

REPORT TO: Planning Committee MEETING DATE: Wednesday 26 June 2019 **Depute Chief Executive** BY: (Partnerships and Community Services) SUBJECT: Application for Planning Permission for Consideration 18/01034/AMM Application No. Proposal Approval of matters specified in conditions of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM - Erection of 4 houses, 35 flats and associated works Location Longniddry Farm Longniddry East Lothian EH32 0NZ Applicant **Places for People** Per APT Planning and Development Ltd

RECOMMENDATION Consent Granted

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

Although this application is for the approval of matters specified in conditions of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM it has to be determined as a major development type application because the area of the application site is greater than 2 hectares. Accordingly, the application cannot be decided through the Council's Scheme of Delegation. It is therefore brought before the Planning Committee for a decision.

On 26 June 2018 planning permission in principle (Ref: 16/00485/PPM) was granted for residential development with associated greenspace, access and engineering works on some 30.7 hectares of predominantly agricultural land on the south side of the main east coast railway line at Longniddry. The site included Longniddry Farmhouse and Longniddry Farm Steadings along with other agricultural buildings. The Farm Steadings and Farmhouse are both listed as being of special architectural or historic interest, Category B. Nos. 3-6 Longniddry Farm Cottages, which are located within the northern part of the application site, are also listed as being of special architectural or historic interest, Category C. The land of the application site also includes the northern end of the Coal Road (the classified B6363 public road), Longniddry Main Street, the roundabout junction immediately to the northwest of Longniddry Railway Station and an area of land immediately to the east of the Railway Station car park. The Braid Burn

bisects the site roughly centrally on a north-south alignment.

In May 2017, planning application 17/00194/P and listed building consent application 17/00178/LBC were registered, respectively for, the conversion of the agricultural buildings/land at Longniddry Farm Steading to be used for Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 10, holiday let (sui generis) uses, for the erection of a covered canopy for Class 3 use and for associated works, and for the alterations and extension to the Steading buildings to facilitate the change of use, the formation of hardstanding areas, and the demolition of a building and walls. Planning application 17/00194/P and listed building consent application 17/00178/LBC are pending consideration and no decisions have yet been taken on them.

The approval of matters specified in conditions is now sought for the erection of 4 houses, 35 flats and associated works on an area of land measuring some 4.19 hectares to the south side of the main east coast railway line at Longniddry and on part of the larger site to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and the masterplan docketed to that permission apply. The associated works include the formation of roads, footpath and parking areas, the formation of SuDS, the erection of boundary enclosures, flood mitigation measures relating to the Braid and Cadger Burns, and hard and soft landscaping.

The application site comprises land for the proposed 4 houses and 35 flats, along with land of the larger site to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies that would comprise access roads, public open space, SuDS and the Braid Burn corridor.

The site that is the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM is allocated for mixed use development of circa 450 houses by Proposal PS1 (Longniddry South) of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018. A design brief for the site was approved by the Council in October 2018.

This application is one of three approval of matters specified in conditions applications (Refs: 18/01034/AMM, 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM), each submitted by a different applicant, that together relate to an area of land measuring some 11.6 hectares that comprises roughly the western part of the larger site to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies, and which is located to the west of the Braid Burn, excluding Longniddry Farm Steadings.

The land of the application site consists of agricultural fields and a paddock, and rises gently from north to south. There is an existing line of trees on the west side of the site adjacent to the Coal Road. There are further trees on the northern part of the site and on the eastern part of the site adjacent to Longniddry Farmhouse.

The site is bounded to the north by a combination of the main east coast railway line and the residential properties of Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages, to the west by a combination of the classified B6363 public road (Coal Road) and further land of the larger site to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies, to the south by further land to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies and agricultural land, and to the east by a combination of Longniddry Farm Steadings and Longniddry Farmhouse, Nos. 3-6 Longniddry Farm Cottages and further land to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies.

The Braid Burn runs along the eastern part of the site on a north-south alignment and the Cadger Burn runs along the western part of the site on a north-south alignment. The eastern and western parts of the application site are thus identified on the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency flood risk maps as being at risk from flooding.

Parts of the Braid Burn corridor are identified as being of biodiversity interest.

Vehicular access to the 39 residential units would be taken from the classified B6363 public road (Coal Road) at two points. One access would be a 'one-way' access road leading from the Coal Road into the housing development and the other would be a 'two-way' access road giving access to and from the Coal Road. None of the proposed 39 residential units would individually be directly accessed from the classified B6363 public road (Coal Road).

All of the 4 houses and 35 flats the subject of this application would be of tenancy tenure with Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association managing the leasing arrangements. All of the residential units would be for independent living for people aged over 60 years. In terms of their size, all of the 4 houses and 35 flats would be 2-bedroomed units. The 4 houses would be in the form of a terrace of single storey bungalows. The majority of the flatted units (Nos. 5 to 28) would be in two storey buildings with the exception of flatted units 29 to 37, which would be located in a 3 storey building. All of the houses and flatted buildings would form a quadrangle around a centrally positioned communal courtyard garden with a vehicular pend access on its eastern side, and pedestrian pend accesses on its northern, southern and eastern sides.

The submitted details also include for the internal access roads, parking courts, boundary treatments, landscaping, areas of open space and SuDS.

Vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access to the houses and flats would be taken by way of a new access junction and road network from the classified B6363 Coal Road. Thereafter, vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle access to the houses and flats would be taken from the new roads to be created through the site. A new 'one-way' road with a junction with the B6363 Coal Road would be formed to the south of the proposed houses/flats along the alignment of what is presently the access road to Longniddry Farmhouse and Steadings. A further new road would be formed to the east and north sides of the proposed houses/flats. This new road would also provide vehicular access to the existing residential properties of Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages. The existing access road to Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages would become a cycle and pedestrian route only. Other new roads would be formed further to the south of the development allowing vehicles to exit the housing development onto the B6363 Coal Road. Car parking for the proposed 4 houses and 35 flats would be formed to the north of the proposed houses/flats and to each side of the road on the east side of the proposed development. Cycle stands would also be provided on the west side of the road on the east side of the proposed development.

The majority of the trees on the west part of the site, adjacent to the Coal Road, would be retained. New trees would be planted to the north of the road and car parking area to the north of the proposed houses/flats, and within the area of the communal courtyard garden and at its access. An area of open space ('village green') would be formed on the northern part of the site to the east of the proposed houses/flats and to the north of Longniddry Farmhouse and Steadings. The Braid Burn corridor on the eastern part of the site would create a further smaller area of open space. Further trees would be planted along each side of the new roads to the south and east side of the proposed houses/flats, and along the sides of other new roads of the development, and along the Braid Burn corridor and on the northern side of the 'village green' area of open space.

Subsequent to the registration of this application, further drawings have been submitted showing revisions to the site layout including, at the request of the Council's Landscape Officer, a change to the position of the proposed houses/flats to move them some 3

metres further away from the large mature trees on the western part of the site (adjacent to the Coal Road), and changes to the SuDS and the engineering works at the Braid Burn corridor. An amended Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints report (dated January 2019) and an amended Flood Risk Assessment (updated April 2019 Version 4) have also been submitted by the applicant's agent.

The following documents have been submitted in support of the application:

- Planning and Design Statement (September 2018);

- Noise Assessment of Proposed Residential development report (Project number EDI_1120, dated 21/9/2018);

- Home Owner's Travel Pack;

- Flood Risk Assessment (Updated, April 2019 Version 4);

- SUDS and Drainage Statement (revision A 24/9/18);

- Stage 2 Road Safety Audit (SPA Ref No. 4936, Rev O, September 2018);

- Archaeological Evaluation Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC Project No. 24398, dated 6th August 2018);

- Phase II Geo-Environmental & Geotechnical Interpretative Report; and

- Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints report.

Section 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requires that the application be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The development plan is the approved South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan (SESplan) and the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

There are no policies of the approved South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan (SESplan) relevant to the determination of this application.

Proposal PS1 (Longniddry South) and Policies HOU1 (Established Housing Land), HOU3 (Affordable Housing Quota), HOU4 (Affordable Housing Tenure Mix), OS3 (Minimum Open Space Standard for New General Needs Housing Development), T1 (Development Location and Accessibility), T2 (General Transport Impact), W3 (Waste Separation and Collection), NH3 (Protection of Local Sites and Areas), NH8 (Trees and Development), NH10 (Sustainable Drainage Systems), NH11 (Flood Risk), CH1 (Listed Buildings), DP1 (Landscape Character), DP2 (Design), DP3 (Housing Density), and DP9 (Development Briefs) of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 are relevant to the determination of this application.

