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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The plot is a vacant piece of land adjacent to 2 No private dwellings.
- The Plot is now densely overgrown and becoming an eyesore for the neighbouring properties.
- Erecting a small single storey dwelling, will create another 2 bedroom starter property, much needed in the local area.
- Off street parking & the provision to utilise an existing dropped kerb & access gate will be provided.
- Existing kerbside boundary treatments will remain in place, minimising any alterations to the existing streetscape.

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INTRODUCTION

This statement has been prepared by EC Design Architectural Services and is in support of an application seeking planning permission for the erection of a single storey private dwelling to an existing abandoned plot of land at 33 South Crescent, Prestonpans, East Lothian, EH32 9PG which has been submitted on behalf of our client J&S Thomson Developments Limited.

LOCATION & DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The application site is situated to the south of the existing residential property at 33 South Crescent Prestonpans.

The surrounding area is predominantly residential and densely populated with private dwellings of varying character due to a mixture of alterations over the years.

The Plot comprises a vacant piece of land adjoined by No 33 South Crescent & 1 Polwarth Terrace.



Figure 1 - Location



Figures 2-5 - Overgrown Site

The existing Site extends to an area of 258m2 & comprises overgrown shrubs & foliage. The South & West boundaries of the plot are existing 1.6-1.7m high hedgerow. The north boundary of the plot is a 1.8m high timber screen fence and the east boundary is current a 1.2m high post/ wire fence.

Surrounding properties with similar layouts/ orientation have been erected in the area, examples of this are shown on the drawing pr-04 showing similar massing & also properties of almost identical plot size and shape for comparison.



DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The Proposal for the site is to erect a single storey two bedroom dwelling within the footprint of the redundant piece of land to the south of 33 South Crescent. We would plan to utilise the existing gate to the south of the plot, and existing dropped kerb. The design of the property is sympathetic in character to the existing neighbouring dwelling and the layout/ fenestration of the windows avoids any overlooking or privacy issues to the neighbouring properties. The land was historically used as a garage and driveway therefore the impact on traffic to the area would be negligible. The likely target user for the property would either be a first time buyer or an elderly couple looking to downsize therefore would most like have only 1 car at the property & off-street parking is provided on the layout.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Having considered the proposed development against the terms of both the development plan and other material considerations we are firmly of the opinion that the application should be granted planning permission and in summary state the following reasons in their favour:

- The premise has been vacant for a number of years and in its current condition has and will continue to have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the neighbouring area.
- The proposed designs are in keeping with the character of the neighbouring properties. The south streetscape would be very similar to the existing streetscape as the designs have been produced to mimic the existing elevation.
- Examples of other surrounding corner properties with almost identical footprints has been highlighted therefore we do not feel that erecting a property in the same manner would constitute 'infill development'
- The use of the exist dropped kerb and vehicular access gates minimises the impact on the existing layout.
- The 'living spaces' have outlooks to the south and west of the plot, therefore negating any privacy/ overlooking issues.

In summary we feel that we have a strong case to obtain planning for the proposal & we do not consider that there are any justifiable reasons for refusing our clients application having regard to the above, it is respectfully requested that planning permission be granted for above.















