

### MORAY LOCAL REVIEW BODY

### 25 JUNE 2020

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR CASE No LR237

### Planning Application 19/01606/APP – Install new thermal panels and external wall opening at 71 Findhorn, Moray, IV36 3YF

### Ward 8 – Forres

Planning permission was granted under the Statutory Scheme of Delegation by the Appointed Officer on 5 February 2020 subject to the following conditions:

 The glazing in both the door and window shall be obscure glazed with glass of obscuration level 4 of the range of glass manufactured by Pilkington plc at the date of this permission or an equivalent manufacturer agreed in writing by this council (as Planning Authority). Glazing of that obscuration level shall be retained in those windows for the lifetime of the development hereby approved.

Reason: To avoid overlooking of the adjacent property in the interest of residential amenity.

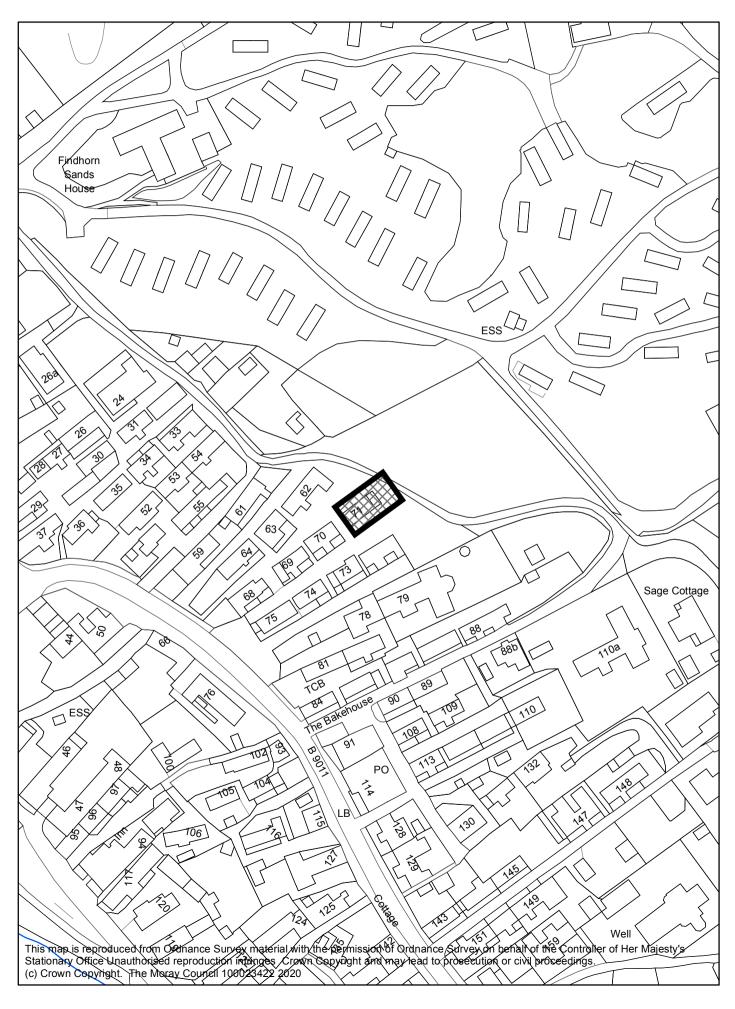
Documents considered or prepared by the Appointed Officer in respect of the above planning application are attached as **Appendix 1**.

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

Further Representations received in response to the Notice of Review are attached as **Appendix 3.** 

The Applicant's response to Further Representations is attached as Appendix 4







## **APPENDIX 1**

## DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED OR PREPARED BY THE APPOINTED OFFICER

19 01606 APP

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### HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS

2013

#### Please refer to the accompanying Guidance Notes when completing this application PLEASE NOTE IT IS FASTER AND SIMPLER TO SUBMIT PLANNING APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY VIA <u>https://www.eplanning.scot</u>

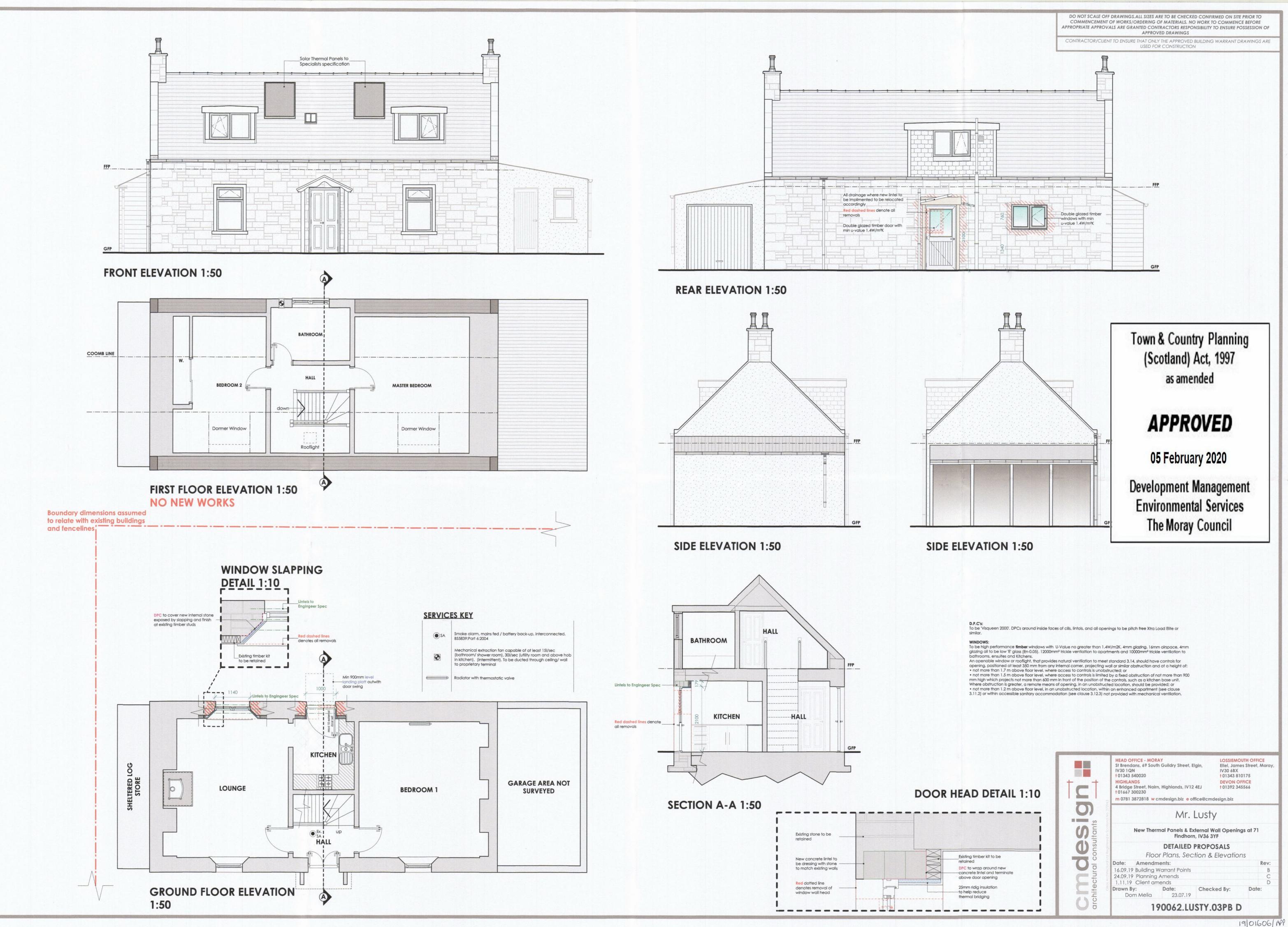
1. Applicant's De	tails	2. Agent's Details	(if any)	
Title Forename Surname	MR MARTIN LUSTY	Ref No. Forename Surname		
Company Name Building No./Name Address Line 1 Address Line 2 Town/City Postcode Telephone Mobile Fax Email	TV3637F.	Company Name Building No./Name Address Line 1 Address Line 2 Town/City Postcode Telephone Mobile Fax Email		
4	cation of Proposed Develop			
71 FINDHORD JV36 34F.         NB. If you do not have a full site address please identify the location of the site(s) in your accompanying documentation.				
4. Describe the P	roposed Works			
Please describe accurately the work proposed: INSTALL NEW THOLMAL PANELS AND DETERNAL WALL OPENINGS				
	Have the works already been started or completed Yes No			
Date started:	Date c	ompleted:	·	

