LOCAL REVIEW BODY

18th January 2024

Application No: 23/00664/P

## 7 Queens Drive, Pencaitland EH34 5AW

Appointed Officer's Submission

## 23/00664/P - REVIEW AGAINST DECISION - PLANNING OFFICER'S SUBMISISON

Planning application review against decision (refusal): Formation of dormers at 7 Queens Drive, Pencaitland, EH34 5AW

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Please note there are no consultation responses, letters from interested parties or schedule of conditions submitted.

## **OFFICER REPORT**

## 28th July 2023

App No. 23/00664/P

Application registered on 14th June 2023 Target Date 13th August 2023

Proposal	Formation of dormers	SDELL CDEL	N N
Location	7 Queens Drive Pencaitland East Lothian EH34 5AW	Bad Neighbour Development	Ν

## APPLICANT: Mr Robert Smith

Is this application to be approved as a departure from structure/local plan? N

c/o Marchitects Limited Per Mark Anderson 20 Campie Road Musselburgh East Lothian Eh21 6qg

DECISION TYPE:

**Application Refused** 

## PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The property to which this application relates is a single storey semi-detached house with associated garden ground to its front and rear. The property is located within a residential area as defined by policy RCA1 of the ELLDP.

The property is bounded to the east, south and west by adjoining residential properties. To the north of the site lies the public highway.

Planning permission is sought for the formation of a large 'box' type dormer on the rear (south) facing pitched roof slope of the house.

The proposed box dormer would extend along the majority of the rear roof slope being set in from the east boundary by some 0.26m. The dormer would extend up to gable end, measuring some 9.2m. It would measure some 2.4m in height and would project above the main ridge of the property by some 0.18m.

The dormer would have 4 window openings in its rear elevation and would be finished in timber cladding.

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 National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) which was adopted by The Scottish Government on the 13th February 2023 and the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

Policies 14 (Liveable Place) and 16 (Quality Homes) of NPF4 are relevant to the determination of this application. DP5 (Extensions and Alterations to Existing Buildings) of the East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 are relevant to the determination of this application.

The windows to be formed within the rear (south) elevation of the proposed dormer, would face over the rear garden of the applicant's house for some 19 me. Therefore they would not allow for harmful overlooking of any neighbouring residential properties.

Owing to its size, form, orientation and positon, the proposed dormer would not give rise to a harmful loss of sunlight or daylight received by any neighbouring residential properties.

On these considerations of privacy and amenity the proposals do not conflict with Policy DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

The proposed dormer would be rectangular in shape measuring some 9.2m wide, some 2.4 metres 3.5m deep and some 2.4 metres high to its highest point and would comprise a very minor slope. Its shallow mono-pitched roof would be clad in a single ply roofing membrane. Its cheeks and rear elevation would be clad in timber boarding. It would have four individual, uPVC framed, tilt and turn windows.

On the matter of design Policy DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 states that extensions and alterations must be well integrated into their surroundings and must be in keeping with the original building or complementary to its character and appearance. For an extension or alteration to a house, it must be of a size, form, proportion and scale appropriate to the existing house, and must be subservient to and either in keeping with or complementary to the existing house.

The proposed large 'box type' dormer would due to its size, scale, design, proportions, massing, and position, be a radical alteration to the rear elevation roof slope of the house that would be a harmfully dominant, intrusive and incongruous feature. It would occupy some 86% of the existing pitched roof slope of the applicant's house such that it would be harmfully disproportionate to, and result in a gross overdevelopment of, the rear (south) facing pitched roof slope. Moreover, as the proposed dormer would project above the main ridgeline of the roof it would be an alien feature that would be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the house. Consequently the proposed dormer would not be subservient to, or in keeping with, the character and appearance of the house. It would instead be harmful to the character and appearance of the house contrary to Policies 14 and 16 of NPF4 and Policy DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

In conclusion, it is considered that the proposed dormer fails to accord with the provisions of the stated relevant Development Plan policies and there are no material considerations which outweigh the fact that the proposals do not accord with the Development Plan.

