# DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES BUTE & COWAL AREA OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning No: 11/01281//PP Contact: FARRELL PR

Orid Reference: 217247 - 676476

Dated: 28/07/11

Applicant: Cowal Building and Plumbing Supplies

Proposed Development: Alterations to existing garage to provide flat at upper level and external alterations. Location: 22 Jane Street, Dunoon

Type of Consent: PP

Ref No(s) of Drg(s) submitted: Location & Site Plans and details (6)

RECOM	MENDATION		REFUSE		
Proposals Acceptable Y or N		N	Proposals Acceptable Y or N	Proposals Acceptable Y or N	
l. General			3. New Roads N/A	4. Servicing & Car Parking	
a) General ir	mpact of development	Y	(a) Widths	(a) Drainage	Y
(b) Safety Audit Required		N	(b) Pedestrian Provision	(b) Car Parking Provision	N
(c) Traffic Impact Analysis		N	(c) Layout (Horizontal/ Vertical alignment)	(c) Layout of Parking Bays/ Garages	Y
d) Flooding			(d) Turning Facilities	(d) Servicing Arrangements/	Y
2. Existing R			(Circles/Hammerheads)	Ditveways	4
(a) Type of Connection (Road Junet/Footway Crossing)		Y	(e) Junction Details (Locations/Radii/Sightlines)	5. Signing N/A	
(b) Location(s) of Connection(s)		Y	(f) Provision for PU	(a) Location	
c) Sightlines	s 2.5 x 42 metres	Y		(b) Illumination	
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## INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: 19th September 2011

To: Head of Planning & Regulatory Services Your Ref: 11/01281/PP

From: Jo Rains, Area Environmental Health Manager

**Bute and Cowal** 

Our Ref:

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

PROPOSAL: ALTERATIONS TO GARAGE TO PROVIDE 1 FLATS AT UPPER LEVEL AND

**EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS** 

ADDRESS: 22 JANE STREET, DUNOON, ARGYLL AND BUTE PA23 7HX

**GRID REFERENCE: 217247 676476** 

I refer to the above application received to provide a single dwelling above a garage premises at 22 Jane Street. I have the following comments and observations to make concerning this application.

Any dwellings situated above an industrial premises such as a garage could be subject from nuisance from noise (patrons, vehicle engines, banging and grinding from repair work and machinery) odours (exhaust fumes, chemicals such as solvents and fuels) and to a lesser extent dust and particulates (exhaust fumes, repair work debris) unless appropriate safeguarding conditions are put in place.

It is noted from the supporting information that the garage is to be 'private use' by Cowal Building and Plumbing Supplies which will reduce disturbance from patron noise but it is assumed that the garage is still to be used for the maintenance of vehicles and repairs rather than purely secure storage. It is noted that the applicant has submitted hours of use.

## Noise

The Planning Advice Note 1/2011 is promoting 'a pragmatic approach to the location of new development within the vicinity of existing noise generating uses, to ensure that quality of life is not unreasonably affected'. I am concerned that allowing new construction immediately above an existing industrial premises could not satisfactorily prevent or minimise the consequences of noise as it is unreasonable to restrict the opportunity for natural ventilation through opening windows in a domestic premises.

Odours/fumes



The garage building shows mechanical extraction for ventilation purposes. There is insufficient detail provided as to where the ducting will discharge to the outside air. To prevent the possibility of nuisance from odour and fume the extraction from the garage should discharge above eaves level and, in addition, above any velux window openings.

#### Bad Neighbour Assessment

The introduction of a dwelling above an existing garage has the potential to create a bad neighbour development under LP BAD 2. The commercial activities could affect the amenity of the residents through noise disturbance, odour, waste and general disturbance (vehicle movements, deliveries, car parking etc). The reverse applies where the business may require to amend its current operating arrangements to alleviate these issues, thus potentially affecting the viability of the existing usage.

#### Conclusion

I am of the opinion that the application has the potential to be contrary to the Council's Bad Neighbour Policy, although this will require to be considered by you in your planning considerations. Safe guarding conditions are not able to be applied to the proposed development that would adequately protect domestic occupants of the proposed first floor residential accommodation from potential nuisance from the activities of the existing legitimate usage of the garage premises.

I therefore would object to this application being granted.

I trust that this information may be of some assistance to you. Should you require anything further, however, please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Jo Rains Environmental Health Manager - East Bute and Cowal