If yes, please explain why work has already taken place in advance of making this application.
5. Pre-Application Discussion
Have you received any advice from the planning authority in relation to this proposal? Yes No
If yes, please provide details about the advice below:
In what format was the advice given? Meeting Telephone call Letter Email
Have you agreed or are you discussing a Processing Agreement with the planning authority? Yes 🗖 No 🥅
Please provide a description of the advice you were given and who you received the advice from:
Name:         Date:         Ref No.:
6. Trees
Are there any trees on or adjacent to the application site? Yes No
If yes, please show on drawings any trees (including known protected trees) and their canopy spread as they relate to the proposed site and indicate if any are to be cut back or felled.
7. Changes to Vehicle Access and Parking
Are you proposing a new altered vehicle access to or from a public road? Yes No
If yes, please show in your drawings the position of any existing, altered or new access and explain the changes you propose to make. You should also show existing footpaths and note if there with be any impact on these.
Are you proposing any changes to public paths, public rights of way or Yes No
If yes, please show on your drawings the position of any affected areas and explain the changes you propose to make, including arrangement for continuing or alternative public access.
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) currently
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 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, etc.

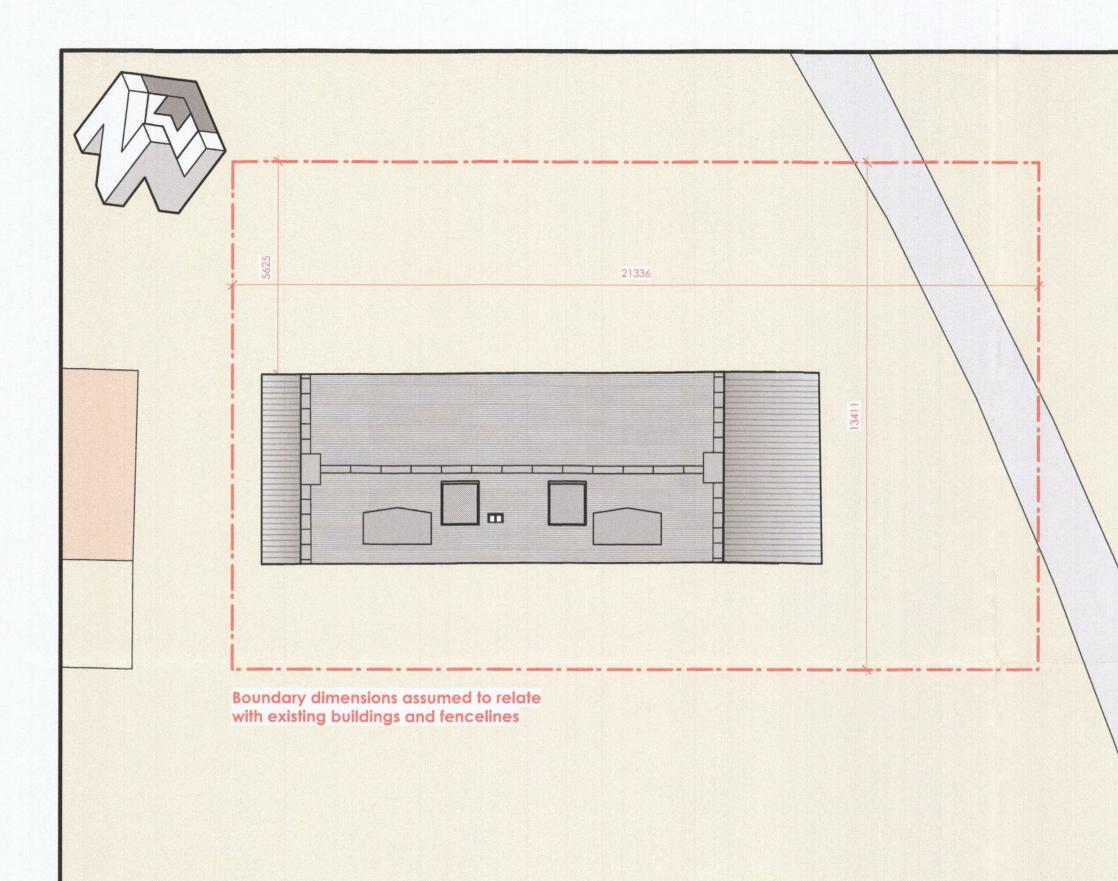
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8. Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest
Are you / the applicant / the applicant's spouse or partner, a member of staff within the planning service or an elected member of the planning authority? Yes No Yes No Yes Yes No Yes
service or elected member of the planning authority? Yes I No X
DECLARATION
I, the applicant / agent certify that this is an application for planning permission and that accompanying plans/drawings and additional information are provided as part of this application. I hereby confirm that the information given in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
I, the applicant/ <del>agont</del> hereby certify that the attached Land Ownership Certificate has been completed
I, the applican <del>t/age</del> nt hereby certify that requisite notice has been given to other land owners and /or agricultural tenants
Signature: Name: MARTIN WSTY Date: 11219
Any personal data that you have been asked to provide on this from will be held and processed in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