## REASON FOR REFUSAL

1 The proposed box dormer due to its size, scale, design, proportions, massing, and position, would be a radical alteration to the rear elevation roof slope of the house that would be a harmfully dominant, intrusive and incongruous feature. It would not be subservient to, or in keeping with, the character and appearance of the house. It would instead be harmful to the character and appearance of the house contrary to Policies 14 and 16 of NPF4 and Policy DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

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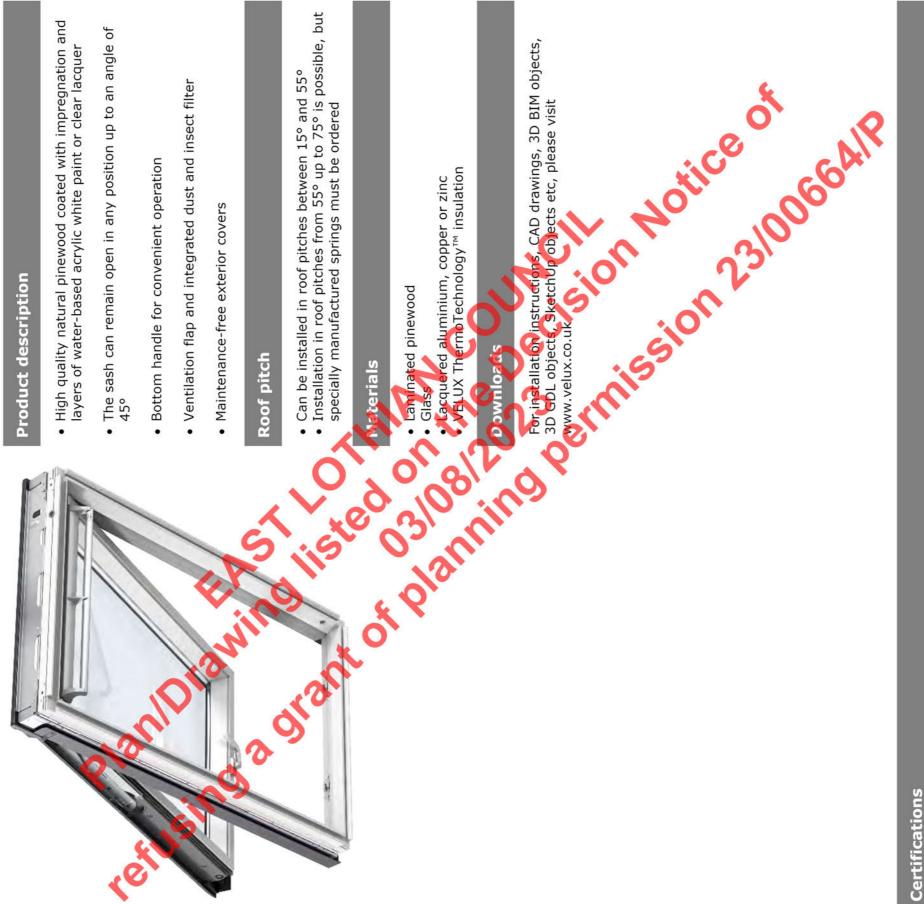
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## **Product description**

- High quality natural pinewood coated with impregnation and layers of water-based acrylic white paint or clear lacquer
- The sash can remain open in any position up to an angle of  $45^\circ$
- Bottom handle for convenient operation
- Ventilation flap and integrated dust and insect filter
- Maintenance-free exterior covers
- Can be installed in roof pitches between 15° and 55°
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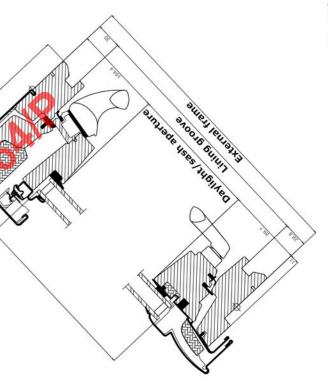
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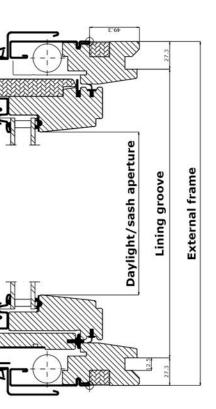
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## Glazing features

