



Gullane Area Community Council
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Dear Sirs

Planning Application Number 20/00558/P
Erection of 4 flats and associated works - 6D Hall Crescent, Gullane

The Gullane Area Community Council submits the following response to the above application for planning permission. The subjects lie within our community council area.

We have several points to make:-

- a) The site is not designated for housing in the Local Development Plan;
- b) The site is currently classed for health and fitness use, having changed to that use in 2003 from use as a workshop/showroom/office;
- c) We believe that post Covid-19 people will stay more local; more people will work from home either full-time or on a flexible basis, so the need for local amenities is even stronger than it was before;
- d) The application seems speculative. The current use provided important services, amongst other things for recovery from serious injuries and illnesses, and appears to be very well used.
- e) There is already a step change increase in Gullane housing in the pipeline.

With the rapid growth in the scale of Gullane, one of the things it needs to be able to offer is more by way of employment and business related premises. There was consideration of the provision of business premises related to the Fire Station site at the time of the Main Issues Report, but despite representations we made to the Council at that time no provision on that was forthcoming. Changing the class of this site to housing would be an error, regardless of the viability or otherwise of this particular business usage. We urge the Council to reject the application.

Yours faithfully

Tom Drysdale
Chairman
For and on behalf of Gullane Area Community Council