Material to the determination of the application are Section 59 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Scottish Government's policy on development affecting a listed building or its setting given in Scottish Planning Policy: June 2014.

Scottish Planning Policy echoes the statutory requirements of Section 59 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 that in considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a listed building or its setting a planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving and enhancing the building, its setting and any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

Also material are national policy and guidance documents including Scottish Planning Policy: June 2014 (SPP) and Planning Advice Note 67: Housing Quality, Designing Streets and Designing Places.

Planning Advice Note 67 explains how Designing Places should be applied to new housing. In PAN 67, it is stated that the planning process has an essential role to play in ensuring that: (i) the design of new housing reflects a full understanding of its context - in terms of both its physical location and market conditions, (ii) the design of new housing reinforces local and Scottish identity, and (iii) new housing is integrated into the movement and settlement patterns of the wider area. The creation of good places requires careful attention to detailed aspects of layout and movement. Developers should think about the qualities and the characteristics of places and not consider sites in isolation. New housing should take account of the wider context and be integrated into to detail. The development of a quality place requires careful consideration, not only to setting and layout and its setting but also to detailed design, including finishes and materials. The development should reflect its setting, reflecting local forms of building and materials. The aim should be to have houses looking different without detracting from any sense of unity and coherence for the development or the wider neighbourhood.

Also material to the determination of the application is the development brief for allocated site PS1: Longniddry South set out in the Development Briefs Supplementary Planning Guidance 2018 and the approved masterplan for the site as approved by the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. The development brief sets out the land uses expected for the allocated site and how the Council requires the site to be developed.

One public representation to this application has been received. The representation raises objection to the proposed development and the grounds of objection as summarised are:

1) The proposed 3-storey flatted building would allow for harmful overlooking of neighbouring residential properties; and

2) The proposed 3-storey flatted building would dwarf nearby buildings and would appear overly dominant in views from the proposed 'village green' open space and will not punctuate views or provide proportionality.

Longniddry Community Council, a consultee, object to the proposals. Their grounds of objection as summarised include:

i. there is no indication in the application when the enhanced pedestrian link under the railway bridge at the junction of the B6363 (Coal Road) and the A198 would be provided, and this link should be provided before any of the houses are occupied;

ii. there is no indication in the application when the enhanced pedestrian link under the Argyle Bridge would be provided, or how the residents of the different application sites (18/01034/AMM, 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM) would access that improved pedestrian link as the different areas of housing are developed;

iii. there should be a safe walking route for occupiers of the new houses and all footpaths should be in place before occupancy of the first house;

iv. development of the Longniddry Farm Steading buildings should be considered in conjunction with these housing developments (18/01034/AMM, 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM) and should be developed timeously so that it does not become a derelict site amongst the housing;

v. the Home Owner's Travel Pack promotes the benefits of walking and cycling but does not include any walking or cycling routes from the development to Longniddry village;

vi. lack of footpath link to the railway station;

vii. the new infrastructure (pedestrian and cycle routes) should be provided as soon as the first house is occupied in order to facilitate easy walking and cycling to local facilities;

viii. a zebra crossing should be provided to replace the relocated existing Pelican crossing as a number of people are likely to wish to cross the road at this location adjacent to the dentist, podiatrist, bus stop and garage rather than at the Argyle Bridge;

ix. concerns remain that traffic flow through Main Street will increase greatly as a result of new housing that is being built in many of the coastal villages, and this along with the road works through Longniddry will undoubtedly cause delays and encourage drivers to create 'rat runs' through the minor roads of the Village, resulting in danger to pedestrians including school children;

x. the removal of the controlled crossing close to Links Road on the A198 will result in difficulty for traffic exiting from Links Road onto the A198, and this along with indiscriminate parking and deliveries to the Co-op store could lead to road safety hazards at this location;

xi. the traffic light controlled junction at the B6363 and A198 should be in place prior to the occupation of the houses;

xii. the proposed affordable housing for people 60 years and over is located in the wrong place and the housing should be changed to social housing as the pedestrian access would involve steps which would not be conducive for older people;

xiii. will street lighting be installed on the Coal Road and under the Argyle Bridge and along the pathways?;

xiv. the large trees along the east side of the Coal Road should be retained;

xv. if the main east coast railway line is upgraded to 4 tracks how would this impact on the development;

xvi. bridge protection should be fitted at the bridge under the railway line to prevent large vehicles from damaging the railway line;

xvii. the pond close to the children's play park would be a hazard and should be relocated;

xviii. would the houses be fitted with solar panels and will electric charging points be installed?;

xix. the Home Owner's Travel Pack describes Longniddry Railway Station as having seating areas, waiting room, wheelchair access and impaired mobility set-down, when in reality it only has 'perching' seating in a cold and draughty shelter and wheelchair access and impaired mobility set-down are extremely poor to the platform that facilitates travel to Edinburgh;

xx. who will be responsible for maintenance of the ponds, green areas and play areas?;

xxi. concerns about existing drainage systems being able to cope with additional usage;

xxii. there are concerns about the durability of resin bonded gravel for the footpath surfaces; and

xxiii. will measures be put in place to prevent motor cycles and motorised vehicles being able to access the footpath under the Argyle Bridge?

Due to being in close proximity to the main east coast railway line, Network Rail have been consulted on the application. Network Rail advise that they raise no objection in principle to the proposed development but advise that construction works should be undertaken in a safe manner which does not disturb the operation of the neighbouring railway, and that details of any changes in ground levels, laying of foundations and operation of mechanical plant in proximity to the rail line must be submitted to Network Rail's Asset Protection Engineer for approval prior to works commencing. This information has been passed in an email to the applicant's agent. Network Rail do not raise any concerns that the proposed development could prejudice any future development of the adjacent railway.

The matter of the provision of street lighting along the part of the Coal Road commensurate with the length of the site and throughout the site is embodied in condition 19 of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM, which requires that prior to the occupation of any of the development street lighting shall be provided within the application site and other the full extent of the proposed 30mph speed limit on the B6363 from the existing lighting at the junction with the A198 to a point beyond the proposed southern site access.

The requirement for a financial contribution towards road improvements/alterations on Main Street and the Coal Road for the proposed housing development are embodied in the Section 75 planning obligation of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM.

By the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM, approval has been given for the principle of the erection of a total of 450 houses on the larger site at Longniddry South, including the land of the current application site, following technical assessments which demonstrated that local and wider infrastructure, subject to financial contributions and conditions, can accommodate such level of development. There can therefore be no objection in principle to the erection of the 4 houses and 35 flats now proposed on this particular part of that larger site.

Therefore, in the determination of this application the Council, as Planning Authority, can only concern itself with the siting, design and external appearance of the development, the landscaping of and means of access to the site and the means of any enclosure of the boundaries of the site. In this regard, the detailed proposals have to be considered against relevant development plan policy and conditions attached to planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM.

Policy DP3 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 states that all new housing sites will be expected to achieve a minimum average density of 30 dwellings per hectare (net) using a full range of housing types and sizes.

The proposal would not achieve a minimum average density of 30 dwellings per hectare and, as such, does not comply with Policy DP3. However, that is partly because the site includes land proposed for access roads, public open space, SuDS and the Braid Burn corridor, all of which would serve not just the proposed 39 units but all of the larger housing development the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. Moreover, the density and layout of the proposed development is generally consistent with the density, layout and mix of house types approved in the indicative masterplan of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and accords with the number of residential units indicated in the development brief for PS1.

Designing Streets states that new housing development should create distinctive, safe and pleasant, welcoming, adaptable places that are easy to move around and resource efficient. Street layouts should be hierarchical, permeable and interconnected and should complement and should extend the surrounding street pattern. Such layouts spread vehicle traffic evenly through a site and to the surroundings, help prevent localised traffic congestion, and encourage walking and cycling. Proposed street layouts must maximise connections within the site and to surrounding streets, and ensure the movement requirements of the development strategy are met. By the design and arrangement of street types, street layouts must influence vehicle drivers preferred route choice to ensure the tertiary streets between residential blocks are less busy. It is further stated that Home Zones should be introduced to new development as part of a hierarchical, permeable and interconnected street layout.

A design brief has been adopted for allocated site PS1 (Longniddry South). The area of the current application, some 4.19 hectares, comprises approximately 14% of the whole PS1 (Longniddry South) allocation, which has an area of some 30.7 hectares.

