lane Solid Smooth 'Blue'

Windows and external doors: uPVC framed. colour 'Anthracite' RAL 7016 Store and front door colour 'Ochre Brown' RAL 8001

Rooflights: Aluminium framed. colour 'Anthracite' RAL 7016

Eaves soffits/fascias: Painted timber, colour 'Anthracite' RAL 7016

Rainwater goods: uPVC, colour 'black'

Solar paneis: LG Neon 2 Black, 1.686mm x 1,016mm x 40 mm

Stove flue: Shieldmaster twin wall flue, matt black powder coat finish.

Boundary treatments: Existing boundary treatments retained, Existing opening to street widened by 1m.

proposed north elevation 1:100 @ A2



proposed east elevation 1:100 @ A2



proposed south elevation 1:100 @ A2





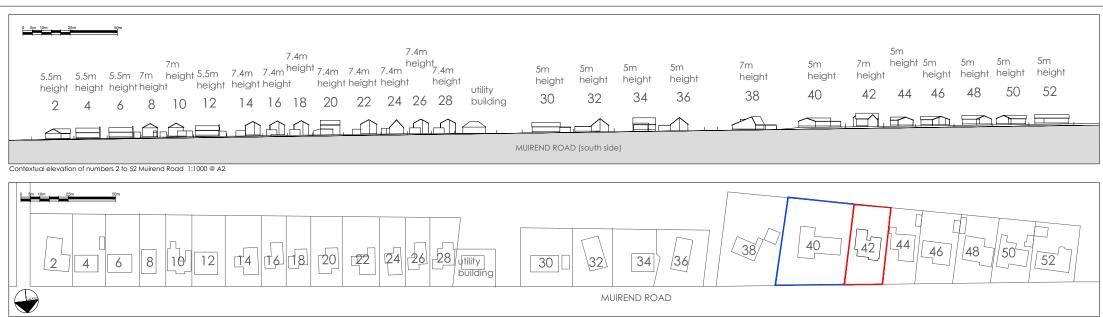












Plan of numbers 2 to 52 Muirend Road 1:1000 @ A2

Refusal states:

"....proposal is considered to represent an overdevelopment of the site when taking account of the areas environs, established building heights and surrounding house types as a consequence the development is incompatible with the character and amenity of the area."

"The design and resultant height of development does not respect the character of development in the locality.

An analysis was undertaken to establish the building heights, house types and relationships of the existing neighbouring properties in the environs (numbers 2 - 52 Muirend Road) to see if the proposal was indeed an 'overdevelopment of the site' and 'does not respect the character of development in the locality' as stated. The front elevations of the properties at 2 - 52 Muirend Road (south side) were assessed (and a number measured) and a contextual south elevation created, see above. The key points to note:

1. Muirend Road has a number of house types: single storey, two storey, detached and semi-detached, integrated and stand-alone garages. Some are gable fronted, others with roof ridges running parallel to the road. Most have been extended in some form.

2. Within numbers 2 - 52 on the south side of Muirend Road, the single storey adjacent to double storey relationship exists at 5 locations.

3. Within numbers 2 - 52 on the south side of Muirend Road, the tallest property is 7.4m above the adjacent ground level, which is in turn approx 600mm above pavement level. This is higher than the proposals for 42.

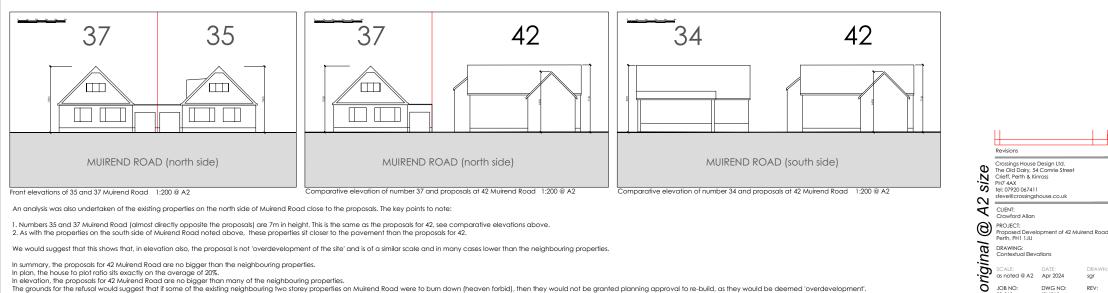
4. Within numbers 2 - 52 on the south side of Muirend Road, there are 11 properties (out of 27) that are as high or higher, than the proposals for 42.

5. 10 of these properties sit closer to the pavement than the proposals for 42, thereby increasing their perceived height from the street.

6. Number 34 on the south side of Muirend Road is almost identical to the proposals in both width and height, see comparative elevation below.

We would suggest that this shows that (in elevation), the proposal is not 'overdevelopment of the site' and is of a similar scale and in some cases lower than the neighbouring properties.

Please refer to drawing 23-018(PL)011 for analysis of environs in plan.



as noted @ A2 Apr 2024

DWG NO:

(PL)012

JOB NO: 23-018

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REV:

In summary, the proposals for 42 Muirend Road are no bigger than the neighbouring properties. In plan, the house to plot ratio sits exactly on the average of 20%.

In elevation, the proposals for 42 Muirend Road are no bigger than many of the neighbouring properties.

The grounds for the refusal would suggest that if some of the existing neighbouring two storey properties on Muirend Road were to burn down (heaven forbid), then they would not be granted planning approval to re-build, as they would be deemed 'overdevelopment'.