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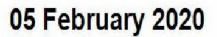
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SITE PLAN 1:100

Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1997 as amended

## APPROVED

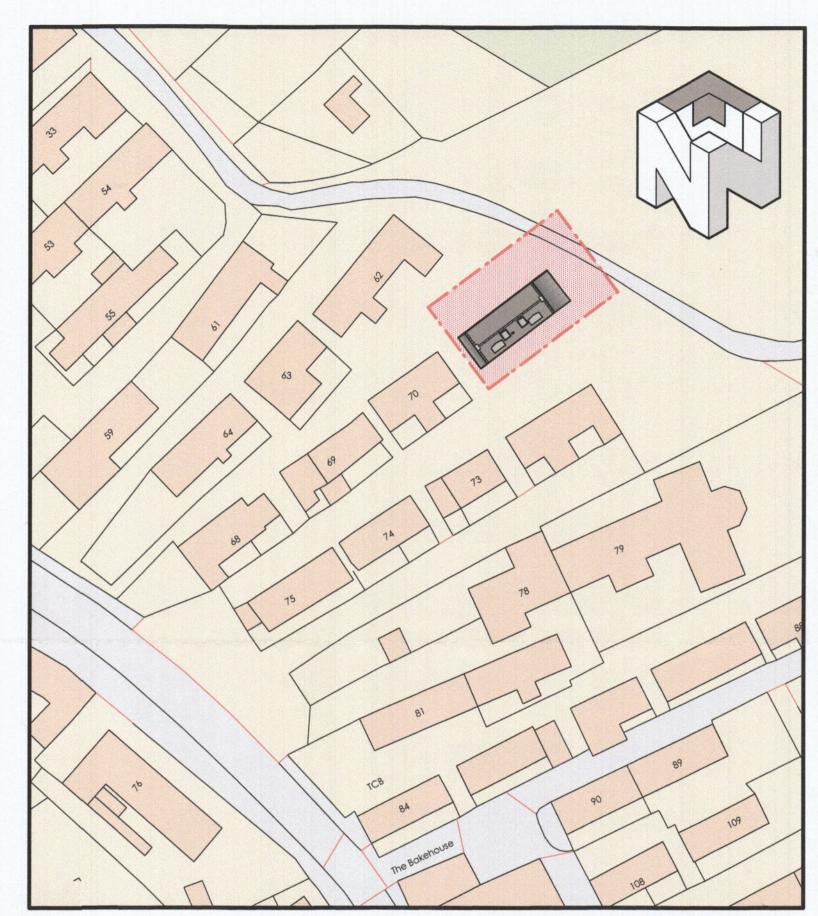


Development Management Environmental Services The Moray Council



DO NOT SCALE OFF DRAWINGS.ALL SIZES ARE TO BE CHECKED CONFIRMED ON SITE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS/ORDERING OF MATERIALS. NO WORK TO COMMENCE BEFORE APPROPRIATE APPROVALS ARE GRANTED CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE POSSESSION OF APPROVED DRAWINGS

CONTRACTOR/CLIENT TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THE APPROVED BUILDING WARRANT DRAWINGS ARE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION



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### **LOCATION PLAN 1:500**

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### **Comments for Planning Application 19/01606/APP**

### **Application Summary**

Application Number: 19/01606/APP Address: 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF Proposal: Install new thermal panels and external wall openings at Case Officer: Craig Wilson

### **Customer Details**

Name: Address:

### **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Affecting natural environment
- Contrary to Local Plan
- Inadequate plans
- Procedures not followed correctly
- Road access

Comment:We own number which we currently run as an affordable housing long term rental.

This is the third time we have placed the same objections to the developments at Number 71. This summer a fence was constructed which :

- Destroys the historic green stripley - contrary to the Moray Local Plan and to the Conservation Area principles.

- Obstructs the 9 -foot- wide right of way along the stripley. impedeing emergercency access to our property.

- Obtrusts access to number 63 for ordinary deliveries and maintenece.

- Due to its narrowing of the stripley, disable access is now impossible.

Following complaints from neigbours, FVCCC and Findhorn Community Counicil, Moray Council permitted the owner of number 63 to submit retrospecitve planning. We registered the same objections again to this. The planning application was withdrawn late into the consultation period by Mr Lusty who was given a further opportunity to re-submit an application. This new planning application makes no mention of the fence. We accept that the purpose of Planning is to encourage good practice and that it is not intended to be punitive. However considerable time and public money has been wasted on this and we are still stuck with the original problem and our objections are unchanged.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Affecting natural environment
- Contrary to Local Plan
- Inadequate plans
- Legal issues
- Loss of privacy (being overlooked)
- Parking
- Permitted Development
- Poor design
- Precedent
- Procedures not followed correctly
- Road access
- View affected

Comment: I would like to object to the planning application made by Mr Lusty for the following reasons:

1) The boundary indicated encroaches on my land (Title Number MOR8814), and also the FVCC's land (Title Number MOR16171). This includes the area of most of the fence Mr Lusty has constructed. The fence Mr Lusty has erected without planning permission is not shown on this new planning application, nor has the fence been removed. Therefore the amended planning application does nothing to normalise the fence construction. The application does refer to "existing fencelines" however these are not specified or indicated on the location plan. Accordingly, as per my previous objection as Title Holder, he does not have my consent to have a fence in that location.

2) Windows to the rear of houses in this part of the village are limited in oprder to provide privacy

to neighbours. If this application is granted it sets a precedent for large rear windows in properties in the conservation area.

3) The new door to Mr Lusty's kitchen is also out of keeping with the area - no houses have back doors into the stripleys. Again this sets a precedent for the conservation area.

4) Both the new window and door overlook my house and straight into my lounge. It is only 8 metres away. This will affect my privacy greatly.

In summary if permission is granted it would alter the look of the conservation area, set a precedent for similar developments, and reduce the privacy my house currently enjoys. It would not resolve the issue of the fence being constructed without planning permission, the necessity of which Mr Lusty continues to ignore.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Affecting natural environment
- Legal issues
- Procedures not followed correctly

Comment: I notice that the fence Mr. Lusty has erected without permission is not now mentioned, despite the fact this is still an on-going issue that has not been resolved. This is STILL a huge concern of mine and needs to be given your full attention.

I have already placed 2 objections.

This is my third.