The details now submitted for approval are for a scheme of development comprising a mix of terraced houses and flats, with the houses being single storey in height and the flatted buildings being two and three storeys in height. The total number of units proposed accords generally with the planning permission in principle granted for this part of the site. All of the houses and flats on this site are proposed as affordable housing for people aged 60 years and over, and the mix of residential units reflects this in the size and type of units proposed, including single storey houses and accessible flats with lift access provided in the three storey flatted building.

The proposed residential development would be part of the first housing phase of the western part of the wider Longniddry South development, which would form an extension to the southern edge of Longniddry. The proposed housing area would be located to the south of the main east coast railway line and would be seen in relation to this and the existing built form of the housing beyond the railway line further to the north, and eventually it would be seen in relation to other parts of the new housing development immediately to the south and east of the application site, which is not yet under construction. In all of this, the proposed residential development would be sympathetic to and would not be out of keeping with the character of the settlement and local area.

The buildings of the proposed 4 houses and 35 flats would form a quadrangle of buildings positioned around a central communal courtyard garden with a footpath encircling a grassed space with an area of seating and pergolas towards it eastern side. An enclosed communal bin storage area would be located adjacent to units 5 and 6 on the southern side of the quadrangle between a pedestrian pend and the rear of unit 4. A 3-storey flatted building is proposed at the northeast corner of the group of proposed buildings. This 3-storey building is proposed as a landmark building that has been positioned to provide proportionate variety and to punctuate the view from the entrance to the site, whilst also addressing the open space of the 'village green'. The 3-storey building would be located sufficiently far from the existing buildings such that it would not harmfully dominate them.

All of the 4 proposed houses would face outwards towards the road on the eastern side of the proposed housing development. With the exception of 5 of the flatted units (some 14%), which would be directly accessed from the communal courtyard garden, the majority of the flatted units would also face outwards towards the roads and footpaths that would encircle the proposed housing development and would be directly accessed from those roads and footpaths. This would provide an attractive street setting which would not be dominated by parking. Parking for the proposed development would be provided in a dedicated parking court to the north of the proposed group of buildings and in parking bays formed on each side of the road to the east of the group of buildings. Traffic calming measures, in the form of landscaped build outs and raised tables, are proposed to encourage lower vehicle speeds. The houses and flatted buildings and associated areas of ground, in their proposed grouping, orientations, and layout would be generally consistent with the principles of 'Home Zones' as set out in Scottish Government's policy statement entitled "Designing Streets". The proposed layout of roads, pathways and parking spaces would also generally be consistent with those principles.

When viewed alongside the other housing developments the subject of planning applications 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM, the proposed permeable street pattern, road and pedestrian/cycle accesses and open spaces would create a distinctive yet attractive urban expansion of Longniddry that would have due regard to the existing built form of the settlement. The proposed layout is broadly consistent with the pattern, layout and density of development of the approved masterplan drawing of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and also is sufficiently in accordance with the development brief for PS1 (Longniddry South). In this the proposal is also consistent with Policy DP9 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

The range of houses and flats proposed and the variations in their heights as a result of their hierarchical design, rising from single storey to two storey to three storey, and accommodating the change in ground levels from north to south across the site, would give a variation of architectural form to the development, which coupled with the orientation and layout of the buildings, would give a degree of variety of appearance to the development, and would add interest and detail to views of the proposed development. The architecture of the proposed houses and flatted buildings is of a traditional pitched roof form that is reflective of arts and crafts character and the East Lothian Garden City architectural style that can be seen in other buildings of Longniddry. Architectural details include steeply pitched, hipped and gabled roofs, simple unaltered roof slopes, asymmetrical gables, sprocketed eaves, 'cat-slide' wall-head dormers, white painted timber framed windows, multi-paned astragalled windows to public elevations, simpler glazing pattern to private garden elevations, simple chimneys with multiple chimneypots, and simple metal balustrades to balconies. All of these design features add detail and interest to the proposed buildings using a simple arts and crafts language. Further variation and detail would be added to the external appearance of the proposed houses and flats through the colour of their external doors.

The external walls of all of the proposed houses and flatted buildings would be finished with a white coloured wet dash render and their roofs would be clad with natural slates. The frames, and where relevant astragals, of the windows would be of white painted timber construction and external doors would be of painted timber construction. Rainwater goods and downpipes would be black in colour. This palette of external finishes and colours would be in keeping with the distinctive arts and crafts architectural style and character of the proposed development and with the architectural style and character of the existing houses and buildings of parts of Longniddry. A condition can be imposed on a grant of approval of matters specified in conditions for the proposed development to address the matter of external finishes and colours.

The appearance of the proposed houses and flats and the narrower and more organic layout of the streets results in a distinctive local character to the proposed development that would be both reflective of the arts and crafts character of some of the houses and

buildings of Longniddry and would also be distinct in its own design, character and integrity, and is also reflected in the proposals the subject of planning applications 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM, which together with this application (Ref: 18/01034/AMM) form the western part of the wider site of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. The lower density, narrower street widths, and the quadrangle layout of the proposed houses and flatted buildings with their central communal courtyard garden and short front gardens to their public elevations creates a feeling of a more intimate local scale development that has a more organic character and encourages social interaction.

The Planning and Design Statement indicates that solar panels/photovoltaic panels are proposed to be installed on the roofs of the houses and flatted buildings and that those solar/photovoltaic panels would be integrated into the roof finish and located to internal elevations wherever possible to reduce visual impact. However, no details of the position, size, form, appearance or means of fitting of the solar panels/photovoltaic panels has been provided.

If positioned on the inward facing roof slopes of the proposed quadrangle of houses and flatted buildings, the proposed solar/photovoltaic panels would not be readily visible in public views and subject to them not being an overdevelopment of the roof slope they were installed on, and if integrally fitted into the roof finish, they would be viewed against the grey colouring of the natural slate roof finish and would not appear harmfully dominant on the roof slopes and thus would not be harmful to the character and appearance of the development or of the area.

However, if position on the outward facing roof slopes of the proposed quadrangle of houses and flatted buildings, the proposed solar/photovoltaic panels would be readily visible in public views and would be likely to be harmful to the character and appearance of the proposed development. The simple clean lines of the unaltered roof slopes of the proposed houses and flatted buildings is part of their distinct architectural character and design, and the positioning, size, number, form, appearance and flatted buildings could have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the proposed development. It would therefore be prudent for the Council as Planning Authority to require details of the proposed solar/photovoltaic panels to be submitted for approval and to limit their positioning to the less public internal elevations of the quadrangle of buildings that the proposed houses and flatted buildings would form. This matter could be controlled by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission.

Notwithstanding all of the above, once built and occupied the proposed houses and flats would benefit from permitted development rights for minor alterations that could be in the form of alterations to windows, roofs, etc, and for the erection of boundary enclosures. Such alterations to the appearance of the proposed houses and flats or the erection of boundary enclosures could result in a loss of and harm to the arts and crafts and East Lothian Garden City architectural character and style of the proposed development. It would therefore be prudent for the Council as Planning Authority to remove permitted development rights for such alterations, a detail that could be controlled by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission for the proposed development.

The proposed houses and flats, due to their positioning on the application site and by virtue of their height, size and scale, architectural character and design would and external finishes, would satisfactorily integrate into their surroundings and would not appear as prominent or intrusive features within their landscape setting. This coupled with the retention of the trees along the west and parts of the east boundary of the site and the proposed landscaping along the north boundary with the main east coast railway

line, the Braid Burn corridor and along the development streets would ensure a visually attractive and cohesive development, with the proposed houses and flats visible but not appearing incongruous or intrusive in their surroundings.

Due to the topography of the land between the B6363 Coal Road, the listed buildings of 3-6 Longniddry Farm Cottages are not readily visible in public views from the Coal Road. The listed buildings of Longniddry Farmhouse and Steadings are visible in long range views from the B6363 Coal Road and their immediate setting incorporates a number of trees around their periphery.

The masterplan layout approved by the grant of planning permission 16/00485/PPM indicatively shows development of the heights now proposed in similar proximity to the listed buildings. Furthermore, the majority of the existing trees that provide landscape setting to the listed buildings would be retained. These trees would continue to afford landscape setting to the listed buildings. Accordingly, the proposed development would be set back a sufficient distance from the listed buildings of Longniddry Farmhouse and Steadings and Nos. 3-6 Longniddry Farm Cottages and would not dominate or draw focus away from those listed buildings and thus would not be harmful to the setting of those listed buildings.

