

MORAY LOCAL REVIEW BODY

16 MAY 2024

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR CASE No LR300

Planning Application 23/01973/APP – Proposed off street car parking space at St Hilda, 31 West Road, Elgin

Ward 7 – Elgin City South

Planning permission was refused under the Statutory Scheme of Delegation by the Appointed Officer on 17 January 2024 on the grounds that:

The proposal seeks to form a new access onto the A96(T) Road to provide off-street parking for one vehicle and is contrary to the Moray Local Development Plan (2020) and National Planning Framework 4 for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposals seek to form a new access onto the A96(T) road which is not permitted by MLDP2020 Policy PP3.
- 2. The proposed parking space would fail to meet the size requirements for a standard parking space as set by Moray Council Parking Standards and if permitted, could result in vehicles obstructing the footway which would fail to comply with policy DP1 which requires that developments provide a safe access to and from the road network and NPF4 Policy 18 which require the impact of proposals on existing infrastructure to be mitigated.
- 3. The proposals could result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96(T) which would interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96(T) and this would fail to comply with policy DP1 which requires that proposals must provide a safe entry and exit from the development and NPF4 Policy 13 which requires developments that have the potential to affect the operation and safety of the Strategic Transport Network to be fully assessed

Documents considered or prepared by the Appointed Officer in respect of the above planning application are attached as **Appendix 1**.

The Notice of the Review, Grounds for Review and any supporting documents submitted by the Applicant are attached as **Appendix 2**.

No further representations were received.







APPENDIX 1

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED OR PREPARED BY THE APPOINTED OFFICER



The Moray Council Council Office High Street Elgin IV30 1BX Tel: 0300 1234561 Email: development.control@moray.gov.uk

Applications cannot be validated until all the necessary documentation has been submitted and the required fee has been paid.

Thank you for completing this application form:

ONLINE REFERENCE 100651089-001

The online reference is the unique reference for your online form only. The Planning Authority will allocate an Application Number when your form is validated. Please quote this reference if you need to contact the planning Authority about this application.

Description of Proposal

Please describe accurately the work proposed: * (Max 500 characters)

Proposed off street car parking space

Has the work already been started and/ or completed? *

X No Yes - Started Yes - Completed

Applicant or Agent Details

Are you an applicant or an agent? * (An agent is an architect, consultant or someone else acting on behalf of the applicant in connection with this application)

Applicant XAgent

Agent Details				
Please enter Agent details				
Company/Organisation:	Plans Plus			
Ref. Number:		You must enter a Bu	ilding Name or Number, or both: *	
First Name: *	Colin	Building Name:	Plans Plus Offices	
Last Name: *	Keir	Building Number:		
Telephone Number: *	01343 842635	Address 1 (Street): *	Main Street	
Extension Number:		Address 2:	Urquhart	
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	By Elgin	
Fax Number:		Country: *	Moray	
		Postcode: *	IV30 8LG	
Email Address: *	ctkplans@aol.com			
_ _	Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? *			
Applicant Det	ails			
Please enter Applicant de	etails			
Title:	Ms	You must enter a Bu	ilding Name or Number, or both: *	
Other Title:		Building Name:		
First Name: *	Joanna	Building Number:	31	
Last Name: *	Inch	Address 1 (Street): *	West Road	
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	Elgin	
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Moray	
Extension Number:		Country: *	UK	
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	IV30 1SA	
Fax Number:				
Email Address: *	ctkplans@aol.com			

Site Address Details				
Planning Authority:	Moray Council			
Full postal address of the	e site (including postcode where availab	le):		
Address 1:	ST HILDA			
Address 2:	31 WEST ROAD			
Address 3:				
Address 4:				
Address 5:				
Town/City/Settlement:	ELGIN			
Post Code:	IV30 1SA			
Please identify/describe	the location of the site or sites			
Northing	862694	Easting	320563	
Pre-Applicati	on Discussion			
Have you discussed your proposal with the planning authority? *				
Trees				
Are there any trees on or	r adjacent to the application site? *		Yes X No	
If yes, please mark on your drawings any trees, known protected trees and their canopy spread close to the proposal site and indicate if any are to be cut back or felled.				
Access and Parking				
Are you proposing a new or altered vehicle access to or from a public road? *				
If yes, please describe and show on your drawings the position of any existing, altered or new access points, highlighting the changes you proposed to make. You should also show existing footpaths and note if there will be any impact on these.				
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) currently exist on the application site? *				
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) do you propose on the site (i.e. the total of existing and any new spaces or a reduced number of spaces)? *				
Please show on your drawings the position of existing and proposed parking spaces and identify if these are for the use of particular types of vehicles (e.g. parking for disabled people, coaches, HGV vehicles, cycle spaces).				

Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest		
Is the applicant, or the applicant's spouse/partner, either a member of staff within the planning service or an elected member of the planning authority? *	Yes X No	
Certificates and Notices		
CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPME PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2013	ENT MANAGEMENT	
One Certificate must be completed and submitted along with the application form. This is most usually Certificat Certificate B, Certificate C or Certificate E.	ate A, Form 1,	
Are you/the applicant the sole owner of ALL the land? *	X Yes No	
Is any of the land part of an agricultural holding? *	Yes X No	
Certificate Required		
The following Land Ownership Certificate is required to complete this section of the proposal:		
Certificate A		
Land Ownership Certificate		
Certificate and Notice under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Pro- Regulations 2013	cedure) (Scotland)	
Certificate A		
I hereby certify that –		
(1) - No person other than myself/the applicant was an owner (Any person who, in respect of any part of the land, is the owner or is the lessee under a lease thereof of which not less than 7 years remain unexpired.) of any part of the land to which the application relates at the beginning of the period of 21 days ending with the date of the accompanying application.		