I back up my neighbours objections 100%. ( and I will continue and I will continue to strongly object to this fence which is blocking off our rightful access to the lane and creating a precedent for future unauthorised work in the village.

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Name: Address:

Findhorn

### **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Civic Group Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application Comment Reasons:

- Inadequate plans
- Road access

Comment: The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC) have commented on past application by Mr Lusty. The Board's concerns still stand that the feu plans of the property must be carefully examined s it appears that the boundaries of Mr Lusty's property are incorrect. The property boundaries are encompassing land that is owned by TFVCC.

TFVCC are also concerned that a fence has been erected, but it is not detailed in this planning application and as previously commented it is out of character within the stripley which is located in a conservation area. Historically the stripleys are a network of open green corridors which form public right of ways between the rows of traditional cottages and the Local Development plan demands the protection of this network.

### **REPORT OF HANDLING**

Ref No:	19/01606/APP	Officer:	Craig Wilson
Proposal Description/ Address	Install new thermal panels and external IV36 3YF	wall openings at 7	1 Findhorn Forres Moray
Date:	05/02/20	Typist Initials:	FJA

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

CONSULTATIONS		
Consultee	Date Returned	Summary of Response

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY		
Policies	Dep	Any Comments (or refer to Observations below)

REPRESENTATIONS		
Representations Received	YES	
Total number of representations received FOUR		
Names/Addresses of parties submitting representations		
Name and address details of parties submitting representations withheld in a General Data Protection Regulations.	accordance	with the
Summary and Assessment of main issues raised by representations		
Issue:		
- This is the third time we have placed the same objections to the development	ents at Nun	nber 71.
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<ul> <li>Obstructs the 9 -foot- wide right of way along the stripley. impeding emer property.</li> </ul>	gency acce	ess to our
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**Comments (PO):** The previous application was withdrawn after the applicant was advised that the fence was unacceptable in its current form and location. A new application to amend the fence is being pursued and if this fails to materialise then formal enforcement action will be taken to seek its regularisation. This application is solely for a new window and door to the rear and solar panels to the front. For the avoidance of doubt, ownership of land is a private legal matter not a planning matter.

**Issue:** Windows to the rear of houses in this part of the village are limited in order to provide privacy to neighbours. If this application is granted it sets a precedent for large rear windows in properties in the conservation area.

Both the new window and door overlook my house and straight into my lounge. It is only 8 metres away. This will affect my privacy greatly.

**Comments (PO):** The proposed new window is small scale; it is not a large window and will therefore not set a precedent for large rear windows. In any case each case is assessed on its individual merits. In terms of privacy, it is not considered that the small window would result in a significant amenity loss, in terms of privacy or overlooking, to neighbouring property. The new window would result in mutual overlooking as windows from the objector's property face the applicants. A condition will be imposed that the window and door are obscure glazed.

**Issue:** The new door to Mr Lusty's kitchen is also out of keeping with the area - no houses have back doors into the stripleys. Again this sets a precedent for the conservation area.

**Comments (PO):** Doors located to the rear of cottages are features found elsewhere on other historic properties within the conservation area. The insertion of a door to the rear would not alter our understanding of the traditional cottages contribution to the conservation area within the context of its location at the end of a stripley. The proposal would therefore preserve and enhance rather than detract from the character of the conservation area

### **OBSERVATIONS – ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL**

Section 25 of the 1997 Act as amended requires applications to be determined in accordance with the Development Plan i.e. the adopted Moray Local Development Plan 2015 (MLDP) unless material considerations indicate otherwise. On 18 December 2018, at a special meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, the Proposed Moray Local Development Plan 2020 was approved as the "settled view" of the Council and minimal weight will be given to it, with the 2015 MLDP being the primary consideration.

On 25 June 2019 the Planning & Regulatory Services Committee agreed to give greater weight to sites within the proposed Plan which are not subject to the Examination process from 1 August 2019.

In this case the proposal is not subject to an allocated site.

The main issues are considered below

## Impact of the development on the Listed Building and surrounding environment (Policy BE3, H4 & IMP1)

In considering an application for planning permission in a conservation area, current policy, in particular policy BE3, requires all new development to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of an area, to ensure that new development does not adversely affect the quality and experience of the area. The design of the new development should therefore be derived from a thorough understanding of the special qualities of the conservation area, which led to its designation in the first place

Policy H4 seeks to ensure that alterations and extensions do not adversely affect the appearance of the house and the surrounding area in terms of style, scale, proportions or materials.

IMP1 seeks to ensure that development proposals relate satisfactorily to their surroundings in terms of siting, design etc.

The site contains a small traditional fisherman's cottage with lean-to garage on eastern gable. The proposed alterations to the existing cottage will retain one of the earliest surviving structures within the conservation area and located at the eastern end of a stripley it will maintain this pattern of development which contributes to the historic layout and understanding of the Findhorn Conservation Area.

In keeping with policy BE3, the proposal will retain the existing building and alter it by adding solar panels to the roof (south facing on front elevation) and inserting a door and small window to rear elevation. The window and door are to be timber and face onto the rear stripley. The mix of materials - both old and new - is also found elsewhere and is considered acceptable for use within the Conservation Area.

It has been suggested in objections that the proposal will result in overlooking and create privacy issues. Essential to the determination of this application is the recognition of not only the architectural character of these properties, but also an appreciation of the spaces between them. The size of gardens, open space and proximity between buildings present in the Findhorn Conservation Area would be unacceptable in almost any other village. Therefore the expectations of space between buildings, amenity and privacy must be assessed within the context of a very dense, organic layout of buildings all at varying heights. The spacing between the proposed house and neighbouring properties is directly comparable to dozens of other nearby properties and the stryplies/lanes dividing them. Windows to the front and rear of properties face on the public lanes and essentially face each other. A small window to the rear of 71 Findhorn already exists. This is to be replaced with a door and a new window slapped in to serve kitchen area to allow light in.

It is not considered that the small window would result in a significant amenity loss, in terms of privacy or overlooking, to neighbouring property. The new window would result in mutual overlooking as windows from the objector's property face the applicants. However the justification for the window is to let light into the lounge area, a condition will therefore be imposed that the new window is obscure glazed. On this basis, there is no sufficient justification to refuse the application in terms of impact on privacy or overlooking grounds.

The window and door located to the rear of cottages are features found on other historic properties within the conservation area. In any case, the insertion of a door to the rear would not alter our understanding of the traditional cottages contribution to the conservation area within the context of its location at the end of a stripley. The proposal would therefore preserve and enhance rather than

detract from the character of the conservation area.

Overall, the alterations are considered to be acceptable and as such the proposal will not adversely affect but enhance and contribute in a positive manner to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area in which it is located. The proposal is therefore acceptable in terms of policy BE3, H4 and IMP1.