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Solar gain In the wintertime, the heat from the sun entering through the windows is a usable solar gain.	0	0	0	۰	•
Solar protection In warm climates and in rooms with large window areas, a sun protective coating provides a better indoor climate during summer periods Alternatively, exterior sunscreening can be installed.				•	
<b>Sound insulation</b> A combination of laminated glass and optimal glass thickness provides better sound insulation. Frame/sash construction and gaskets are equally important.	:	•	•••	•	•
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<b>Safety</b> Laminated inner glass is designed to hold the fragments together if the glass breaks we recommend that you consider using glass units with laminated glass on the inside for windows placed above areas where people sleep, play or work.	31081	Anthe		>	>
<b>Outside strength</b> Toughened outer glass pane makes your glazing more resistant to hail, heavy wind and snow loads.	ngp	0230		>	>
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Rain noise reduction The combination of laminated glass and extra thick glass helps provide a significant, audible reduction of rainfall sound. Frame/sash construction and gaskets are equally important.	~	>	on 2311	ice	>
<b>Easy-to-clean</b> The easy-to-clean coating minimises the cleaning frequency of the outer glass pane and gives you a clearer view in case of rain.			>	0664	>



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Technical values, ventilation through ventilation flap

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Ventilation capacity at 4 Pa [I/s]	4.0	4.8	5.8	7.1	8.5	10.0
Ventilation capacity at 8 Pa [1/s]	5.7	6.9	8.4	10.2	12.3	14.5
Ventilation capacity at 10 Pa [I/s]	6.4	7.8	9.5	11.5	13.9	16.3
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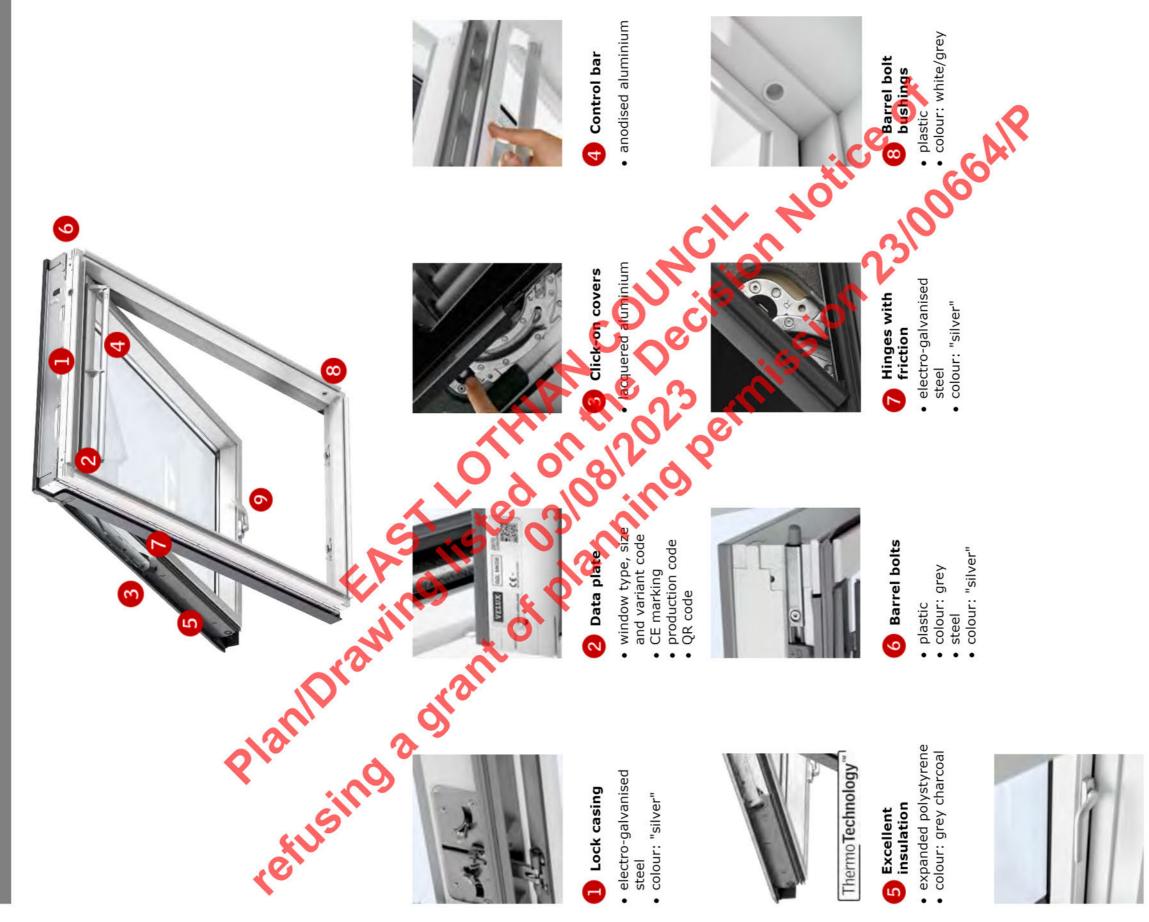