(2) - None of the land to which the application relates constitutes or forms part of an agricultural holding

Signed:	Colin Keir
On behalf of:	Ms Joanna Inch
Date:	08/11/2023
	Please tick here to certify this Certificate. *

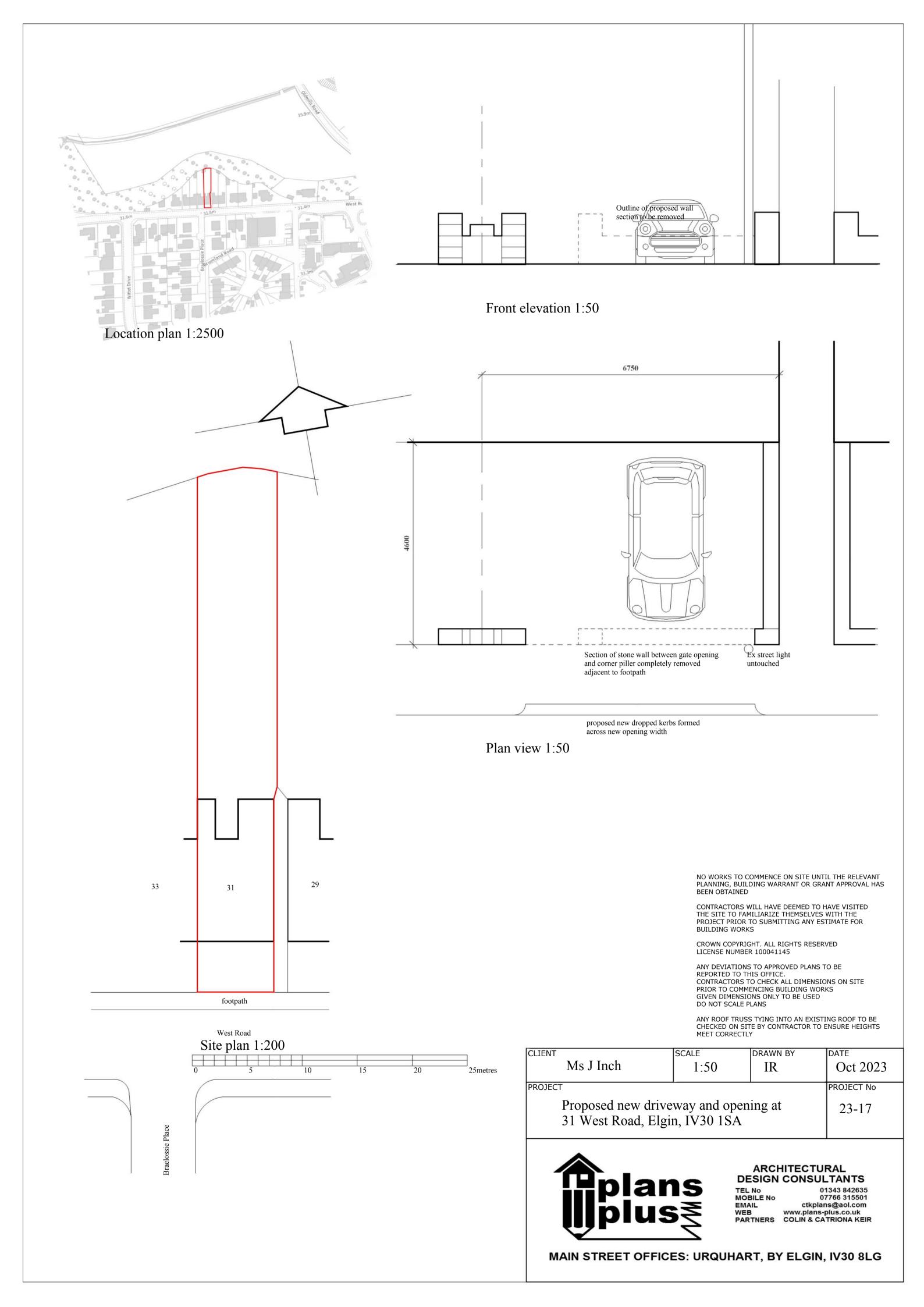
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Checklist – App	lication for Householder Application		
Please take a few moments to complete the following checklist in order to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information in support of your application. Failure to submit sufficient information with your application may result in your application being deemed invalid. The planning authority will not start processing your application until it is valid.			
a) Have you provided a writte	n description of the development to which it relates?. *	Yes No	
	stal address of the land to which the development relates, or if the land in question cription of the location of the land? *	Yes No	
c) Have you provided the nan applicant, the name and addr	ne and address of the applicant and, where an agent is acting on behalf of the ress of that agent.? *	Yes No	
	on plan sufficient to identify the land to which it relates showing the situation of the and in particular in relation to neighbouring land? *. This should have a north poin scale.		
e) Have you provided a certifi	icate of ownership? *	Yes No	
f) Have you provided the fee p	payable under the Fees Regulations? *	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
g) Have you provided any oth	er plans as necessary? *	Yes No	
Continued on the next page			
A copy of the other plans and (two must be selected). *	drawings or information necessary to describe the proposals		
You can attach these electror	nic documents later in the process.		
Existing and Proposed e	levations.		
Existing and proposed flo	oor plans.		
Cross sections.			
Site layout plan/Block pla	ans (including access).		
Roof plan.			
Photographs and/or phot	tomontages.		
3	nple a tree survey or habitat survey may be needed. In some instances you about the structural condition of the existing house or outbuilding.	Yes No	
	u may wish to provide additional background information or justification for your and you should provide this in a single statement. This can be combined with a *	Yes No	
You must submit a fee with yo Received by the planning aut	our application. Your application will not be able to be validated until the appropria hority.	te fee has been	
Declare – For H	ouseholder Application		
I, the applicant/agent certify th Plans/drawings and additiona	hat this is an application for planning permission as described in this form and the I information.	accompanying	
Declaration Name:	Mr Colin Keir		
Declaration Date:	08/11/2023		

