

CDS Planning Local Review Body

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Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
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(Scotland) Regulations 2013
Application Ref: 23/01529/FLL – Change of use of flat to form a short-term let
accommodation unit (in retrospect), 75 Muirton Place, Perth, PH1 5DL

We have read the application for a review of the decision taken in relation to the above - a planning refusal for a short term let at 75 Muirton Place Perth PH1 5DL.

We stand by the decision of PKC Planning in their refusal.

We have previously submitted our objection on 21st October 2023, and we understand that the review body will consider this in their decision making process.

Our response to the applicants appeal is this.

1) Our community of Muirton, within which the Air BnB is located, is an area of deprivation, and we do not see any evidence that the applicant is contributing to a fragile economy. We feel it is inappropriate that one individual is making substantial profit with no evidence that they are contributing to the local economy, as a longer term let or owner would through taxes, spending and working locally.

2) Housing in the area of Muirton is still relatively affordable, something which is increasingly rare in Perth city. This housing stock should not be removed for the profit-making of an individual whom we understand from information at Companies House has other income streams.

3) The presence of the short term let has been disruptive due to the arrangement of this particular street, and has the potential to cause even greater disruption when the other properties in the block of four are vacated.

4) The applicant has not contributed to this community in any way. We are unclear as to why they have included this in their letter of appeal when the behaviour of the applicant and her husband has been the cause of alarm in several neighbours, which has been brought to our attention over the past year.

We are now in a situation where a property in our area has been operating a business with no planning permission in place for over 16 months. We believe this is unacceptable for the protection and safety of neighbours, and we hope a resolution is reached soon.