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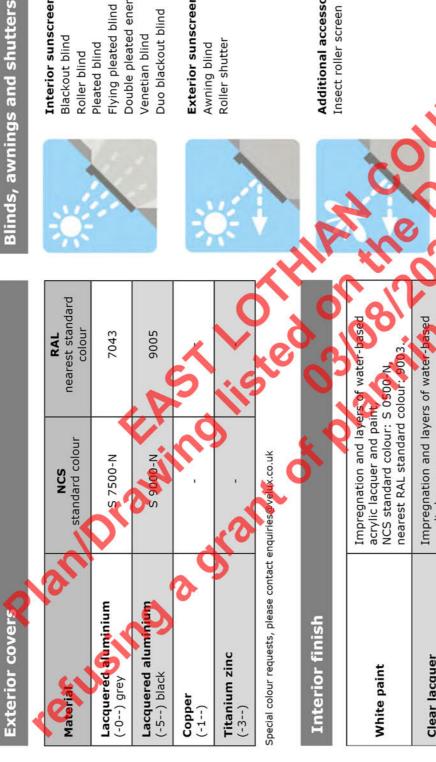
## **Cleaning and maintenance**



To clean the outer pane from the inside, rotate sash and secure in cleaning position with barrel bolts.



VELUX repair and maintenance kits are available.



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**Clear lacquer** 

Impregnation and layers of water based acrylic lacquer

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Flashings and installation products



Flashings: • ED- for single installation • EB- for twin installation • EK- for combi installation

Available for standard and recessed installation

- Installation products:
  Installation set BDX 2000 (incl BFX)
  Underfelt collar BFX 1000 incl transverse drainage gutter
  Vapour barrier collar BBX 0000
  Linings LS- (incl BBX)