Payment Details

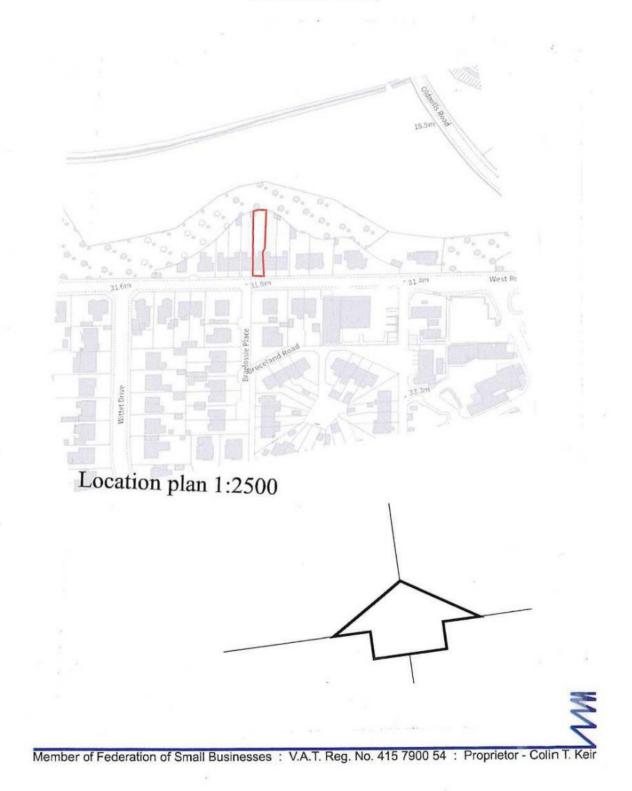
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LOCATION PLAN





PLANNING DESIGN AND DRAINAGE STATEMENT

PROJECT :- PROPOSED OFF STREET PARKING SPACE AT 31 WEST ROAD ELGIN.

PROJECT NUMBER 23-17

This is an application to remove a section of stone wall on the a section of the A96 at West Road in Elgin. At present the applicant has nowhere to park her car anywhere near to her home and this off street parking space will prove invaluable to her.

The applicant has a small car which fits comfortably in the space either on an angle or as shown on the plans. The area the car will sit on will be raised to the same level as the pavement. Drop kerbs along the length of the access are proposed as indicated on plan.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the council have policies relating to forming accesses on to trunk roads, these policies are now out-dated when we are trying to encourage the public to move away from using petrol and diesel cars and switch to electric vehicles. There is nowhere available for the applicant to park her electric car nor to charge it. Surely current policies must be flexible where there is an opportunity to change to an electric vehicle.

There are no drainage proposals.

Consultee Comments for Planning Application 23/01973/APP

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/01973/APP Address: St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin Moray IV30 1SA Proposal: Proposed off street car parking space Case Officer: Fiona Olsen

Consultee Details

Name: Mr CL Consultations Address: Environmental Health, Council Offices, High Street Elgin, Moray IV30 1BX Email: Not Available On Behalf Of: Contaminated Land

Comments

Approved unconditionally by Adrian Muscutt, CLO on 15.11.23

Consultation Request Notification

Planning Authority Name	Moray Council
Response Date	27th November 2023
Planning Authority	23/01973/APP
Reference	25/015/3/411
Nature of Proposal	Proposed off street car parking space
(Description)	Troposed on street our pairing space
Site	St Hilda
	31 West Road
	Elgin
	Moray
	IV30 1SA
Site Postcode	N/A
Site Gazetteer UPRN	000133015976
Proposal Location Easting	320563
Proposal Location Northing	862694
Area of application site (M ²)	
Additional Comment	
Development Hierarchy	LOCAL
Level	
Supporting Documentation	https://publicaccess.moray.gov.uk/eplanning/ce
URL	ntralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&ke
	yVal=S3UGSQBGKYV00
Previous Application	
Date of Consultation	13th November 2023
Is this a re-consultation of	No
an existing application?	
Applicant Name	Ms Joanna Inch
Applicant Organisation	
Name	
Applicant Address	St Hilda
	31 West Road
	Elgin
	Moray
	IV30 1SA
Agont Namo	Plans Plus
Agent Name Agent Organisation Name	Plans Plus
	Main Street
	URQUHART
Agent Address	By Elgin
	Moray
	IV30 8LG
Agent Phone Number	
Agent Email Address	N/A
Case Officer	Fiona Olsen
Case Officer Phone number	01343 563189
Case Officer email address	fiona.olsen@moray.gov.uk
PA Response To	consultation.planning@moray.gov.uk
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NOTE:

If you do not respond by the response date, it will be assumed that you have no comment to make.

The statutory period allowed for a consultation response is 14 days. Due to scheduling pressures if a definitive response is not received within 21 days this may well cause the two month determination period to be exceeded.

Data Protection - Moray Council is the data controller for this process. Information collected about you on this form will be used to process your Planning Application, and the Council has a duty to process your information fairly. Information we hold must be accurate, up to date, is kept only for as long as is necessary and is otherwise shared only where we are legally obliged to do so. You have a legal right to obtain details of the information that we hold about you.

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You can contact our Data Protection Officer at info@moray.gov.uk or 01343 562633 for more information.

