

Comments for Planning Application 180989/DPP

Application Summary

Application Number: 180989/DPP

Address: Unit 1 Stoneywood Park Aberdeen AB21 7DZ

Proposal: Extension of yard area including all associated engineering and landscaping works

Case Officer: Matthew Easton

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ed Arnott

Address: 1 Cedar Avenue Stoneywood Aberdeen

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is essentially a resubmission of application 171180 (which was refused in Jan 2018) and I object to this application on the same grounds which are:

1. Unacceptable effect on residential amenity of nearby properties with respect to noise and visual intrusion;
2. Inappropriate proposed land use in terms of policy NE1 (green space) of the Local Development Plan;
3. Unacceptable loss of mature woodland in terms of policy NE5 (trees and woodland) of the Local Development Plan and
4. There are many vacant larger industrial units within the Dyce and Aberdeen area which would be provide the applicant with their desired level of facility and yard space and it is unnecessary to remove trees from natural woodland to achieve this purpose.

The applicant's proposed removal of this mature woodland, and the visual screening and noise reduction properties it delivers to Cedar Avenue, serves no benefit to the community and only commercial gain to the applicant - removal of mature woodland to be flattened and concreted for the purpose of car parking and/or equipment / container storage. Applicant should be looking at alternative, more suitable properties which are available within the Aberdeen area and present a ready-made solution to their current and future expansion plans.

The concession made by the applicant in comparison to the previously refused application 171180 to increase the southern woodland boundary by 6 metres and plant new trees in the SW area of the plot is a superficial gesture which misses the point. As has been witnessed in other areas of Stoneywood, the removal and/or thinning of mature trees in ground which has been largely untouched for decades has led to ground and root instability of neighbouring trees, resulting in

many more trees requiring to be felled from what was originally planned or consented to. Concerns are raised that a similar outcome would happen if any tree removal from the applicants site was granted. Planting new trees in the SW corner of the plot achieves little in the short and medium term as it will take many years for these trees to mature and this does not alleviate the wider issue of reduced woodland screening along the whole of the Southern boundary with Cedar Avenue.