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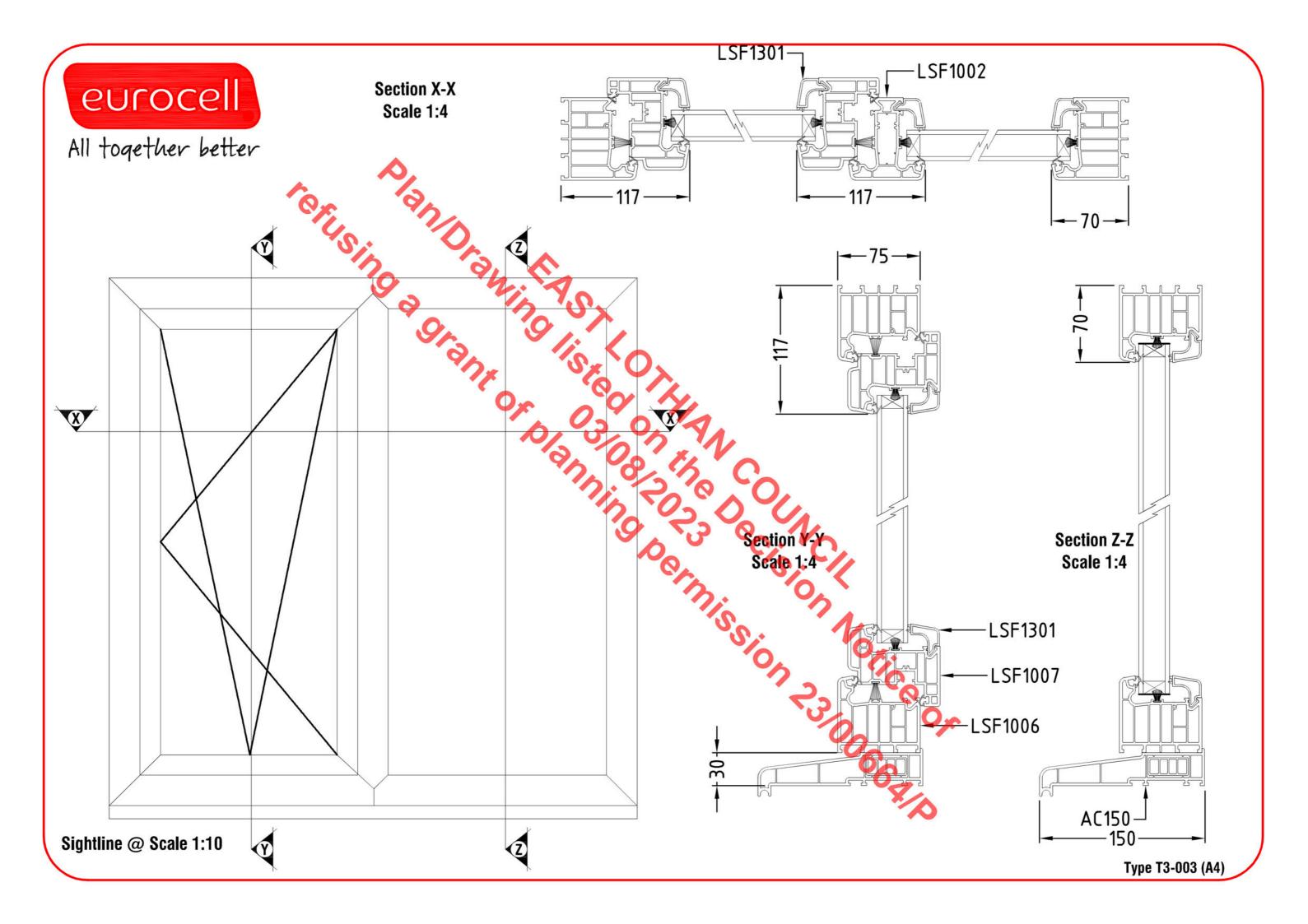
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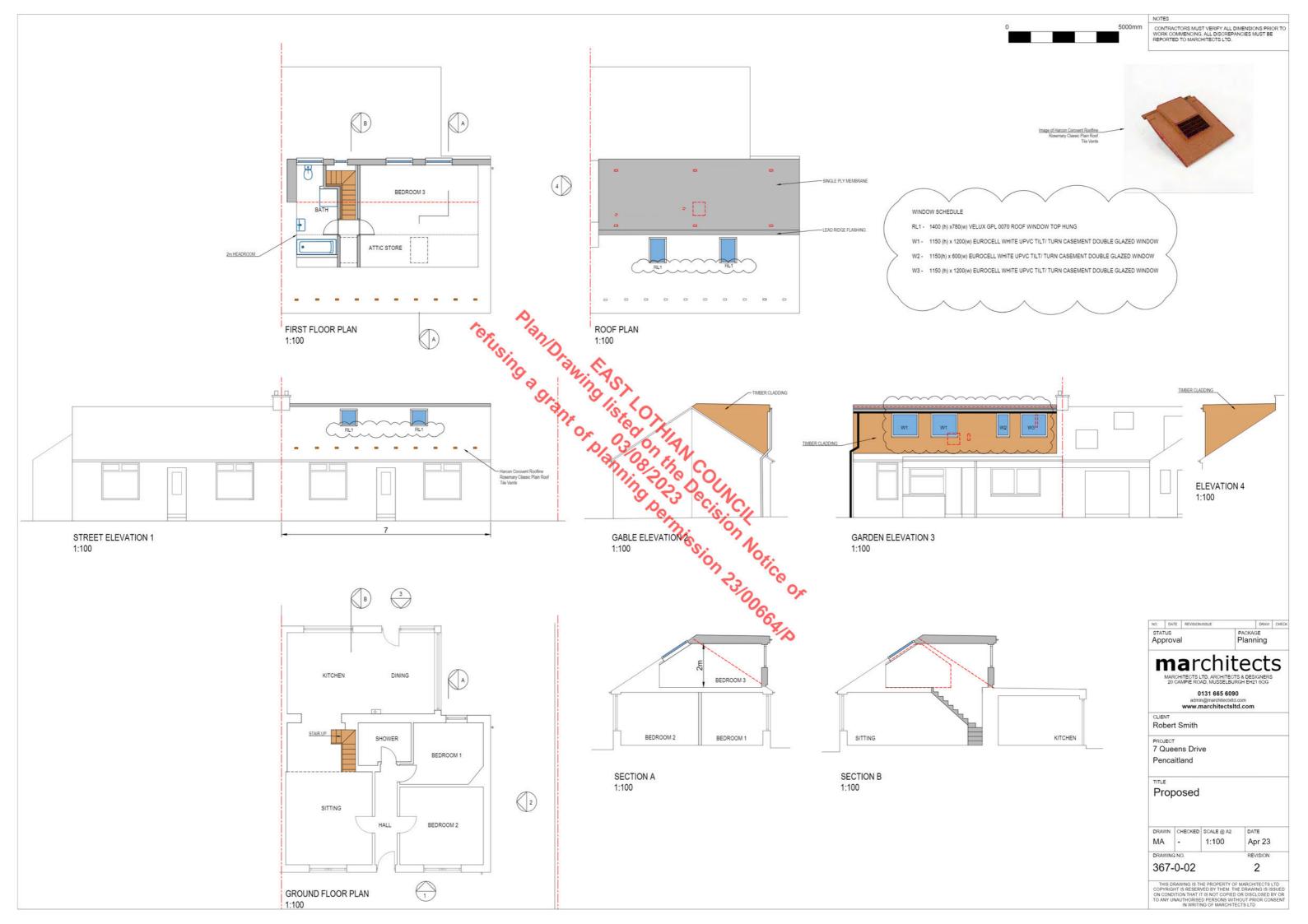
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## EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Mr Robert Smith c/o Marchitects Limited Per Mark Anderson 20 Campie Road Musselburgh East Lothian Eh21 6qg