Some 2.9 hectares of the application site consists of land common to this application site and to planning applications 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM, which together comprise the western part of the larger site to which planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM applies, and includes open space, SuDS and the expanded Braid Burn corridor.

The site would be accessed from the classified B6383 public road by a network of roads and footpaths that would provide access to the 39 residential units the subject of this application and other parts of the larger site the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. Enhanced pedestrian links approved by the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM would provide connections from the proposed development under the railway line to the rest of Longniddry. Further connections in the form of roads, cycle and walking paths would connect the proposed 39 residential units to the area of open space on the northern part of the site and the Braid Burn corridor.

The masterplan docketed to planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM indicates how areas of formal and informal open space, including a sports pitch, could be located throughout the allocated site.

The site that is the subject of this approval of matters application includes the land shown on the docketed masterplan as being the location for areas of open space and includes the provision of open space and an equipped play area. It does not however show an area for sports pitch provision, as this was approved to be located on the eastern part of the larger housing site.

Open space in the form of a large grassed area or 'village green', including the provision of a children's play area, would be provided on the northern part of the site between the proposed 4 houses and 35 flats and the Argyle Bridge. Further areas of informal open space would be provided along the Braid Burn corridor.

SuDS in the form of below ground attenuation storage, two SuDS basins and a swale would be located on the eastern part of the 'village green' area of open space.

The Council's Principal Amenity Services Officer advises that open space and equipped play facilities for the site should be provided according to the larger development site the

subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM of which the application site is a part. He comments that the layout for open space shown for this application (Ref: 18/01034/AMM) appears to accord with the approved Masterplan drawing for planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. The requirement for details of the development and maintenance of the open space and equipped play area to be provided is controlled by condition 21 of the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. No details have been provided with the application for the timescale for the delivery of the open space and equipped play area or to identify all of the areas of open space and how and by whom they would be maintained and managed. It can be made a condition of a grant of planning permission that details of the equipped play facility, the timescale for delivery of it and its on-going maintenance, and to identify all of the areas of open space and how and by whom they would be maintained and managed, and to secure the delivery of all of the open space and the equipped play area be submitted for the prior approval of the Planning Authority.

The expanded Braid Burn corridor would provide informal green space that would be accessible as part of the open space within the wider site the subject of planning permission 16/00485/PPM. Although there would be some differences in levels between the lower level of the Braid Burn corridor and the levels of the adjacent road and housing development, the application drawings indicate that these level changes would be minimal, and thus, subject to these levels being adhered to during construction, this area of open space would be reasonably accessible as useable areas of amenity space.

By their positioning the areas of open space and equipped play would benefit from passive overlooking from the proposed houses and flats and from nearby public footpaths from which they would be accessed.

Accordingly, the open space and formal equipped play area detailed on the application drawings are consistent with the docketed masterplan. On this consideration, the proposed development is consistent with Policy OS3 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 and with the indicative masterplan docketed to planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM.

No details have been submitted for the position, size, form, appearance and colour(s) of any substations or gas governors to serve the proposed development. Such forms of structure can impact negatively on the character and appearance of a development and therefore it would be prudent for the Planning Authority to impose a condition requiring details of the position, size, form, appearance and colour(s) of any substations or gas governors to be submitted prior to the commencement of development on the site.

On all of these matters of design, these other components of the proposed development would not be harmful to the character and appearance of the area and would not appear incongruous in their landscape setting and would not be harmful to the harmful to the character and appearance of the area. Nor would they be harmful to or detract from the setting of the listed buildings.

The proposed housing development would provide an attractive residential environment for future residents of the proposed houses and flats. The houses and flats are shown to be laid out in such a way that adheres to the normally accepted privacy and amenity criteria on overlooking and overshadowing.

The proposed public footpaths throughout the development, including the path that would cross the 'village green' area of public open space to the south of the existing residential property of No. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages, would be a sufficient distance away from existing neighbouring residential properties so as not to result in harmful

overlooking or loss of privacy to any existing neighbouring residential property.

The Council's Environmental Health Manager advises that due to its position there are concerns regarding the potential impacts on occupiers of the proposed residential properties arising from noise from road and rail traffic. A Noise Assessment of Proposed Residential development report (Project number EDI_1120, dated 21/9/2018) has been submitted with the application. The Environmental Health Manager has reviewed that report and advises that he accepts the conclusions of that report. Accordingly, subject to the glazing units of the windows of the north and west facades of the proposed residential units, as shown coloured GREEN in Figure 2 of ITPEnergised's Noise Report Ref EDI_1120 of 21st September 2018, being fitted with glazing and passive acoustic ventilators that provide a minimum Attenuation of 33dBRw, a detail that could be controlled by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission, the Environmental Health Manager raises no objection to the proposed development.

Subject to this planning control, the future occupants of the houses and flats would be afforded an appropriate level of privacy and residential amenity.

The application site is capable of accommodating all of the houses and flats without being an overdevelopment of the site and without being incompatible with the density of existing housing development in the area.

The proposed development has been amended in light of comments received from the Council's Landscape Project Officer. The revised proposals have:

- Amended the position of the proposed houses and flatted buildings and associated development to move them some 3 metres further away from the large mature trees that bound the western part of the application site; and

- To provide an amended tree survey and arboricultural constraints report to address the treatment of the trees growing along the west boundary of the site and on the northeast part of the site adjacent to Longniddry Farm Steading and Farmhouse.

The Landscape Project Officer has reviewed this report along with the landscape drawings submitted with the application.

The Landscape Project Officer makes the following comments:

1) notes that all of the development including the roads, parking and footpaths would be outwith the root protection areas of the significant trees that line the western boundary of the application site with the B6363, and that crown work on some of these trees would be carried out to mitigate for concerns regarding shading of the proposed flatted buildings and thus impact on the amenity of the occupants of those flatted buildings. The requirement for tree works to be carried out in accordance with the Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints report dated January 2019 (received 7th May 2019) can be made conditional of a grant of planning permission;

2) In respect of engineering works to re-grade the land to the west of the proposed houses and flatted buildings to form a slope between the footpath and the existing ground level of the trees, the Landscape Project Officer notes that such works would encroach into the root protection area (RPA) of trees 4112, 4104 and 4088 however is satisfied that such encroachment would not have a significant impact on those trees;

3) The development has been amended to the southeast of the position of the proposed houses and flats to retain the existing track to the Farmhouse and this will impact less on

the retained Lime tree (4122);

4) All surface water and foul water pipes are shown to be located outwith the retained trees RPAs. This is supported and should be made conditional of a grant of planning permission;

5) The revised tree report dated January 2019 notes on page 3 that the recommendations in the report relate to the site as it exists at present and to the current level and pattern of usage. It notes that the degree of hazard and risk will alter if the site is developed or significantly changed and as such will require regular re-inspection and reappraisal. Given this it is recommended that a condition for ongoing tree management be included in any permission;

6) Although details of landscape planting have been provided, the Landscape Project Officer comments that the information provided only gives indicative information on the size of the new trees to be planted and their function, and that an additional tree that is required close to the position of tree 4160 to be removed is not shown and therefore the Landscape Projects Officer recommends that a finalised landscape planting scheme for the proposed development be required. This matter could be controlled by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission; and

7) Temporary fencing to protect all of the retained trees should be erected prior to the commencement of development on the site in accordance with the details shown for it on the application drawings. Arboricultural monitoring should also be carried out during construction.

Subject to the aforementioned planning controls, the Landscape Projects Officer is satisfied that the proposed development would not be harmful to the trees that would be retained on and adjacent to the site and does not object to the proposed development.

On all of these foregoing findings on matters of design, density, layout, landscaping and amenity the details submitted for approval are consistent with Policies DP1, DP2, DP3, DP9, CH1, OS3 and NH8 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018, the Council's approved development brief for site PS1 (Longniddry South) and Scottish Government policies and guidance given in Planning Advice Note 67: Housing Quality, Designing Streets and Designing Places.

The principles of the means of accessing of the proposed housing development are already decided by the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. These include vehicular access to the proposed housing being taken from the classified B6363 (Coal Road).

The submitted details for accessing the site are in accordance with these established principles of the means of accessing the residential development.