Please respond using the attached form:-

below

PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

From: Transportation Manager

Planning Application Ref. No: 23/01973/APP

Proposed off street car parking space St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin Moray for Ms Joanna Inch

I hav	I have the following comments to make on the application:-			
		Please		
(a)	I OBJECT to the application for the reason(s) as stated below			
(b)	I have NO OBJECTIONS to the application and have no condition(s) and/or comment(s) to make on the proposal			
(c)	I have NO OBJECTIONS to the application subject to condition(s) and/or comment(s) about the proposal as set out below	x		
(d)	Further information is required in order to consider the application as set out			

This proposal is to for a new off street car parking space, accessed directly via the A96 (T) West Road. The proposed arrangement does not appear to offer enough depth to accommodate a parked car. However as the site is accessed directly via a trunk road the suitability (or otherwise) of the proposed new access and parking provision would require to be assessed by Transport Scotland as Trunk Road Authority. Although a street lighting column is located in close proximity to the proposed new access (and may require to be re-located) the responsibility for the street lighting at this location also vests with Transport Scotland.

On the basis that the new access does not impact upon Moray Council Roads or infrastructure, Transportation has no comments to make on this proposal. However Transport Scotland should be consulted so that they can assess the impact of the development on their Trunk road network.

Further comment(s) to be passed to applicant

Planning consent does not carry with it the right to carry out works within the public road boundary.

Public utility apparatus may be affected by this proposal. Contact the appropriate utility service in respect of any necessary utility service alterations which have to be carried out at the expense of the developer.

No building materials/scaffolding/builder's skip shall obstruct the public road (including footpaths) without permission from the Roads Authority.

Contact: AG email address: <u>transport.develop@moray.gov.uk</u> Consultee: TRANSPORTATION

Date 17 November 2023

Return response to	consultation.planning@moray.gov.uk

Please note that information about the application including consultation responses and representations (whether in support or objection) received on the proposal will be published on the Council's website at http://publicaccess.morav.gov.uk/eplanning/ (You can also use this site to track progress of the application and view details of any consultation responses and representations (whether in support or objection) received on the proposal). In order to comply with the Data Protection Act, personal information including signatures, personal and email details will be removed prior to publication using "redaction" software to avoid (or mask) the display of such information. Where appropriate other "sensitive" information within documents will also be removed prior to publication online.



Response On Development Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 S.I.2013 No 155 (S.25)

Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 2009

To: The Moray Council	Council Reference:-	23/01973/APP
	TS Reference:-	NE/242/2023

Application made by Ms Joanna Inch per Colin Keir, Plans Plus Main Street Urquhart, Moray IV30 8LG and received by Transport Scotland on 23/11/2023 for planning permission for Proposed off street car parking space located at St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin Moray affecting the A96 Trunk Road.

Director, Trunk Roads Network Management Advice

- 1. The Director does not propose to advise against the granting of permission
- 2. The Director advises that planning permission be refused (see overleaf for reasons).
- 3. The Director advises that the conditions shown overleaf be attached to any permission the council may give (see overleaf for reasons).

To obtain permission to work within the trunk road boundary, contact the Route Manager through the general contact number below. The Operating Company has responsibility for co-ordination and supervision of works and after permission has been granted it is the developer's contractor's responsibility to liaise with the Operating Company during the construction period to ensure all necessary permissions are obtained.

TS Contact:-	Area Manager (A96) 0141 272 7100 Transport Scotland, 2nd Floor, George House, 36 North Hanover St, Glasgow G1 2AD
Operating Company:-	North East
Address:-	Amey, Caledonian House, West Kinfauns, Perth
Telephone Number:-	Not Available
e-mail address:-	occr-northeast@amey.co.uk



Response On Development Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

REASON(S) for Refusal	
	The proposed new driveway and opening could potentially result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96 trunk road. This will interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96 trunk road.
	The length of the proposed new driveway, 4.6m, is less that the length generally recommended for parking spaces. This could potentially result in vehicles obstructing the existing footway on the A96 trunk road.

Transport Scotland Response Date:-	30/11/2023
Transport Scotland Contact:-	Shaun Phillips
Transport Scotland Contact Details:-	
Roads - Development Management	
Transport Scotland, 2nd Floor, George House, 36 North Hanover St, Glasgow G1 2AD	
Telephone Number: 0141 272 7100	
e-mail: development_management@transport.gov.scot	

NB - Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

Planning Authorities are requested to provide Transport Scotland, Roads Directorate, Network Operations - Development Management with a copy of the decision notice, and notify Transport Scotland, Trunk Roads Directorate if the recommended advice is not accepted.

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Wed, 22 Nov 2023 17:38:00 +0000 Planning-Comments 23/01973/APP

I am writing to you concerning the planning application ref 23/01973/APP. I was looking for clarification on the application as it seems according to the plan they are using a very narrow shared lane between two properties to create a driveway. Will this affect the property boundary front wall as I've concern that the wall is actually listed. I've been made aware that they plan to park in the garden at the front of their property but this isn't what the plan shows.

REPORT OF HANDLING

Ref No:	23/01973/APP	Officer:	Fiona Olsen
Proposal Description/ Address	Proposed off street car parking space St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin Moray		
Date:	12/01/2024	Typist Initials:	DJP

RECOMMENDATION		
Approve, without or with	condition(s) listed below	Ν
Refuse, subject to reason(s) listed below		Y
Legal Agreement required e.g. S,75		Ν
Notification to Scottish Ministers/Historic Scotland		Ν
Hoaring requirements	Departure	N
Hearing requirements	Pre-determination	N

CONSULTATIONS	CONSULTATIONS				
Consultee	Date Returned	Summary of Response			
Contaminated Land	15/11/23	No Objections			
Transportation Manager	17/11/23	No Objections			
Transport Scotland	30/11/23	Objection –			
		The proposed new driveway and opening could potentially result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96 trunk road. This will interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96 trunk road.			
		The length of the proposed new driveway, 4.6m, is less that the length generally recommended for parking spaces. This could potentially result in vehicles obstructing the existing footway on the A96 trunk road.			