It is recommended that permission be granted for this development.

### **REASON(S) FOR DECISION**

The Council's reason(s) for making this decision are:-

The design, scale and materials are considered to be acceptable for the location without creating an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the Conservation area or neighbouring amenity. The application would therefore accord with development plan policies and supplementary planning guidance relating to those matters.

### OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

HISTORY				
Reference No.	Description	Ì		
	Install thermal panels erect new fence line and external wall slapping at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF			
19/01101/APP	Decision	Withdrawn	Date Of Decision	30/10/19
	Construct timber store on western gable of cottage at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF			
97/01536/FUL	Decision	Permitted	Date Of Decision	13/08/98

ADVERT		
Advert Fee paid?	Yes	
Local Newspaper	Reason for Advert	Date of expiry
Forres Gazette	Planning application affecting LB/CA	16/01/20
PINS	Planning application affecting LB/CA	16/01/20

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS (PGU)		
Status		

### DOCUMENTS, ASSESSMENTS etc. \*

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

Supporting information submitted with application?

NO

Summary of r	main issues	raised in each	n statement/asses	sment/report
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#### Document Name:

Main Issues:

### 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

## PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

[Forres] Application for Planning Permission



With reference to your application for planning permission under the abovementioned Act as amended, Moray Council in exercise of its powers hereby **GRANT** planning permission for the following development:-

### Install new thermal panels and external wall openings at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF

in accordance with the plan(s) docquetted as relative hereto and the particulars given in the application, and where appropriate, subject to the condition(s) and reason(s) as set out in the attached schedule.

This permission does not carry with it any necessary consent or approval to the proposed development under the building regulations or other statutory enactments and the development should not be commenced until all consents have been obtained.

Date of Notice:

5 February 2020



Head Economic Growth and Development Services

Economy, Environment and Finance Moray Council Council Office High Street ELGIN Moray IV30 1BX

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#### IMPORTANT NOTE

#### YOU ARE OBLIGED TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS AND NOTES

### SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

By this Notice the Moray Council has **GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION** for this proposal subject to conditions as appropriate to ensure implementation of the proposal under the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. It is important that these conditions are adhered to and failure to comply may result in enforcement action being taken.

#### CONDITION(S)

Permission is granted subject to the following conditions: -

1 The glazing in both the door and window shall be obscure glazed with glass of obscuration level 4 of the range of glass manufactured by Pilkington plc at the date of this permission or an equivalent manufacturer agreed in writing by this council (as Planning Authority). Glazing of that obscuration level shall be retained in those windows for the lifetime of the development hereby approved.

**Reason:** To avoid overlooking of the adjacent property in the interest of residential amenity.

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### LIST OF PLANS AND DRAWINGS SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT

The following plans and drawings form part of the decision:-

Reference Version	Title
190062.LUSTY.03PB D	Elevations and floor plans
190062.LUSTY.04PB A	Site and location plan

### IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THIS DECISION

### DURATION OF THIS PERMISSION

In accordance with Section 58 (i) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended, the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.

If the development has not commenced within this period then this permission shall lapse unless there is a specific condition attached to this permission which varies the stated timescale.

### COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The following are statutory requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. Failure to meet their respective terms represents a breach of planning control and may result in formal enforcement action. Copies of the notices referred to below are attached to this permission for your use.

**NOTIFICATION OF INITIATION OF DEVELOPMENT -** S.27A of the 1997 Act, as amended requires that any person who has been granted planning permission (including planning permission in principle) and intends to start development must, as soon as practicable after deciding the date they will start work on the development, give notice to the planning authority of that date. This ensures that the planning authority is aware that the development is underway and can follow up on any suspensive conditions attached to the permission. Therefore, prior to any work commencing on site, the applicant/developer must complete and submit to the Moray Council, as planning authority, the attached Notification of Initiation of Development.

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT** - S.27B of the 1997 Act, as amended requires that any person who completes a development for which planning permission (including planning permission in principle) has been given must, as soon as practicable after doing so, give notice of completion to the planning authority. This will ensure that the planning authority is aware that the development is complete and can follow up any planning conditions. Therefore, on completion of the development or as soon as practicable after doing so, the applicant/developer must complete and submit to the Moray Council, as planning authority the attached Notification of Completion of Development.

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PHASED DEVELOPMENT** – Under S.27B(2) of the 1997 Act, as amended where permission is granted for phased development, the permission is subject to a condition (see Schedule of Conditions above) requiring the applicant/developer as soon as practicable after each phase to give notice of that completion to the planning authority. This will allow the planning authority to be aware that particular phase(s) of the development is/are complete. When the last phase is completed the applicant/developer must also complete and submit a Notification of Completion of Development.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT

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The following notes are provided for your information including comments received from consultees:-

THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & BUILDING STANDARDS MANAGER has commented that:-

It is noted that an Application for a Building Warrant has been received in respect of these proposals.

#### DETAILS OF ANY VARIATION MADE TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, AS AGREED WITH APPLICANT (S.32A of 1997 ACT)

#### N/A

### DETAILS WHERE DIFFERENT TIME-PERIOD(S) FOR DURATION OF PLANNING PERMISSION IMPOSED (S.58/59 of 1997 ACT)

#### N/A

### **TERMS OF S.75 AGREEMENT RELATING TO THIS APPLICATION** The terms, or summary of terms of the Agreement can be inspected at:-

N/A

### NOTICE OF APPEAL

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, 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, The Moray Council Local Review Body, Legal and Committee Services, Council Offices, High Street, Elgin IV30 1BX. This form is also available and can be submitted online or downloaded from www.eplanning.scotland.gov.uk

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.



## MORAY COUNCIL

## NOTIFICATION OF INITIATION OF DEVELOPMENT

Section 27A Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Application Number

19/01606/APP

Date Decision Issued

Location and Description of Development Install new thermal panels and external wall openings at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF

### Please note that all suspensive conditions must be discharged prior to commencement of development

Date works are to		
Commence		

## Name, Address and contact details of developer

# The Full name and Address and contact details of the landowner, if a different person

Where an agent is appointed	, their full name and contact details
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Signed	
Name (Print)	
Date	

Please complete and return this form to:

Development Management & Building Standards Manager, Moray Council, PO Box 6760, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1BX OR E-mail: development.control@moray.gov.uk



## MORAY COUNCIL

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Section 27A Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Application Number

19/01606/APP

Date Decision Issued

Location and Description of Development Install new thermal panels and external wall openings at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF

Date of completion of works

Name, Address and contact details of developer

The Full name and Address and contact details of the landowner, if a different person

## Where an agent is appointed, their full name and contact details

Signed	
Name (Print)	
Date	

Please complete and return this form to:

Development Management & Building Standards Manager, Moray Council, PO Box 6760, Elgin, Moray IV30 1BX

E-mail: development.control@moray.gov.uk



## **APPENDIX 2**

## NOTICE OF REVIEW, GROUNDS FOR REVIEW & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### **NOTICE OF REVIEW**

Under Section 43A(8) Of the Town and County Planning (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (As amended) In Respect of Decisions on Local Developments The Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (SCOTLAND) Regulations 2013 The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (SCOTLAND) Regulations 2013

## **IMPORTANT:** Please read and follow the guidance notes provided when completing this form. Failure to supply all the relevant information could invalidate your notice of review.