## **APPLICANT: Mr Robert Smith**

With reference to your application registered on 14th June 2023 for planning permission under the above mentioned Acts and Regulations for the following development, viz:-

**Formation of dormers** 

at 7 Queens Drive Pencaitland East Lothian EH34 5AW

East Lothian Council as the Planning Authority in exercise of their powers under the abovementioned Acts and Regulations hereby **REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION** for the said development.

The reasons for the Council's refusal of planning permission are:-

1 The proposed box dormer due to its size, scale, design, proportions, massing, and position, would be a radical alteration to the rear elevation roof slope of the house that would be a harmfully dominant, intrusive and incongruous feature. It would not be subservient to, or in keeping with, the character and appearance of the house. It would instead be harmful to the character and appearance of the house contrary to Policies 14 and 16 of NPF4 and Policy DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018. The report on this application is attached to this Decision Notice and its terms shall be deemed to be incorporated in full in this Decision Notice.

Details of the following are given in the application report:

- the terms on which the Planning Authority based this decision;

- details of any variations made to the application in terms of Section 32A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

The plans to which this decision relate are as follows:

Drawing No.	Revision No.	Date Received
DWG 01	-	12.06.2023
367-0-01	1	12.06.2023
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MANU LITERATURE 02	-	14.06.2023
367-0-02	2	14.06.2023

## 3rd August 2023



Keith Dingwall Service Manager - Planning

## NOTES

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for the proposed development, the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months from the date of this notice. The notice of review should be addressed to the Clerk to the Local Review Body, Committee Team, Communications and Democratic Services, John Muir House, Haddington, East Lothian EH41 3HA.

If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the Planning Authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

## **National Planning Framework 4**

## Policy 14 (Design, quality and place)

- a) Development proposals will be designed to improve the quality of an area whether in urban or rural locations and regardless of scale.
- b) Development proposals will be supported where they are consistent with the six qualities of successful places:

**Healthy:** Supporting the prioritisation of women's safety and improving physical and mental health.

**Pleasant:** Supporting attractive natural and built spaces. Connected: Supporting well connected networks that make moving around easy and reduce car dependency

**Distinctive:** Supporting attention to detail of local architectural styles and natural landscapes to be interpreted, literally or creatively, into designs to reinforce identity.