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY			
Policies	Dep	Any Comments (or refer to Observations below)	
NPF1 - Tackling the Climate	Ν	Complies	
NPF2 - Climate mitigation and adaptation	N	Complies	
NPF3 - Biodiversity	N	Complies	
NPF5 - Soils	N	Complies	
NPF13 - Sustainable transport	Y	See below	
NPF16 - Quality homes	N	Complies	

NPF18 - Infrastructure first	Y	See below
PP1 Placemaking	Ν	Complies
PP2 Sustainable Economic Growth	N	Complies
PP3 Infrastructure and Services	Y	See below
DP1 Development Principles	Y	See below
EP2 Biodiversity	N	Complies
EP14 Pollution Contamination Hazards	N	Complies

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations Received

Total number of representations received: ONE

Names/Addresses of parties submitting representations

Name and address details of parties submitting representations withheld in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

YES

Summary and Assessment of main issues raised by representations

Issue: Seeking clarification on location of proposed driveway

Comments (PO): Proposal seeks to remove a section of stone wall to the front of the existing property to form on off-street parking space for a single vehicle.

Issue: Front wall is listed

Comments (PO): Neither the existing property nor the front wall are listed.

OBSERVATIONS – ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

Proposal

The application seeks planning permission to remove a section of wall to the front of an existing dwellinghouse to form an off-street parking space for a single car. The proposal would involve forming a new access onto the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site.

Site

The site is located at St Hilda, 31 West Road, Elgin.

The existing main property is a semi-detached dwellinghouse which is bound by the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site. Neighbouring properties lie to the east and west (attached).

Policy Appraisal (MLDP 2020 and NPF4)

Road Safety and Impact on Trunk Road (PP3, DP1, NPF4 Policy 13)

The proposals seek to form an off-street parking space for a single car to the front of an existing dwellinghouse. The development would involve removing a section of garden wall to the front of the dwelling and forming a new access onto the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site. At present there is no off-street parking at the property.

Policy DP1 (a) states that proposals must provide safe entry and exit from the development and (c)

states that proposals must provide a safe access to and from the road network and address any impacts on road safety.

Policy PP3(b)(i) outlines that development proposals will not be supported where they create new accesses onto trunk roads unless significant economic benefits are demonstrated or such access is required to facilitate development that supports the provisions of the development plan.

NPF4 Policy 13(g) states that development proposals that have the potential to affect the operation and safety of the Strategic Transport Network will be fully assessed to determine their impact.

Transport Scotland have been consulted and have advised that planning permission should be refused due to the following reasons:

- The proposed new driveway and opening could potentially result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96 trunk road. This will interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96 trunk road.
- The length of the proposed new driveway, 4.6m, is less that the length generally recommended for parking spaces. This could potentially result in vehicles obstructing the existing footway on the A96 trunk road.

NPF4 Policy 18(b) requires that the impacts of development proposals on infrastructure should be mitigated.

A Planning Design and Drainage Statement has been submitted in support of the application which outlines that the applicant cannot park a vehicle at home at present and that due to the size of the vehicle owned, it would fit in the space proposed. The statement also outlines that due there being no off-street parking provision at the property, an electric vehicle cannot be charged at the house. Whilst these points are noted and both policy PP3 and NPF4 Policy 13 seek to improve and enhance electric vehicle infrastructure, charging will not always be possible in-curtilage. Also, whilst the applicant notes that their existing car may fit in the proposed parking space, Moray Council Parking Standards outlines that a standard car parking space should measure no less than 2.5m x 5m and as such the proposed space would fail to meet this requirement.

In conclusion, the application will be refused as it proposes a new access onto the A96(T) which is not permitted by policy PP3.

In addition, the proposed parking space would fail to meet the size requirements for a standard parking space as set by Moray Council Parking Standards and if permitted, could result in vehicles obstructing the footway which would fail to comply with policy DP1 which requires that developments provide a safe access to and from the road network and NPF4 Policy 18 which require the impact of proposals on existing infrastructure to be mitigated.

Transport Scotland were also consulted on the application and advise that the application should be refused as the proposals could result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96(T) which would interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96(T). As a result the proposals would also fail to comply with NPF4 Policy 13 which requires development proposals that have the potential to affect the operation and safety of the Strategic Transport Network to be fully assessed.

Siting and Design (DP1, NPF4 Policy 16)

Policy DP1 requires that the scale, density and character of all development be appropriate to the surrounding area, be integrated into the surrounding landscape and not adversely impact upon neighbouring properties in terms of privacy, daylight or overbearing loss of amenity. Policy DP1 also states that existing stone walls on buildings and boundaries must be retained. Alterations and extensions must be compatible with the character of the existing building in terms of design, from and

choice of materials and positioning and meet all other relevant criteria of this policy.

NPF4 Policy 16 states that householder development proposals will be supported where they do not have a detrimental impact on the character or environmental quality of the home and 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.

The proposal seeks to remove a section of front garden wall to form off-street parking for a single car. The proposal is small scale and the removal of a small section of wall would be considered acceptable on this occasion and would not be expected to give rise to any loss of amenity. In this regard the proposal is deemed to comply with the siting and design criteria set by policy DP1 and NPF4 Policy 16 however this would not override the aforementioned objections and as such the application will be refused.