The Council's Road Services advise as follows:

i) The footpaths around the outside of the quadrangle of houses and flatted buildings and those around the communal courtyard garden should be constructed to adoptable standards with lighting;

ii) The vehicular pend access in the eastern side of the quadrangle of houses and flatted buildings should be constructed to road construction specification over the length of it where vehicular access would be required; iii) The main pedestrian and cycle route, and 'safe route to school', from the application site to Longniddry village centre would be via a route beneath the East Coast Main Line (ECML) at the Argyle Bridge connecting to a new controlled (traffic signal) crossing of the A198 and a new footway on the south side of the A198 from the Argyle Bridge to the Railway Station. The requirement for financial contributions to enable the Council's Road Services to deliver the new controlled (traffic signal) crossing of the A198 and new footway on the south side of the A198 from the Argyle Bridge to the Railway Station are controlled through the Section 75 Legal Agreement the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. As the pedestrian and cycle route via the Argyle Bridge would be the 'safe route to school'. Road Services advise that a condition be imposed requiring that a continuous pedestrian route from the proposed development to the Arayle Bridge be provided prior to the occupation of any one of the proposed houses or flats, that such an identified route should be constructed to adoptable standard with lighting and that no house or flat should be occupied prior to the completion of the road improvements/alterations in the vicinity of Main Street to be secured through the Section 75 Legal Agreement the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM;

iv) The access junction of the 'one-way' road to the south of the position of the proposed houses and flatted buildings should be constructed in accordance with the recommendations within the Stage 2 Road Safety Audit submitted with the application, and a Traffic Regulation Order will be required to provide legal authority for the road to operate as 'one-way' only;

v) Based on the proposed houses and flats being occupied as affordable housing for persons 60 years and older a parking ratio of 1 space per unit is acceptable and there would be a requirement for 39 parking spaces. The off-street parking spaces for the proposed development is therefore acceptable;

vi) The north-south aligned road to the east of the proposed houses and flats would form part of the continuous pedestrian/cycle route through the site to the Argyle Bridge and as such should be constructed to adoptable standard with lighting. This length of road requires to be provided with a turning area at its northern end. The road would also provide the vehicular access to Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages and at its northern end the existing driveway of Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages would become a shared route with the proposed footpath and cycle route that crosses the northern part of the site. Road Services require that a detail of the turning area to be provided at the northern end of this length of road and of a footpath/pedestrian crossing at the junction of the footpath/cycle route with the private driveway connection and vehicle turning area be provided;

vii) To facilitate the safe interaction of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, the layout of the east-west aligned footpath/cycle route that crosses the northern part of the site at the junction of it with the private driveway of Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages and with the north-south aligned road to the east of the proposed houses and flats should be amended to remove the two 90-degree corners that would compromise the safe interaction of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers;

viii) Construction access should only be taken from the classified B6363 public road (Coal Road);

ix) Subject to the provision of visibility splays of 4.5 metres by 70 metres, the proposed access roads would provide the proposed development with a safe means of vehicular access from the public road;

x) A 30 miles per hour speed limit on the B6363 (Coal Road) shall be brought into effect

prior to occupation of any part of the application site. This shall be from a location to the south of the southernmost access junction and continue northwards to Longniddry until it meets with the existing 30 miles per hour speed limit. Details to be submitted for approval;

xi) Street lighting should be provided over the full extent of the proposed 30 mph speed limit on the B6363 from the existing lighting at the junction with the A198 to a point beyond the proposed southern site access;

xii) A 'phasing plan' should be provided indicating how an adoptable footpath would be provided to serve each phase of development the subject of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM as it is occupied, to ensure a) That a continuous pedestrian (and cycle) path, to an adoptable standard, should be available from any occupied phase to the extent of the offsite path at the Argyll Bridge; b) That no development site or phase should be occupied until completion of the section 75 works to provide the pedestrian route beneath the ECML at Argyll Bridge;

xiii) All roadworks should be subject to Road Safety Audit, completed through Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, Post Opening Audit and finally Post Opening Audit + 12 months. The Audit process shall be undertaken in accordance with DMRB Volume 5, Section 2, HD 19/3 or as amended by latest version;

xiv) All access roads should conform to ELC Standards for Development Roads in relation to road layout and construction, footways & footpaths, parking layout and number, street lighting and traffic calming measures. This shall also comply with ELC Design Standards for New Housing Areas. NB the minimal level of treatment on home zone roads for streets with a single access;

xv) Vehicle access to private parking areas (i.e. other than driveways) should be via a reinforced footway crossing and have a minimum width of 5.5 metres over the first 10 metres to enable adequate two way movement of vehicles;

xvi) Driveways should have minimum dimensions of 6 metres by 3 metres. Double driveways shall have minimum dimensions of 5 metres width by 6 metres length or 3 metres width by 11 m length. Pedestrian ramps to houses may encroach by up to 300mm on the width (but not the length) provided they are no greater than 150mm in height above the adjacent driveway surface;

xvii) Within residential private parking areas the minimum dimensions of a single parking space should be 2.5 metres by 5 metres. All visitor parking spaces within these areas shall be clearly marked for visitors with the remaining private parking spaces allocated to individual dwellings;

xviii) Cycle parking should be included at a rate of 1 space per flat. The parking shall be in the form of 1 locker per flat or communal provisions in the form of a lockable room or shed;

xix) Wheel washing facilities must be provided and maintained in working order during the period of construction of the site. All vehicles must use the wheel washing facilities to prevent deleterious materials being carried onto the public road on vehicle tyres;

xx) A Construction Method Statement to minimise the impact of construction activity on the safety and amenity of the area should be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development. The Construction Method Statement shall recommend mitigation measures to control noise, dust, construction traffic (including routes to/from site) and shall include hours of construction work. Temporary measures shall be put in place to control surface water drainage during the construction works. Routes for construction traffic shall also be included; and

xxi) A Green Travel Plan to minimise private car trips and to encourage use of alternative modes of transport such as trains, buses, cycling and walking should be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the housing being occupied and /or the business units coming into operation.

The requirement for the 30 miles per hour speed limit and the provision of street lighting for the development are controlled through condition 19 of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and therefore there is no requirement to duplicate these controls through a grant of planning permission for this matters specified in conditions application.

The requirement for the wheel washing facility is controlled through condition 11 of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and therefore there is no requirement to duplicate these controls through a grant of planning permission for this matters specified in conditions application.

The requirement for the construction method statement is controlled through condition 10 of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM and therefore there is no requirement to duplicate these controls through a grant of planning permission for this matters specified in conditions application.

The requirements for all other road services requirements can be controlled by conditions attached to a grant of planning permission.

Road Services also recommend that EV charging points should be considered for the proposed development. Policy T31 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 explains that the Council will encourage and support the principle of introducing electric vehicle (EV) charging points around both existing and proposed community facilities such as schools and retail areas, including from developers as part of new developments that contain such facilities or areas. The proposed development is for residential development only and does not include any EV charge points. Furthermore, Policy T31 does not require their provision for residential developments.

Road Services confirms that the swept path analysis for refuse vehicles has been satisfactorily demonstrated.

On these foregoing transportation and other access considerations the proposed residential development is consistent with Policies T1 and T2 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

The Council's Access Officer raises no objection to the proposed development.

The Council's Waste Services advises that they are satisfied that the swept path analysis demonstrates an appropriate layout for waste and recycling collections. However, they recommend that the turning area to the north of the proposed houses and flatted buildings be marked out as a 'no parking' area to ensure that there would be no obstruction to vehicular manoeuvres. This detail could be secured by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission.

Waste Services further advise that all waste and recycling containers should be presented at the kerbsides for collection. This information has been forwarded to the applicant's agent.

The Council's Biodiversity Officer has no comment to make on the proposed development. In light of the removal of trees along the Braid Burn corridor and the likelihood of bats in the area and as was required through the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM it would be prudent to require that details of the installation of bat and bird boxes, notably barn owl boxes, to mitigate for the loss of habitat be submitted. This detail could be controlled by a condition attached to a grant of planning permission. Subject to such control, the proposed development would not conflict with Policy NH3 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

The Council's Environmental Health Manager (Contaminated Land) has reviewed the Phase II Geo-Environmental & Geotechnical Interpretative Report submitted with the application and advises that he is satisfied that the investigative works and subsequent assessment have been carried out in accordance with best practice guidelines and the relevant standards, and that he concurs with the findings that there is no evidence to suggest any pollutant linkages being appropriate for the site that would require remedial works to be carried out. However, given the sensitive nature of the proposed development (i.e. residential use) and in line with the risk mitigation measures outlined in the Report the Environmental Health Manager (Contaminated Land) recommends that a condition be imposed on a grant of planning permission to ensure that if the presence of any previously unsuspected or unforeseen contamination becomes evident during the development of the site it shall be brought to the Council's attention.