#### PLEASE NOTE IT IS FASTER AND SIMPLER TO SUBMIT PLANNING APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY VIA <u>https://www.eplanning.scot</u>

1. Applicant's Details		2. Agent's Details (if any)				
Title Forename Surname	MR MARTIN' LUSTY	Ref No. Forename Surname				
Company Name Building No./Name Address Line 1 Address Line 2 Town/City	71 FINDHORN MOLAY	Company Name Building No./Name Address Line 1 Address Line 2 Town/City				
Postcode Telephone Mobile Fax Email	IV36 34F.	Postcode Telephone Mobile Fax Email				
3. Application Det	tails					
Planning authority's application reference number 1901606/APP.						
Site address						
71 FINDHORN, MORAY, IV36 34F.						
Description of proposed development						
INSTALL DEW REPLANAL PANELS AND EXTERNAL WALK						
OPENINGS,						

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Application for plar	Inning permission in principle	
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Application for app	proval of matters specified in conditions	
5. Reasons for s	seeking review	
Refusal of applicati	tion by appointed officer	Ľ
Failure by appointe of the application	ed officer to determine the application within the period allowed for determination	
Conditions impose	ed on consent by appointed officer	Ż
6. Review proce	edure	
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If there are reasons why you think the Local Review Body would be unable to undertake an unaccompanied site inspection, please explain here:



#### 8. Statement

You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. <u>Note:</u> you may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.

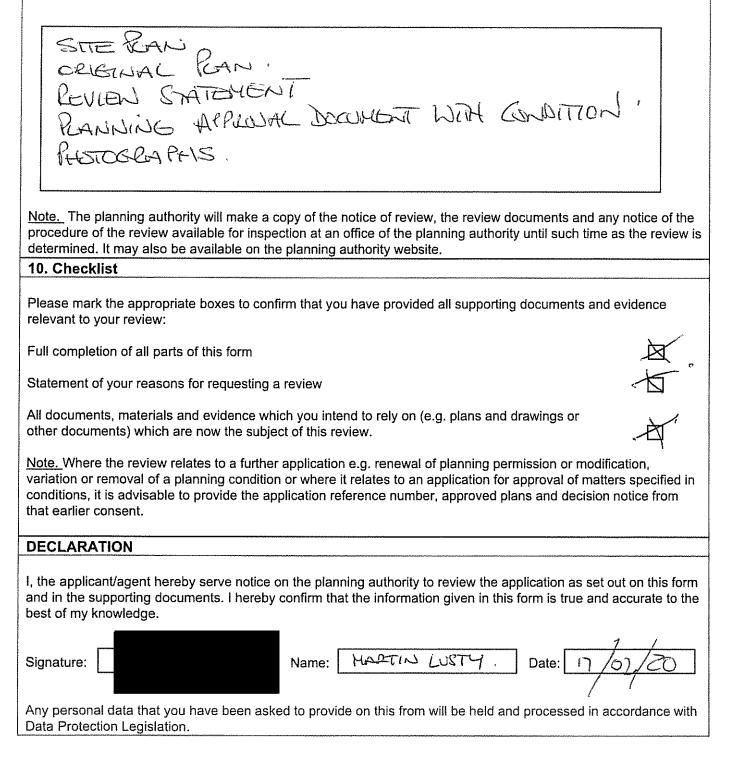
If the Local Review Body issues a notice requesting further information from any other person or body, you will have a period of 14 days in which to comment on any additional matter which has been raised by that person or body.

State here the reasons for your notice of review and all matters you wish to raise. If necessary, this can be continued or provided in full in a separate document. You may also submit additional documentation with this form.

SEE SERAPATE SHEET Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time your application was determined? If yes, please explain below a) why your are raising new material b) why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and c) why you believe it should now be considered with your review.

#### 9. List of Documents and Evidence

Please provide a list of all supporting documents, materials and evidence which you wish to submit with your notice of review



#### 71 FINDHORN MORAY

#### APPELLANT ......MR MARTIN LUSTY

#### <u>REVIEW</u>

#### **INSTALL NEW THERMAL PANELS AND EXTERNAL WALL OPENINGS.**

#### PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 19/01606/APP

#### DATE Thursday, 13 February 2020

**PROPOSAL.** This is a simple planning application to install 2 No solar panels, provide a new rear door to my house add a small window to increase the light into my lounge area. The solar panels are not an issue. The principal of forming a new door and window are also on the face of it, acceptable. However, the reason for seeking a Review is for the planning condition imposed on the consent which states that any glazing has to be obscure glass to level 4. This requirement defeats the object of going to all the costs to get light into the lounge and will actually reduce the light into my kitchen.

**REASONS FOR IMPOSING THE CONDITION.** The planning officer states that reason for imposing the condition is "to avoid overlooking of the adjacent property in the interest of residential amenity".

#### **REASONS TO ALLOW CLEAR GLASS.**

- 1. The planning officer has not taken into consideration any of my rights. I only have a small window in my lounge which makes the room dark and gloomy most of the day. I am a nature lover and like to see the sky and birds during the day.
- 2. The window itself is only 1.14 x 0.76 high. The cill height is set at 1.34 meters. If I am sitting down in my lounge, I cannot see out of the window nor could any of my neighbours see what I am doing if they were to be looking out of their windows across to me.
- 3. The area of Findhorn where I live has a tapered layout with the narrowest space between buildings being at the South West side and the widest distance being to the North East where my house is located. The distance between windows at the narrowest end of the taper is 6 meters whereas at the end where my house is situated it is 9 meters. I have provided a site plan which shows houses in a row numbered 62, 63 and 64. These are tapered and are across from the row of houses comprising of 68, 69, 70 and my own house number 71. From this site plan you can also see that the nearest neighbour is number 62 Findhorn who has a gable wall facing my house but even this is on an angle. It is my opinion that the distance between number 62 Findhorn and my own property number 71 Findhorn is one of the very few in the village with this amount (9 meters) between windows. Most others in this area are far less distance between them.