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Soils (EP2, NPF4 Policies 1, 2, 3 and 5)

The proposal is a householder development only which would result in minimal impact in terms of climate change and soil disturbance. It is not necessary to seek formal biodiversity enhancement on a householder proposal of this scale and therefore in this regard, the proposal is deemed to comply with NPF4 Policies 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Conclusion

The application will be refused as it proposes a new access onto the A96(T) which is not permitted by policy PP3.

In addition, the proposed parking space would fail to meet the size requirements for a standard parking space as set by Moray Council Parking Standards and if permitted, could result in vehicles obstructing the footway which would fail to comply with policy DP1 which requires that developments provide a safe access to and from the road network and NPF4 Policy 18 which require the impact of proposals on existing infrastructure to be mitigated.

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OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

None

HISTORY			
Reference No.	Description		
	Decision	Date Of Decision	

ADVERT

ADVENT		
Advert Fee paid?	No	
Local Newspaper	Reason for Advert	Date of expiry
Northern Scot	Departure from development plan	21/12/23
PINS	Departure from development plan	21/12/23

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS (PGU) Status N/A

DOCUMENTS, ASSESSMENTS etc. *

* Includes Environmental Statement, Appropriate Assessment, Design Statement, Design and Access Statement, RIA, TA, NIA, FRA etc

Supporting information submitted with application? YES			
Summary of main is	ssues raised in each statement/assessment/report		
Document Name:	Planning Design and Drainage Statement (ref: 23-17)		
Main Issues:	Outlines that applicant cannot park a vehicle at home at pres that car is small and would fit in the space provided, drop kee provided.		
	Outlines that there is no where to charge an electric vehicle	at the prop	erty.

S.75 AGREEMENT		
Application subject to S.75 Agreement		NO
Summary of terms of agreement:	·	
Location where terms or summary of terms can be inspected:		

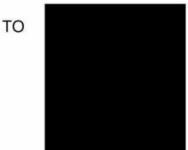
Section 30	Relating to EIA	NO
Section 31	Requiring planning authority to provide information and restrict grant of planning permission	NO
Section 32	Requiring planning authority to consider the imposition of planning conditions	NO



MORAY COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, as amended

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

[Elgin City South] **Application for Planning Permission**



With reference to your application for planning permission under the above mentioned Act, the Council in exercise of their powers under the said Act, have decided to REFUSE your application for the following development:-

Proposed off street car parking space St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin Moray

and for the reason(s) set out in the attached schedule.

Date of Notice:

17 January 2024



HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT Economy, Environment and Finance Moray Council Council Office **High Street** ELGIN Moray IV30 1BX

IMPORTANT

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APPENDIX 2

NOTICE OF REVIEW, GROUNDS FOR REVIEW & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



	etails		
Please enter Applicant	details		
Title:	Ms	You must enter a Bu	uilding Name or Number, or both: *
Other Title:		Building Name:	St Hilda
First Name: *	Joanna	Building Number:	31
Last Name: *	Inch	Address 1 (Street): *	West Road
Company/Organisation		Address 2:	Elgin
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Moray
Extension Number:		Country: *	UK
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	IV30 1SA
Fax Number:			
Email Address: *	ctkplans@aol.com		
Site Address	Details		
	Manage		
Planning Authority:	Moray Council		
	ne site (including postcode where ava	ailable):	
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Description of Proposal
Please provide a description of your proposal to which your review relates. The description should be the same as given in the application form, or as amended with the agreement of the planning authority: * (Max 500 characters)
Proposed off street car parking space at St Hilda 31 West Road Elgin IV30 1SA
Type of Application
What type of application did you submit to the planning authority? *
 Application for planning permission (including householder application but excluding application to work minerals). Application for planning permission in principle. Further application. Application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
What does your review relate to? *
 Refusal Notice. Grant of permission with Conditions imposed. No decision reached within the prescribed period (two months after validation date or any agreed extension) – deemed refusal.
Statement of reasons for seeking review
You must state in full, why you are a seeking a review of the planning authority's decision (or failure to make a decision). Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. If necessary this can be provided as a separate document in the 'Supporting Documents' section: * (Max 500 characters)
Note: you are unlikely to have a further opportunity to add to your statement of appeal at a later date, so it is essential that you produce all of the information you want the decision-maker to take into account.
You should not however raise any new matter which was not before the planning authority at the time it decided your application (or at the time expiry of the period of determination), unless you can demonstrate that the new matter could not have been raised before that time or that it not being raised before that time is a consequence of exceptional circumstances.
See separate sheet.
Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the Determination on your application was made? *
If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising the new matter, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should be considered in your review: * (Max 500 characters)

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to to rely on in support of your review. You can attach these documents electronically later in the	submit with your notice ne process: * (Max 500 c	of review and haracters)	d intend	
Decision notice Report of handling Location plan Drawing Supporting statement				
Application Details				
Please provide the application reference no. given to you by your planning authority for your previous application.	23/01973/APP			
What date was the application submitted to the planning authority? *	09/11/2023			
What date was the decision issued by the planning authority? *	17/01/2024]		
Review Procedure				
The Local Review Body will decide on the procedure to be used to determine your review ar process require that further information or representations be made to enable them to determ required by one or a combination of procedures, such as: written submissions; the holding or inspecting the land which is the subject of the review case.	nine the review. Further	information r		
Can this review continue to a conclusion, in your opinion, based on a review of the relevant parties only, without any further procedures? For example, written submission, hearing sess Yes X No		yourself and	other	
Please indicate what procedure (or combination of procedures) you think is most appropriate select more than one option if you wish the review to be a combination of procedures.	e for the handling of you	r review. You	ı may	
Please select a further procedure *		_		
By means of inspection of the land to which the review relates				
Please explain in detail in your own words why this further procedure is required and the ma will deal with? (Max 500 characters)	tters set out in your state	ement of app	eal it	
A site visit will allow members to view the lack of infrastructure in terms of public charging on West Road is considered dangerous in terms of the Trunk Road designation	points and to assess if p	oarking off str	reet	
In the event that the Local Review Body appointed to consider your application decides to in	spect the site, in your op	pinion:		
Can the site be clearly seen from a road or public land? *		Yes 🗌 No		
Is it possible for the site to be accessed safely and without barriers to entry? *	X	Yes 🗌 No)	