As part of the larger site of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM, a financial contribution towards additional educational provision and for the provision of affordable housing units for a housing development of 450 residential units is required.

The mechanism of the provision of a financial contribution towards additional educational provision for a housing development of 450 residential units has already been secured through the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM.

The mechanism of the provision of 25% affordable housing within the larger site for residential development of 450 residential units (i.e. 113 units of the proposed 450 units) is already secured through the grant of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. All of the 39 residential units (4 houses and 35 flats) the subject of this application (Ref: 18/01034/AMM) for matters specified in conditions of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM are identified as affordable housing for occupation by people aged over 60 years. The Council's Economic Development and Strategic Investment Team advise that these 39 affordable units together with the affordable housing provided in the development proposals for planning application 18/01048/AMM provides the necessary 25% of affordable housing units and is therefore acceptable. The Economic Development and Strategic Investment Team further advise that the mix of units is also acceptable. In this regard the proposal is consistent with planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM.

Due to the location of the Braid and Cadger Burns parts of the eastern and western areas of the application site, respectively, are potentially at risk from fluvial and surface water flooding, and as such the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) have been consulted on the application. A Flood Risk Assessment report has been submitted with the application. In their initial responses, SEPA raised objection to the proposals on the grounds of flood risk. Since then the applicant's consultants have provided further information on flood risk and the Flood Risk Assessment report has been amended twice through consultation with SEPA.

The updated version of the Flood Risk Assessment report (Updated April 2019 Version

4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited has been reviewed by SEPA. SEPA make the following comments:

- They assume that the latest Flood Risk Assessment report (Updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited will be accepted by the Planning Authority;

- The channel design for the realignment of the Braid Burn has been agreed with SEPA and it has been shown that there would be no increase in flood risk downstream as a result of the proposed channel realignment. However, SEPA advise that a monitoring plan is essential to ensure that any changes to the channel can be recorded and rectified if deemed necessary;

- Finished floor levels are shown to be greater than (>) 1 metre higher than the adjacent road;

-There is potential for flood water to flow in the southwest corner of the site but no development will take place within this area;

- SEPA stress the importance of setting property boundaries back from the functional floodplain to reduce the residual risk of flooding due to channel or culvert blockage, and to allow for maintenance;

- Whilst the latest Flood Risk Assessment report (Updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited notes that all new crossings would be designed to pass the 1:200 year peak flow including an allowance for climate change, Table 1 notes that no new footbridges are proposed at the site and it is noted that stepping stone features have been removed from the Braid Burn;

- The Council and applicant may wish to consider undertaking a condition assessment of the retained culverted section of the Cadger Burn;

- Consideration should be given to the sequence of development on the site, as should housing be built prior to the channel realignment taking place, the houses may be at risk of flooding and SEPA recommend that the channel realignment occurs prior to the commencement of the construction of the housing; and

- Depending on the larger masterplan, SEPA recommend that consideration be given to capturing surface water run-off from the southern boundary of the development site.

Accordingly, SEPA advise that they withdraw their objection and raise no objection to the proposed development.

The requirements for planning controls to secure the following can be controlled by conditions attached to a grant of planning permission:

i. ensure the development is carried out in accordance with the latest Flood Risk Assessment report (Updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited;

ii. secure a monitoring plan for the long-term management, monitoring and maintenance of the Braid Burn channel;

iii. ensure that finished floor levels are built and maintained in accordance with the details provided;

iv. ensure that there would be no development within the 1:200 year flood area;

v. ensure that there would be no crossings of the Braid and Cadger Burns unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with SEPA; and

vi. ensure that the channel realignment of the Braid Burn is undertaken prior to the commencement of the building of any of the houses or flats.

The applicant has been made aware of SEPA's suggestion that a condition assessment of the retained culverted section of the Cadger Burn be undertaken and that consideration be given to capturing surface water run-off from the southern boundary of the development site.

Accordingly, on these considerations of flood risk, the proposed development does not conflict with Policy NH11 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 or with Scottish Government guidance given on flood risk in Scottish Planning Policy: June 2014.

The Indicative masterplan docketed to planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM indicates how three sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS) ponds could be formed on the northern part of the larger area of land of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM to attenuate the flow of surface water run-off. The SuDS on the current application site are shown to be positioned on the northern part of the site, towards the eastern end of the 'village green' area of open space and are in the form of a filter trench, below ground attenuation storage, two SuDS basins and a swale discharging into the Braid Burn at the northern end of the application site. Neither SEPA nor Scottish Water raise objection to the proposed development on the grounds of the SuDS. The Council's Team Manager for Structures, Flooding & Street Lighting advises that the SuDS for the proposed development are of an acceptable standard. Accordingly, the proposed development does not conflict with Policy NH10 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

Condition 5 of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM requires that a programme of archaeological work (Historic Building Recording, Watching Brief and Evaluation) be undertaken for the whole of the site of planning permission in principle 16/00485/PPM. The Council's Archaeology Officer advises that these archaeological works have been satisfactorily carried out as they relate to the land of this planning application (Ref: 18/01034/AMM) and planning applications 18/01038/AMM and 18/01048/AMM.

Scottish Water were consulted on the planning application and raised no objection to it.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval of matters specified in conditions for the proposed residential development be granted subject to the following conditions:

1 No development shall take place on site unless and until final site setting out details have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

The above mentioned details shall include a final site setting-out drawing to a scale of not less than 1:200, giving:

a. the position within the application site of all elements of the proposed development and position of adjoining land and buildings;

b. finished ground and floor levels of all of the development, including the Braid Burn corridor, relative to existing ground levels of the site and of adjoining land and building(s). The levels shall be shown in relation to an Ordnance Bench Mark or Temporary Bench Mark from which the Planning Authority can take measurements and shall be shown on the drawing. The submitted finished ground levels shall show minimal alterations to the existing levels of the Braid Burn corridor; and c. the ridge height of the proposed houses and flats shown in relation to the finished ground and floor levels on the site.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the development of the site in the interests of the amenity of the area.

- 2 In the event of the presence of any previously unsuspected or unforeseen contamination of the land on the application site being found, development shall not begin, or shall cease to continue, until a scheme to deal with contamination on the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The scheme shall contain details of the proposals to deal with contamination to include:
 - 1 the nature, extent and type(s) of contamination on the site,
 - 2 measures to treat/remove contamination to ensure the site is fit for the use proposed,
 - 3 measures to deal with contamination during construction works,
 - 4 condition of the site on completion of decontamination measures.

Thereafter any mitigation measures required shall be implemented as so approved.

Before any of the houses and flats hereby approved are occupied the measures to decontaminate the site shall be fully implemented as approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

3

To ensure that the site is clear of contamination prior to the occupation of the houses and flats.

Prior to commencement of development on site, full details of the proposed Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

The details shall include confirmation of Scottish Water's technical approval of the SuDS proposals, if relevant.

Thereafter, the approved details shall be implemented as approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the final SuDS design complies with Sewers for Scotland 4 and can be vested by Scottish Water in the interest of flood prevention, environmental protection and the long term amenity of the area.

4 Prior to the commencement of development on the site, a delivery schedule and phasing plans for the whole of the site of planning permission 16/00485/PPM that establishes the phasing and timing programme for the proposed development. The delivery schedule and phasing plans shall include the phasing and timing for the provision of:

i) footpaths/cycleways and external works such as on-site and off-site footpath links;

- ii) public road links, including paths, to local services, schools and the public road network;
- iii) drainage infrastructure;

iv) recreational facilities, including open space, including the 'Village Green' and Braid Burn corridor, equipped play area and sports pitches;

v) landscaping; and

vi) construction phasing.

The phasing of the development of the site shall be carried out in strict accordance with the phasing plan so approved, unless otherwise approved in writing in advance by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the development of the site in the interests of the good planning of the site.

5

The development herby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the Flood Risk Assessment (updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited docketed to this grant of planning permission unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Pursuant to the development hereby approved being carried out in accordance with the Flood Risk Assessment (updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited, a monitoring plan for the long-term management, monitoring and maintenance of the Braid Burn channel shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. Thereafter, the long-term management, monitoring and maintenance of the Braid Burn channel shall be implemented in accordance with the details so

approved.

No built development or land-raising shall take place within the 1:200 year post-development flood extent as shown in the Flood Risk Assessment (updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited and drawing no. 1629(sk)011 docketed to this grant of planning permission unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Reason:

To ensure that built development within the application site is not at risk from flooding, there is no increased in flood risk elsewhere and appropriate long-term maintenance arrangements are in place.