**Sustainable:** Supporting the efficient use of resources that will allow people to live, play, work and stay in their area, ensuring climate resilience, and integrating nature positive, biodiversity solutions.

**Adaptable:** Supporting commitment to investing in the long-term value of buildings, streets and spaces by allowing for flexibility so that they can be changed quickly to accommodate different uses as well as maintained over time.

Further details on delivering the six qualities of successful places are set out in Annex D.

c) Development proposals that are poorly designed, detrimental to the amenity of the surrounding area or inconsistent with the six qualities of successful places, will not be supported.

## Policy 16 (Quality homes)

a) Development proposals for new homes on land allocated for housing in LDPs will be supported.

b) Development proposals that include 50 or more homes, and smaller developments if required by local policy or guidance, should be accompanied by a Statement of Community Benefit. The statement will explain the contribution of the proposed development to:

i. meeting local housing requirements, including affordable homes;

ii. providing or enhancing local infrastructure, facilities and services; and

iii. improving the residential amenity of the surrounding area.

- c) Development proposals for new homes that improve affordability and choice by being adaptable to changing and diverse needs, and which address identified gaps in provision, will be supported. This could include:
  - i) Self-provided homes;
  - ii) accessible, adaptable and wheelchair accessible homes;
  - iii) build to rent;
  - iv) affordable homes;
  - v) a range of size of homes such as those for larger families;
  - vi) homes for older people, including supported accommodation, care homes and sheltered housing;
  - vii) homes for people undertaking further and higher education; and
  - viii) homes for other specialist groups such as service personnel.
- d) Development proposals for public or private, permanent or temporary, Gypsy/Travellers sites and family yards and Travelling Showpeople yards, including on land not specifically allocated for this use in the LDP, should be supported where a need is identified and the proposal is otherwise consistent with the plan spatial strategy and other relevant policies, including human rights and equality.
- e) Development proposals for new homes will be supported where they make provision for affordable homes to meet an identified need. Proposals for market homes will only be supported where the contribution to the provision of affordable homes on a site will be at least 25% of the total number of homes, unless the LDP sets out locations or circumstances where:
  - i) a higher contribution is justified by evidence of need, or
  - a lower contribution is justified, for example, by evidence of impact on viability, where proposals are small in scale, or to incentivise particular types of homes that are needed to diversify the supply, such as self-build or wheelchair accessible homes. The contribution is to be provided in accordance with local policy or guidance.
- f) Development proposals for new homes on land not allocated for housing in the LDP will only be supported in limited circumstances where:
  - i. the proposal is supported by an agreed timescale for build-out; and
  - ii. the proposal is otherwise consistent with the plan spatial strategy and other relevant policies including local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods;
  - iii. and either:

delivery of sites is happening earlier than identified in the deliverable housing land pipeline. This will be determined by reference to two consecutive years of the Housing Land Audit evidencing substantial delivery earlier than pipeline timescales and that general trend being sustained; or

the proposal is consistent with policy on rural homes; or the proposal is for smaller scale opportunities within an existing settlement boundary; or

the proposal is for the delivery of less than 50 affordable homes as part of a local authority supported affordable housing plan.

g) Householder development proposals will be supported where they:

do not have a detrimental impact on the character or environmental quality of the home and the surrounding area in terms of size, design and materials; and

do not have a detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties in terms of physical impact, overshadowing or overlooking.

h) Householder development proposals that provide adaptations in response to risks from a changing climate, or relating to people with health conditions that lead to particular accommodation needs will be supported.

## East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018

## DP5 (Extensions and Alterations to Existing Buildings)

All alterations and extensions to existing buildings must be well integrated into their surroundings, and must be in keeping with the original building or complementary to its character and appearance. Accordingly such development must satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. It must not result in a loss of amenity with neighbouring uses or be harmful to existing residential amenity through loss of privacy from overlooking, or from loss of sunlight or daylight;

2. For an extension or alteration to a house, it must be of a size, form, proportion and scale appropriate to the existing house, and must be subservient to and either in keeping with or complementary to the existing house;

3. For an extension or alteration to all other buildings, it must be of a size, form, proportion and scale appropriate to its surroundings and, where the existing building has architectural merit be in keeping with or complement that existing building;

Development that does not comply with any of the above criteria will only be permitted where other positive planning and design benefits can be demonstrated.