Checklist – App	blication for Notice of Review	
	g checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary informati may result in your appeal being deemed invalid.	ion in support of your appeal. Failure
Have you provided the name	and address of the applicant?. *	X Yes No
Have you provided the date a review? *	and reference number of the application which is the subject of this	X Yes 🗌 No
	n behalf of the applicant, have you provided details of your name thether any notice or correspondence required in connection with the or the applicant? *	X Yes No N/A
	ent setting out your reasons for requiring a review and by what f procedures) you wish the review to be conducted? *	X Yes No
require to be taken into acco at a later date. It is therefore	why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement mus unt in determining your review. You may not have a further opportunity essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary infor w Body to consider as part of your review.	to add to your statement of review
	ocuments, material and evidence which you intend to rely on nich are now the subject of this review *	🗙 Yes 🗌 No
planning condition or where i	es to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission or modifi- it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in conditions r, approved plans and decision notice (if any) from the earlier consent.	
Declare – Notic	e of Review	
I/We the applicant/agent cert	ify that this is an application for review on the grounds stated.	
Declaration Name:	Mr Colin Keir	
Declaration Date:	09/04/2024	



PROPOSED NEW DRIVEWAY AT 31 WEST ROAD ELGIN.

AAPLICANT :- JOANNA INCH.

PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 23/01973/APP.

PLANNING REVIEW.

This was in principal a simple exercise to remove a front garden wall of a property to allow a small electrical vehicle to be charged within the curtilidge of the applicants home. Along with many other people she is trying to be as environmentally friendly as possible and switched to an electric vehicle. The problem arose when she tried to charge the vehicle as she has no off street parking. The simple solution was to remove the front wall and pull in to the garden.

The vehicle in question is small in size and would fit into the 4.6m space that would be provided without impinging on the pavement. Visibility in both directions is good.

The majority of policies have been adhered to in terms of National Planning Framework 4. NP1, NPF2, NPF3, NPF5, NPF13, NPF16 and NPF18 all comply as stated in the Report of Handling by the planning officer. The entire reason for refusal falls down to Trunk Road access (A96).

It then appears that the policies contained within the National Planning Framework 4 all want to encourage a carbon neutral Scotland with Green policies being implemented all over the country. However the Moray Local Plan 2020 is at odds with the national policies as it seeks to deter anyone from trying to create space within their property to allow them to fit an electrical



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vehicle charging point. It is accepted that entering or exiting trunk roads can slow traffic down but this is well within a 30 mph speed zone which is slowed down even further by vehicles turning off the A96 to travel along Wittet Drive. The hospital turn off also slows vehicles down in this location.

One of the latest laws to be introduced into Scotland is that it is now illegal to park on a pavement. This does not allow the applicant any opportunity to charge her vehicle. What is going to happen when we are all supposed to be driving electric vehicles? The lack of infrastructure particularly away from major cities means there are very few charging points available and there does not appear to be any available in this location for the applicant to use.

Moray Council must accept that the Local Plan policies are now out of date and conflict with the aims of the National Planning Framework 4 document which is to encourage the use of green energy and the use of electric vehicles. Change has to be implemented at some point and if we are to be encouraged to use electric vehicles, either the infrastructure is put in place for the public to use or the public has to provide the facilities themselves. This should mean overriding Trunk road restrictions and having the vision to install electric vehicle charging points in peoples homes.

There has to be a new approach to trunk road rules and regulations where electric vehicle charging points are concerned. To have every property on a trunk road unable to charge electric vehicles appears to be outdated and in need of reform.

REPORT OF HANDLING

Ref No:	23/01973/APP	Officer:	Fiona Olsen
Proposal Description/	Proposed off street car par	king space St Hilda 31 West Ro	ad Elgin Moray
Address			

RECOMMENDATION		Non-Service
Approve, without or with	n condition(s) listed below	N
Refuse, subject to reaso	on(s) listed below	Y
Legal Agreement require	ed e.g. S,75	N
Notification to Scottish Ministers/Historic Scotland		N
Hearing requirements	Departure	N
nearing requirements	Pre-determination	N

Consultee	Date Returned	Summary of Response
Contaminated Land	15/11/23	No Objections
Transportation Manager	17/11/23	No Objections
Transport Scotland	30/11/23	Objection –
		The proposed new driveway and opening could potentially result in reversing manoeuvres onto the A96 trunk road. This will interfere with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the A96 trunk road.
		The length of the proposed new driveway, 4.6m, is less that the length generally recommended for parking spaces. This could potentially result in vehicles obstructing the existing footway on the A96 trunk road.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY			
Policies	Dep	Any Comments (or refer to Observations below)	
NPF1 - Tackling the Climate	N	Complies	
NPF2 - Climate mitigation and adaptation	N	Complies	
NPF3 - Biodiversity	N	Complies	
NPF5 - Soils	N	Complies	
NPF13 - Sustainable transport	Y	See below	
NPF16 - Quality homes	N	Complies	

NPF18 - Infrastructure first	Y	See below
PP1 Placemaking	N	Complies
PP2 Sustainable Economic Growth	N	Complies
PP3 Infrastructure and Services	Y	See below
DP1 Development Principles	· Y	See below
EP2 Biodiversity	N	Complies
EP14 Pollution Contamination Hazards	N	Complies

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations Received

Total number of representations received: ONE

Names/Addresses of parties submitting representations

Name and address details of parties submitting representations withheld in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

YES

Summary and Assessment of main issues raised by representations

Issue: Seeking clarification on location of proposed driveway

Comments (PO): Proposal seeks to remove a section of stone wall to the front of the existing property to form on off-street parking space for a single vehicle.