6 Other than the road crossings detailed on the drawings docketed to this grant of planning permission, there shall be no further crossings of the Braid and Cadger Burns unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Reason:

To ensure that built development within the application site is not at risk from flooding and there is no increased in flood risk elsewhere.

7 Prior to the erection of any house or flat of the development hereby approved the channel realignment of the Braid Burn shall be carried out in accordance with the details for it in the Flood Risk Assessment (updated April 2019 Version 4) prepared by KAYA Consulting Limited and docketed to this grant of planning permission unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Reason:

To ensure that built development within the application site is not at risk from flooding and there is no increased in flood risk elsewhere.

8 The ground floor finished floor levels of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved shall accord with the levels shown on drawing no. 1629(sk)011 docketed to this grant of planning permission unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Reason:

To ensure that built development within the application site is not at risk from flooding.

9 Prior to the occupation of any of the houses and flats hereby approved, the turning head of the parking court that is located to the north of the houses and flatted buildings shall be marked out as a 'no parking' area to ensure that there would be no obstruction to vehicular manoeuvres, and details of the marking out of that 'no parking' area shall be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority in consultation with Road Services and Waste Services prior to the works being carried out. Thereafter, the 'no parking' area shall be marked out in accordance with the details so approved and shall be retained as such unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

10 Prior to the commencement of development, details of how all the areas of open space and the equipped play area are to be developed, laid out, maintained, including details of play equipment, surfacing and enclosures, and a timetable for the their implementation shall be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority. The details shall include the costings of the play provision, which shall be commensurate with the requirements of the Council's Principle Amenity Officer assessment of Planning Permission in Principle 16/00485/PPM, and shall identify and define the areas of public open space and how they would be managed and maintained.

Thereafter, the areas of open space and the equipped play area shall be installed, enclosed and thereafter retained and maintained in accordance with the details so approved.

Reason:

To ensure the satisfactory provision and maintenance of adequate play provision within the development in interests of the amenity of the area.

11 Prior to the commencement of development, details, including a timetable for their implementation, showing compliance with the following transportation requirements shall be submitted to and approved in writing in advance by the Planning Authority.

(i) The footpaths around the outside of the quadrangle of houses and flatted buildings hereby approved and those around the communal courtyard garden shall be constructed to adoptable standards with lighting;

(ii) The vehicular access of the communal courtyard garden shall be constructed to road construction specification over the section of it where vehicular access is required;

(iii) A turning area shall be provided at the northern end of the north-south aligned road to the east of the houses and flats hereby approved;

(iv) A footpath / pedestrian crossing shall be provided at the junction of the east/west aligned footpath/cycle route that crosses the northern part of the site with the private driveway of No. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages and the vehicular turning area at the northern end of the north-south aligned road to the east of the houses and flats;

(v) The layout of the east-west aligned footpath/cycle route that crosses the northern part of the site at the junction of it with the private driveway of Nos. 7-8 Longniddry Farm Cottages and with the north-south aligned road to the east of the proposed houses and flats shall be amended to remove the two 90-degree corners that would compromise the safe interaction of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers;

(vi) Visibility splays of 4.5 metres by 70 metres shall be provided and maintained on each side of each of the proposed access junctions from the application site onto the B6363 (Coal Road) such that there shall be no obstruction to visibility above a height of 1.05 metres measured from the adjacent carriageway level within the area defined below: - (a) a line 4.5 meters long measured along the access road from the nearside edge of the main road carriageway.; (b) a line 70 metres long measured along the nearside edge of the main road carriageway from the centre of the access road in both directions; and (c) a straight line joining the termination of the above two lines;

(vii) Vehicle access to private parking areas (i.e. other than driveways) shall be via a reinforced footway crossing and have a minimum width of 5.5 metres over the first 10 metres to enable adequate two way movement of vehicles;

(viii) Driveways shall have minimum dimensions of 6 metres by 3 metres. Double driveways shall have minimum dimensions of 5 metres width by 6 metres length or 3 metres width by 11 m length. Pedestrian ramps to houses may encroach by up to 300mm on the width (but not the length) provided they are no greater than 150mm in height above the adjacent driveway surface;

(ix) Within residential private parking areas the minimum dimensions of a single parking space shall be 2.5 metres by 5 metres. All visitor parking spaces within these areas shall be clearly marked for visitors with the remaining private parking spaces allocated to individual dwellings;

(x) Cycle parking shall be included at a rate of 1 space per flat. The parking shall be in the form of 1 locker per flat or communal provisions in the form of a lockable room or shed; and

(xi) A revised Green Travel Plan to minimise private car trips and to encourage use of alternative modes of transport such as trains, buses, cycling and walking shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the housing being occupied and /or the business units coming into operation.

Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the details so approved unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Roads Authority.

All access roads shall conform to ELC Standards for Development Roads in relation to road layout and construction, footways & footpaths, parking layout and number, street lighting and traffic calming measures. This shall also comply with ELC Design Standards for New Housing Areas. NB the minimal level of treatment on home zone roads for streets with a single access.

Reason:

In the interests of road and pedestrian safety.

12 All roadworks shall be subject to Road Safety Audit, completed through Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, Post Opening Audit and finally Post Opening Audit + 12 months. The Audit process shall be undertaken in accordance with DMRB Volume 5, Section 2, HD 19/3 or as amended by latest version. Thereafter, all roads and footpaths shall be constructed in accordance with the Road Safety Audit details so approved.

Reason:

In the interests of road and pedestrian safety.

13 Prior to the occupation of any one of the houses or flats hereby approved, a continuous footpath route between the development hereby approved and the Argyle Bridge at the northeast corner of the application site shall be provided in accordance with the details of its route and the timetable for its delivery to be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority. The continuous length of footpath shall be constructed to adoptable standards with lighting in accordance with East Lothian Council's Standards for Development Roads. The details and timetable shall show that the footpath would be provided to each site prior to the occupation of the houses/flats on that site.

Thereafter, the continuous footpath route shall be provided and delivered in accordance with the details so approved.

Reason:

In the interests of road and pedestrian safety and to provide a safe route to schools.

14 No house or flat hereby approved shall be occupied unless and until the following road improvements/alterations in the vicinity of Main Street Longniddry have been completed:

1) a new controlled (traffic signal) crossing of the A198 located to provide the most direct route across the A198 public road from the development via the Argyle Bridge; and

2) the provision of an adoptable/lit path from the pedestrian crossing to the Argyle Bridge.

Reason:

In the interests of safeguarding road and pedestrian safety.

15 Construction access to the development hereby approved shall be taken from the classified B6363 public road (Coal Road) only unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of road and pedestrian safety and to safeguard vegetation important to the appearance and environment of the development.

16 Other than to comply with the requirements of conditions 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, prior to the occupation of any one of the houses or flats hereby approved, the proposed access roads, parking spaces and footpaths shall have been constructed on site, in accordance with the docketed drawings and those areas of land shall not thereafter be used for any other purpose than for accessing and for the parking of vehicles in connection with the residential use of the houses and flats and shall not be adapted or used for other purposes without the prior written approval of the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that adequate and satisfactory provision is made for access and for off-street parking in the interests of road safety.

17 Samples and a schedule of the materials and external finishes, including colours, of the roofs, walls, windows, doors, window sills, lintels, balcony structures, as relevant, of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved and of the boundary enclosures also hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use in the development hereby approved, and thereafter the materials and external finishes used for the roofs, walls, windows, doors, window sills, lintels, balcony structures, as relevant, of the houses and flatted buildings and for the boundary enclosures shall accord with the details so approved.

The slate to be used to clad the roofs of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved shall be a natural slate.

The render to be used for the finish of the external walls of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved shall be a wet dash render.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the materials, finishes and colour to be used to achieve a development of good quality and appearance in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

18 Prior to the occupation of the flats hereby approved the glazing units of the windows of the north and west facades of the flats, as shown coloured GREEN in Figure 2 of ITPEnergised's Noise Report Ref EDI_1120 of 21st September 2018 docketed to this grant of planning permission for matters specified in conditions, shall be fitted with glazing and passive acoustic ventilators that provide a minimum Attenuation of 33dBRw.

Such glazing units and ventilators shall thereafter be retained in the windows of the north and west facades of the flats hereby approved unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of protecting the internal amenity of the occupiers of the proposed flats from noise associated with road and rail traffic.

