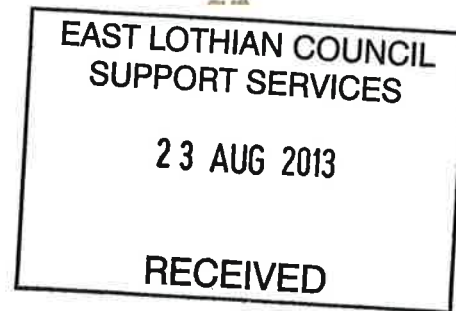


Clerk to the local Review Body  
Committee Team,  
Communications and Democratic Services  
John Muir House  
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13/08/2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Application 13/00299/P**

I am writing to appeal against the decision made on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Your notice states that the decision to refuse permission was based on the potential for generating noise outwith the building with an adverse effect on the amenity of the neighbouring residential properties. I also note that there was only one written letter of objection from a neighbouring property.

I am disappointed that the application has been turned down without any further tests or investigations being carried out. I have worked closely with the planning department to ensure we are doing our utmost to reduce any noise generated from the nursery. I met with both the Environmental department (Finlay McKay) and the Planning department prior to this application being submitted to discuss any potential issue that may arise. We were advised that "it shouldn't be a problem but there may be some restriction or a trial period introduced". On this basis we submitted the application at a cost of £199.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the environment and surrounding area, we have recently installed a sound proof fence as requested by East Lothian Council at a significant cost to our small business (£7,000), with no funding assistance despite there being no statutory need for this.

I feel that our application should be supported by East Lothian Council as we are not increasing the number of children using our outdoor space, we are simply asking that our under 2's use the balcony area instead of having to be brought down into the garden.

We feel we have shown our willingness to work together to overcome issues raised by the complainant and in return we ask for our babies to have easy access to fresh air. Please find enclosed a petition signed by our parents supporting this application as they are equally as disappointed as we are on the stance taken by the council on the basis of one complaint. As previously stated, we have spent over £7,000 to help appease this persistent complainant and we feel it is time we, as a business supporting and providing a service to the local community, were shown some support by the Council.

The balcony will only be used for our baby room children age 2 and under. There is a maximum of 12 babies in a day.

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Yours sincerely

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