Issue: Front wall is listed

Comments (PO): Neither the existing property nor the front wall are listed.

OBSERVATIONS – ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

Proposal

The application seeks planning permission to remove a section of wall to the front of an existing dwellinghouse to form an off-street parking space for a single car. The proposal would involve forming a new access onto the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site.

Site

The site is located at St Hilda, 31 West Road, Elgin.

The existing main property is a semi-detached dwellinghouse which is bound by the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site. Neighbouring properties lie to the east and west (attached).

Policy Appraisal (MLDP 2020 and NPF4)

Road Safety and Impact on Trunk Road (PP3, DP1, NPF4 Policy 13)

The proposals seek to form an off-street parking space for a single car to the front of an existing dwellinghouse. The development would involve removing a section of garden wall to the front of the dwelling and forming a new access onto the A96 Trunk Road to the south of the site. At present there is no off-street parking at the property.

Policy DP1 (a) states that proposals must provide safe entry and exit from the development and (c)

states that proposals must provide a safe access to and from the road network and address any impacts on road safety.

Policy PP3(b)(i) outlines that development proposals will not be supported where they create new accesses onto trunk roads unless significant economic benefits are demonstrated or such access is required to facilitate development that supports the provisions of the development plan.

NPF4 Policy 13(g) states that development proposals that have the potential to affect the operation and safety of the Strategic Transport Network will be fully assessed to determine their impact.

Transport Scotland have been consulted and have advised that planning permission should be refused due to the following reasons:

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- The length of the proposed new driveway, 4.6m, is less that the length generally recommended for parking spaces. This could potentially result in vehicles obstructing the existing footway on the A96 trunk road.

NPF4 Policy 18(b) requires that the impacts of development proposals on infrastructure should be mitigated.

A Planning Design and Drainage Statement has been submitted in support of the application which outlines that the applicant cannot park a vehicle at home at present and that due to the size of the vehicle owned, it would fit in the space proposed. The statement also outlines that due there being no off-street parking provision at the property, an electric vehicle cannot be charged at the house. Whilst these points are noted and both policy PP3 and NPF4 Policy 13 seek to improve and enhance electric vehicle infrastructure, charging will not always be possible in-curtilage. Also, whilst the applicant notes that their existing car may fit in the proposed parking space, Moray Council Parking Standards outlines that a standard car parking space should measure no less than 2.5m x 5m and as such the proposed space would fail to meet this requirement.

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Siting and Design (DP1, NPF4 Policy 16)

Policy DP1 requires that the scale, density and character of all development be appropriate to the surrounding area, be integrated into the surrounding landscape and not adversely impact upon neighbouring properties in terms of privacy, daylight or overbearing loss of amenity. Policy DP1 also states that existing stone walls on buildings and boundaries must be retained. Alterations and extensions must be compatible with the character of the existing building in terms of design, from and

choice of materials and positioning and meet all other relevant criteria of this policy.

NPF4 Policy 16 states that householder development proposals will be supported where they do not have a detrimental impact on the character or environmental quality of the home and 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.

The proposal seeks to remove a section of front garden wall to form off-street parking for a single car. The proposal is small scale and the removal of a small section of wall would be considered acceptable on this occasion and would not be expected to give rise to any loss of amenity. In this regard the proposal is deemed to comply with the siting and design criteria set by policy DP1 and NPF4 Policy 16 however this would not override the aforementioned objections and as such the application will be refused.

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Soils (EP2, NPF4 Policies 1, 2, 3 and 5)

The proposal is a householder development only which would result in minimal impact in terms of climate change and soil disturbance. It is not necessary to seek formal biodiversity enhancement on a householder proposal of this scale and therefore in this regard, the proposal is deemed to comply with NPF4 Policies 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Conclusion

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OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

None

HISTORY				
Reference No.	Description			
	Decision			
		Date Of Decision		

ADVERT			
Advert Fee paid?	No	No	
Local Newspaper	Reason for Advert Date of expiry		
Northern Scot	Departure from development plan	21/12/23	
PINS	Departure from development plan	21/12/23	

DEVELOPER CONT	RIBUTIONS (PGU)	
Status	N/A	

DOCUMENTS, ASSESSMENTS etc. * * Includes Environmental Statement, Appropriate Assessment, Design Statement, Design and Access Statement, RIA, TA, NIA, FRA etc

Supporting information submitted with application?			
Summary of main i	ssues raised in each statement/assessment/report		
Document Name:	Planning Design and Drainage Statement (ref: 23-17)		
Main Issues:	Outlines that applicant cannot park a vehicle at home at present. Also outlines that car is small and would fit in the space provided, drop kerbs would also be provided.		
	Outlines that there is no where to charge an electric	vehicle at the proper	ty.

S.75 AGREEMENT	
Application subject to S.75 Agreement	NC
Summary of terms of agreement:	

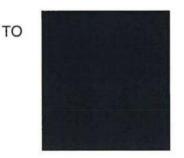
Section 30	Relating to EIA	NO
Section 31	Requiring planning authority to provide information and restrict grant of planning permission	NO
Section 32	Requiring planning authority to consider the imposition of planning conditions	NO



MORAY COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, as amended

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

[Elgin City South] Application for Planning Permission



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and for the reason(s) set out in the attached schedule.

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