19 The solar panels/photovoltaic panels to be installed on the roofs of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved shall be integrated into the roofs and shall not sit proud of the upper surface of the roofing material of the roofs, and shall be positioned on the internal elevations of the quadrangle of buildings only.

Details of the solar panels/photovoltaic panels, including their size, form, number, positioning and means of attachment to the roofs of the houses and flatted buildings hereby approved, shall be submitted to and approved in writing in advance by the Planning Authority prior to their installation in the development hereby approved. Thereafter the solar panels/photovoltaic panels used and their means of attachment to the roofs of the houses and flatted buildings shall accord with the details so approved.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the materials, finishes and colour to be used to achieve a development of good quality and appearance in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

- 20 Details of any new wall and roof mounted vents and flues to be installed on the houses and flats hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in advance by the Planning Authority. Details shall include 1:5 or 1:10 section drawings and brochures showing the size, design and numbers of the proposed wall mounted vents and flues to be concealed as much as possible and for visible parts of all vents and flues to match as closely as possible the colour of the part of the building to which they would adjoin.
 - Reason:

In the interests of safeguarding the character, integrity and appearance of the development hereby approved.

21 Details and samples, including colours, of the surface finishes for the hardstanding areas comprising parking areas, footpaths and cycleways shall be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use in the development hereby approved, and thereafter the materials used for the surface finishes of the hardstanding areas shall accord with the details so approved.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the materials, finishes and colour to be used to achieve a development of good quality and appearance in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

22 Prior to the commencement of development, details of all boundary enclosures to be erected on the site of the residential development, and the timescales for their provision, shall be submitted to and approved in advance by the Planning Authority. Those details shall show 1.8 metre high enclosures around rear gardens of the houses hereby approved.

Development shall thereafter be carried out in full accordance with the details so approved, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure the satisfactory provision of the boundary enclosures in the interest of safeguarding the visual amenity of the area and to safeguard the privacy and amenity of residential properties nearby.

All externally fitted service meter boxes of the houses and flats hereby approved shall be coloured to match as closely as possible the colour of the external wall of the house/flat to which they are attached, and details of the position, size, form, appearance and colour of all externally fitted service meter boxes shall be submitted to and approved in writing in advance by the Planning Authority prior to their installation on the houses and flatted buildings. Thereafter, any externally fitted service meter boxes fitted shall accord with the details so approved.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the materials, finishes and colour to be used to achieve a development of good quality and appearance in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

24 Prior to the commencement of development, details, including their size, form, position, appearance and colour(s), of all substations and gas governors to serve the development hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority, and thereafter any substations and gas governors shall accord with the details so approved.

Reason:

To enable the Planning Authority to control the positioning, appearance, form, finishes and colour of the substations and gas governors to be used to achieve a development of good quality and appearance in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

25 Details of the provision of bat boxes and bird boxes, notably barn owl boxes, as mitigation for the loss of bat and bird roosts shall be submitted to and approved in writing in advance by the Planning Authority and thereafter, bat boxes and bird boxes shall be installed as so approved. The bat boxes and bird boxes shall thereafter be retained, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of nature conservation.

26 No development shall take place on site until temporary protective fencing in accordance with Figure 2 of British Standard BS5837: 2012 "Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction" has been installed on the site, approved by the arboriculturist and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

The fencing shall be fixed in to the ground to withstand accidental impact from machinery, erected prior to site start and retained on site and intact through to completion of development. The position of this fencing must be as indicated on the drawing titled 'Site Plan Tree Works' with drawing number erz/17/18/P14 Rev C, shall be positioned outwith the Root Protection Area (RPA) as defined by BS5837: 2012 for all trees and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

All weather notices shall be erected on said temporary protective fencing with words such as "Construction exclusion zone - keep out". Within the fenced off areas creating the construction exclusion zones, the following prohibitions shall apply:

- No vehicular or plant access;
- No raising or lowering of the existing ground levels;
- No mechanical digging or scraping;
- No storage of temporary buildings, plant, equipment, materials or soil;
- No hand digging;
- No lighting of fires;

- No handling, discharge or spillage of any chemical substance, including cement washings.

Planning of site operations shall take sufficient account of wide loads, tall loads and plant with booms, jibs and counterweights (including drilling rigs), in order that they can operate without coming into contact with retained trees.

Reason:

In order to form construction exclusion zone around retained trees and protect retained trees from damage to ensure the retention of trees and vegetation which are an important feature of the area.

27 No development shall take place on site until a person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained recognised qualifications and expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction, been employed by the developer to monitor any works in close proximity of trees on the site or within the Root Protection Areas of the trees on the site, including, but not exclusively, the formation of footpaths, the installation and maintenance of temporary protection fencing and all works within the construction exclusion zone as identified on drawing no.

erz/17/18/P14 Rev C docketed to this grant of planning permission.

Prior to the commencement of development on the application site, details of the appointment of such a person shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, the person shall be retained for the period of construction on the site unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

The arboriculturist shall be present on site during any works within the root protection areas to ensure compliance with condition 26 and shall submit a report to the council confirming correct installation to include photographs.

Reason:

To ensure the retention and maintenance of the trees on the site which are an important landscape feature of the area.

28 Any surfacing within the root protection area of any retained tree shall be carried out in strict accordance with section 7.4 of BS5837: 2012 "Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction" and docketed drawing no. erz/17/18/DS02 rev A, and shall be monitored and approved by the arboriculturist.

Reason:

To ensure the retention of the trees on the site which are an important landscape feature of the area.

29 Notwithstanding that which is shown on drawing nos. erz/17/18/P17 Rev C, erz/17/18/DP01/2 Rev C and erz/17/18/DP08 Rev C, a scheme of landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The scheme shall provide details of: the height and slopes of any mounding on or re-contouring of the site including SUDS basin/ponds details; tree and shrub sizes, species, habitat, siting, planting distances and a programme of planting. Non-thorn shrub species should be located adjacent to pedestrian areas. The scheme shall include indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land, details of any to be retained, and measures for their protection in the course of development.

All planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding season following the occupation of any house hereby approved or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner. Any trees or plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar species and final size, unless the Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation. No trees or shrubs, detailed in the approved landscaping plans to be retained on the site, shall be damaged or uprooted, felled, topped, lopped or interfered with in any manner without the previous written consent of the Planning Authority.

Reason:

In order to ensure the implementation of a landscaping scheme to enhance the appearance of the development in the interests of the amenity of the area and to ensure the retention and maintenance of the trees on the site which are an important landscape feature of the area.

30 Prior to the commencement of development, a tree management plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. This tree management plan shall include an annual programme of inspection and works for the existing trees on the site. All trees within the application site are to be inspected annually by a qualified and experienced arboriculturist. All tree work shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998: 1989 'Recommendations for Tree Work' and be approved in writing by the Planning Authority before work is carried out. Thereafter, all tree works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved tree management plan.

Reason:

To ensure the retention and maintenance of the trees on the site which are an important landscape feature of the area.

31 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints report docketed to this grant of planning permission and all tree work shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998: 1989 'Recommendations for Tree Work' and shall be approved in writing by the Planning Authority before the work is carried out.

Reason:

To ensure the retention and maintenance of the trees on the site which are an important landscape feature of the area.

32 There shall be no excavations, formation or installation of underground services for the development hereby approved within the Construction Exclusion Zone formed by the temporary protective fencing the subject of condition 26 of this planning permission unless otherwise approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To protect the roots of the retained trees on and adjacent to the site that are important to the wider landscape character and amenity of the area.

33 No trees or bushes which are to be retained on the site shall be damaged or uprooted, felled, lopped, or topped without the prior written consent of the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure the retention of vegetation important to the appearance and environment of the development.

34 No development shall be commenced on site unless and until written evidence that a contract has been entered into for the provision as affordable housing of all of the 4 houses and 35 flats hereby approved has been submitted to and agreed by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall only be used for affordable housing unless otherwise approved.

Reason:

In order to ensure the development is operated as affordable housing and is therefore compliant with the Council's policies for the provision of affordable housing and standards for car parking provision.

35 Notwithstanding the provisions of Parts 1 and 1ZA of Schedule 1 and Class 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, as amended by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011, or any subsequent Order amending, revoking or re-enacting that Order, no development other than that hereby approved or approved in compliance with any of the above planning conditions, shall take place on the houses and flats or within the curtilages of the houses and flats hereby approved or elsewhere on the application site without the prior permission of the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To safeguard the character and appearance of the development and its landscape setting.