

## **DECISION NOTICE**

# The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 Detailed Planning Permission

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on behalf of MIDU Ventures Ltd

Aberdeen City Council in exercise of its powers under the above mentioned Act hereby **refuses planning permission** for the development specified below and shown in the plans and drawings listed.

Application Reference Number	231145/DPP
Address of Development	First Floor Left 22 Allan Street Aberdeen AB10 6HD
Description of Development	Change of use of flat to Short Term Let accommodation (sui generis) with maximum occupancy of 4 people
Date of Decision	1 February 2024

**DETAILS OF ANY VARIATION MADE TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION** 

None.

#### REASON FOR DECISION

The reasons on which the Council has based this decision are as follows –

The change of use of the property from a residential flat to short term let accommodation would have a significant adverse impact on the amenity of the occupants of the neighbouring residential flat which shares an access and entrance vestibule. This is because the occupants of the neighbouring flat would have to share the communal entrance and vestibule solely with frequently changing transient guests and cleaners of the short term let accommodation unit, who would be unknown to them. Taking into account the small size of the vestibule and close proximity of the private entrances of each property to each other, this would result in a significant adverse impact on the privacy and sense of security, whether actual or perceived, on the occupants of the neighbouring flat, as well as result in likely general noise disturbance compared to if the application property was in mainstream residential use. The proposal would therefore adversely affect the residential amenity of the surrounding area, contrary to the aims of Policy 14 (Design, Quality and Place) of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), and Policies H1 (Residential Areas), D1 (Quality Placemaking) and D2 (Amenity) of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023.

It is recognised in general terms that the location of this short term let accommodation unit would likely have local economic benefits in that it would provide tourist accommodation which is accessible from the city centre, the amenities and businesses of Holburn and Union Street and it is in a location that is accessible to public transportation. However, the specific circumstances of this site and the proposal are such that it would result in an unacceptable impact on the local amenity of the area to a degree that would significantly outweigh any local economic benefit that would arise from the use of the property as a short term let accommodation unit. The proposal is therefore also contrary to the aims of Policy 30 (Tourism) of NPF4.



A full evaluation and account of the processing of the application is contained in the report of handling, which is available by entering the application reference number at <a href="https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/">https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/</a>.

#### **PLANS AND DRAWINGS**

Location Plan Ground Floor Plan (Proposed) Other Drawing or Plan

Signed on behalf of the planning authority

**Daniel Lewis** 

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**Development Management Manager** 

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS DECISION

#### **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority –

- a) to refuse planning permission;
- b) to refuse approval, consent or agreement required by a condition imposed on a grant of planning permission;
- c) to grant planning permission or any approval, consent or agreement 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. A review request must be made using the 'Notice of Review' form available from https://www.eplanning.scot/.

#### **SERVICE OF PURCHASE NOTICE**

If permission to develop land is refused 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 that would be permitted, the owners 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.