*Why am I being singled out?* 

#### CONCLUSIONS/SUMMARY.

The character of this Conservation area part of Findhorn is for clusters of small cottages all in close proximity to one another. Living in this area, one expects a degree of closeness with ones neighbours. Given the fact that my door and window are located well in excess of what could be considered the average distance from properties adjacent, the justification for imposing this condition appears harsh. Why would my windows being obscure glass make any real difference to the amenity or character of this conservation area?

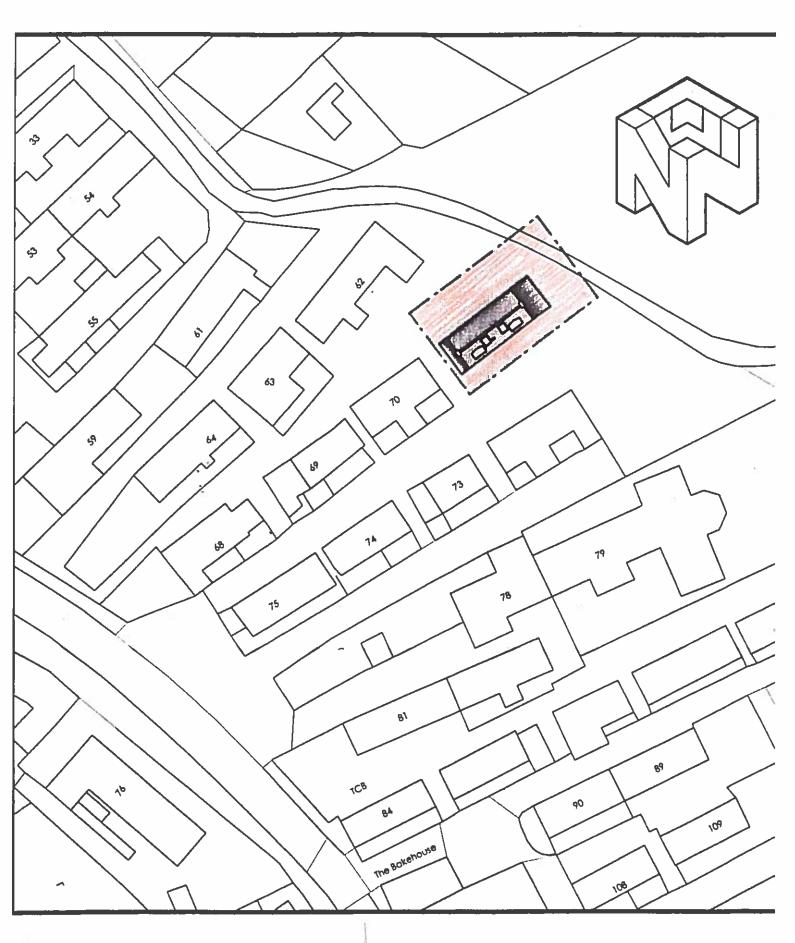
I tried to give consideration to all my neighbours before embarking on this project which was to improve my carbon footprint of my house and also obtain a better quality of life for myself internally with more light coming in. We are all encouraged to go green or use sustainable materials but if you want just a little more light in your lounge, you have to blank this out in the interest of amenity even although this represents the exact character of the area.

With the utmost respect, I have tried to do the right things here. Went through proper channels and paid out lots of money to obtain a better quality of life for myself. Having Grade 4 obscure glazing does not give me what I was seeking and the only dwelling this has any relevance for is 9 meters away and on an angle. Other buildings ar 6 meters or less away window to window (4.5 meters in one instance) but no one complains. Why am I being treated differently?

*Please over turn this unfair condition and grant me normal glazing to be the same as all my other neighbours.* 

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## **LOCATION PLAN 1:500**





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

#### PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

[Forres] Application for Planning Permission

TO Mr Martin Lusty 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF

With reference to your application for planning permission under the abovementioned Act as amended, Moray Council in exercise of its powers hereby **GRANT** planning permission for the following development:-

#### Install new thermal panels and external wall openings at 71 Findhorn Forres Moray IV36 3YF

in accordance with the plan(s) docquetted as relative hereto and the particulars given in the application, and where appropriate, subject to the condition(s) and reason(s) as set out in the attached schedule.

This permission does not carry with it any necessary consent or approval to the proposed development under the building regulations or other statutory enactments and the development should not be commenced until all consents have been obtained.

Date of Notice:

5 February 2020

Head Economic Growth and Development Services Economy, Environment and Finance Moray Council Council Office High Street ELGIN Moray IV30 1BX

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

#### YOU ARE OBLIGED TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS AND NOTES

#### SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

By this Notice the Moray Council has **GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION** for this proposal subject to conditions as appropriate to ensure implementation of the proposal under the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. It is important that these conditions are adhered to and failure to comply may result in enforcement action being taken.

#### CONDITION(S)

Permission is granted subject to the following conditions: -

1 The glazing in both the door and window shall be obscure glazed with glass of obscuration level 4 of the range of glass manufactured by Pilkington plc at the date of this permission or an equivalent manufacturer agreed in writing by this council (as Planning Authority). Glazing of that obscuration level shall be retained in those windows for the lifetime of the development hereby approved.

**Reason:** To avoid overlooking of the adjacent property in the interest of residential amenity.

#### REASON(S) FOR DECISION

The Council's reason(s) for making this decision are:-

The design, scale and materials are considered to be acceptable for the location without creating an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the Conservation area or neighbouring amenity. The application would therefore accord with development plan policies and supplementary planning guidance relating to those matters.

#### LIST OF PLANS AND DRAWINGS SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT

The following plans and drawings form part of the decision:-

Reference Version	Title
190062.LUSTY.03PB D	Elevations and floor plans
190062.LUSTY.04PB A	Site and location plan

#### IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THIS DECISION

#### **DURATION OF THIS PERMISSION**

In accordance with Section 58 (i) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended, the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.

If the development has not commenced within this period then this permission shall lapse unless there is a specific condition attached to this permission which varies the stated timescale.

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The following are statutory requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. Failure to meet their respective terms represents a breach of planning control and may result in formal enforcement action. Copies of the notices referred to below are attached to this permission for your use.

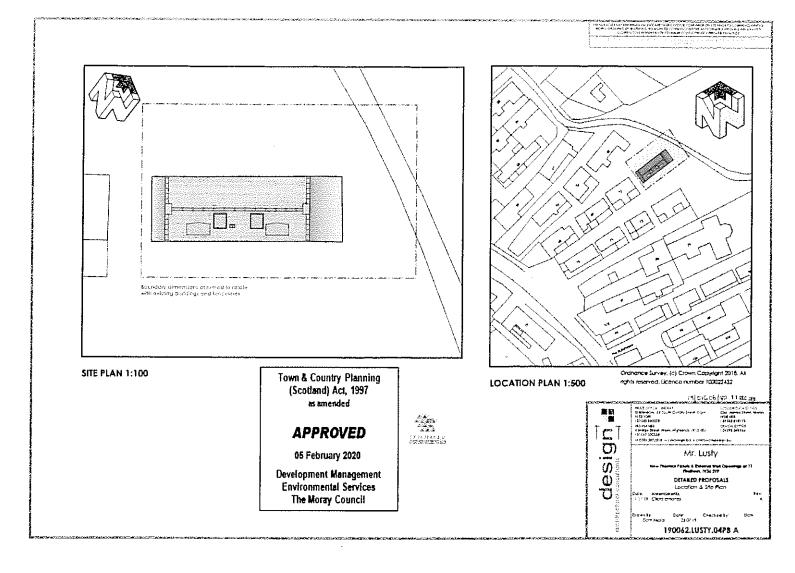
**NOTIFICATION OF INITIATION OF DEVELOPMENT -** S.27A of the 1997 Act, as amended requires that any person who has been granted planning permission (including planning permission in principle) and intends to start development must, as soon as practicable after deciding the date they will start work on the development, give notice to the planning authority of that date. This ensures that the planning authority is aware that the development is underway and can follow up on any suspensive conditions attached to the permission. Therefore, prior to any work commencing on site, the applicant/developer must complete and submit to the Moray Council, as planning authority, the attached Notification of Initiation of Development.

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT -** S.27B of the 1997 Act, as amended requires that any person who completes a development for which planning permission (including planning permission in principle) has been given must, as soon as practicable after doing so, give notice of completion to the planning authority. This will ensure that the planning authority is aware that the development is complete and can follow up any planning conditions. Therefore, on completion of the development or as soon as practicable after doing so, the applicant/developer must complete and submit to the Moray Council, as planning authority the attached Notification of Completion of Development.

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PHASED DEVELOPMENT** – Under S.27B(2) of the 1997 Act, as amended where permission is granted for phased development, the permission is subject to a condition (see Schedule of Conditions above) requiring the applicant/developer as soon as practicable after each phase to give notice of that completion to the planning authority. This will allow the planning authority to be aware that particular phase(s) of the development is/are complete. When the last phase is completed the applicant/developer must also complete and submit a Notification of Completion of Development.

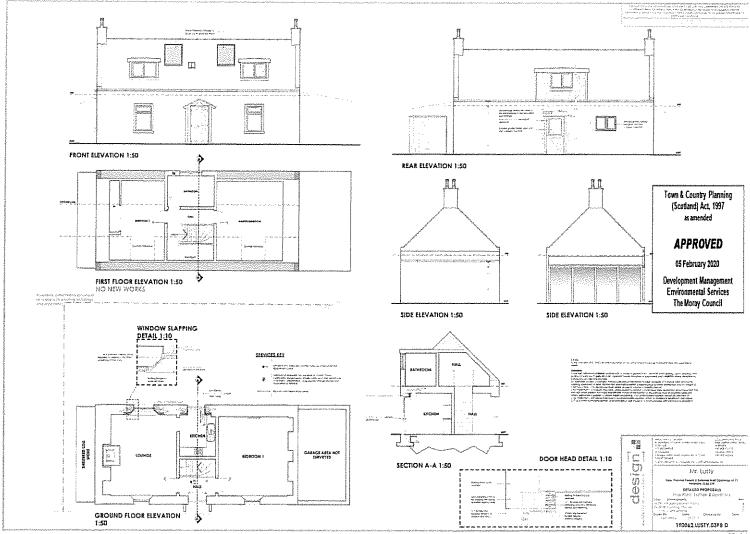
#### ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT

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# **APPENDIX 3**

# FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES

#### Lissa Rowan

From:Lissa RowanSent:07 April 2020 15:38To:Lissa RowanSubject:FW: Notice of Review - Planning Application 19/01606/APP

From:

Sent: 07 April 2020 3:23 PM To: Lissa Rowan Subject: Re: Notice of Review - Planning Application 19/01606/APP

Good afternoon Ms Rowan,

Thank you for the update about this planning application.

As per my original objection, and comments on the appeal, the distance between the two windows would be under 8 metres and would provide considerable overlooking.

Kind Regards,





## **APPENDIX 4**

# APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS

#### Lissa Rowan

From:	Martin Lusty <	>
Sent:	04 June 2020 13:30	
То:	Lissa Rowan	
Subject:	Application for Review of Planning	Application 19

Lissa

Thank you for your email of last week keeping me updated.

Unsurprisingly, the only representation that has been received comes from my neighbour at No 62. As a matter of fact, the distance is about 9m (not 8m as he states) to the recently added extension to no 62. When I arrived in Findhorn 30 years ago the distance would have been considerably greater.

Being at the end of the striplie, there is quite a distance between our houses, and it is now clear that it was his expectation when purchasing No 62 that the land between the front of his house and the back of mine was available for his amenity; however, I do happen to have a back garden, which I use to cultivate organic vegetables .... and he is not interested.

Findhorn is a wee fishing village where the distances between the houses are small. The distance between my house and his is on the top end for Findhorn, and there are many other houses where the distance is *much* smaller (the front of No 61 and the back of No 63 have less than 4m between them), yet there are windows of clear glass overlooking one another. Bearing this in mind, would you not deem that the imposed condition for *frosted glass* is discriminatory?

I am of the opinion that planners use the distance of 4 metres as a guide for windows in relation to boundaries. This being the case, the 8-9 meters between my window and that of my neighbour in No 62 would meet this designation. The character of this area of Findhorn is for closely grouped houses together with very little in the way of privacy but people choose to live in this much sought after village knowing that windows and properties are very close together.

There is at present a planning application (20/00348/APP) to erect a wee fence on my property boundary 0.9m high with a minimal visual impact, to protect my garden from vehicular traffic. I could have the height changed to 1.8m and make it a screen, which would block off his property from sight; however, it would be unsightly and my neighbours would not be happy. Unlike

I feel priveleged living in a place like Findhorn, and being able to enjoy wildlife that I would never in a big city. Quite apart from back windows allowing more light into my kitchen and lounge, frosted glass would not only reduce the amount of light, but would deprive me of the pleasure of being able to see the birds in my garden as well as watching the plants grow day by day. I can only reiterate what I have stated above, that imposing such a condition (ie frosted glass) is not only discriminatory, but that the owner of No 62 should never have chosen to come to a wee village like Findhorn in the first placxe, were privacy such an important issue to him. Kind Regards - Martin Lusty