



DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration

1 DESCRIPTION

Change of use from general industry (class 5) to gymnastics club (class 11) at unit 14F Blackburn Road, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 2EY.

2 DETAILS

Reference no.	0520/FUL/22	Owner of site	Spring Distribution
Applicant	Gymtastic Broxburn Limited	Ward & local members	Whitburn and Blackburn Councillor Jim Dickson Councillor Mary Dickson Councillor George Paul Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan
Case officer	Kirsty Hope	Contact details	01506 282 413 kirsty.hope@westlothian.gov.uk

Reason for referral to Development Management Committee: Referred by Councillor Mary Dickson

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Refuse planning permission

4 DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL AND BACKGROUND

4.1 Planning permission is sought for the change of use from a general industry unit (class 5) to a gymnastics club (class 11). The application site is located within part of a large allocated employment area on south side of Bathgate which also covers the wider Whitehill and Easter Inch industrial estates, as defined in the adopted local development plan and is within the Bathgate settlement boundary.

4.2 The submitted plans indicate that the existing unit has a large workshop floor, with two offices and a utility room with toilet facilities. Whilst the proposed floor plans show a large gymnasium, a single office and a utility room with toilet facilities. No changes are proposed to the exterior of the building.

History

4.5 None in relation to unit number 14F.

- 4.6 Unit number 14C application reference LIVE/0166/FUL/17 - Change of use from warehouse to play centre (class 11) and cafe (class 3) obtained planning permission on 17 May 2017. This unit faces directly onto Blackburn Road and is separated by barriers from the industrial units and also has a separate parking area.

EIA Development

- 4.7 The proposal is not EIA development as it does not fall within Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations).

Equalities Impact

- 4.8 The application has been assessed and has no impact in terms of equalities or human rights.

5. REPRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Seventy-eight letters with material comments in support have been received (16 more in support have no comments).
- 5.2 A summary of representations is located in the table below.

Comments	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote, encourage and improve mental and physical health/fitness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much needed facility and good opportunity for the local area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed by the local community and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great use for industrial unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. See further assessment below
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing club (350 members) needs a permanent location as other venue is closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children support the facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In recent covid pandemic this facility is even more important to the community than before 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal wouldn't impact on wider environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. See further assessment below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good security for the wider area in the evenings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very few clubs offer gymnastic with the use of this equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already a nearby sports facility nearby setting a precedent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Site history notes above.

Comments	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate parking facilities and central location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Roads & Transportation have raised concerns.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities with collaboration with local schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. This is not a material planning consideration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking problems at the existing site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. This is not a material planning consideration.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 This is a summary of the consultations received. The full documents are contained in the application file.

Consultee	Objection?	Comments	Planning Response
WLC Town Centre Manager	No	Attach condition in relation to waste storage and collection. Parking spaces should be clearly painted for the sole use of this premises if Roads accept this. Advert consent may be required separately. Applicants statutory responsibility to ensure that all relevant consents and certificates are in place prior to starting any site work or future occupation.	Noted. Conditions and advisories shall be attached, if consented. See Roads comments below.
WLC Roads & Transportation	Yes	Concerns raised on pedestrian safety as no marked route from Blackburn Road and inadequate parking. The use requires 23 spaces and only 10 are provided.	Noted.
WLC Environmental Health	No	Attach condition in relation to hours of construction.	Noted. A condition shall be attached, if consented.

7. PLANNING POLICY

7.1 Section 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requires planning applications to be determined in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

7.2 The development plan comprises the Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland (SESplan) and the West Lothian Local Development Plan

7.3 The relevant development plan policies are listed below:

Plan and Policy	Policy Summary	Assessment	Conform?
West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) (2018) DES1 - Design Principles	All development proposals will require to take account of and be integrated with the local context and built form.	The use of a leisure facility (class 11) predominately for children next to the industrial uses on either side of this unit is not appropriate. The development therefore does not integrate well with the surrounding context.	No
LDP Policy EMP 1 - Safeguarding and Developing Existing Employment Land	Development not Use Class 4,5 or 6 will need to meet (e-j) criteria exemptions.	The proposal does not meet all the criteria exemptions. See further assessment in Section 8 below.	No
LDP TCR 2 - Town Centre First Sequential Approach	Sequential approach to where retail uses should be considered before out of Town Centre locations.	Insufficient information from the application to demonstrate consideration of all other sequentially preferable properties/sites.	No

Guidance

Planning Guidance - *Non-employment Uses Within Employment Areas*

8. ASSESSMENT

8.1 The determining issues in respect of this application are listed below:

Principle of development

8.2 Planning permission is sought for the change of use from a general industry unit (class 5) to a gymnastics club (class 11). The application site is located within a large industrial building that has been split into various units internally and is within an established industrial area.

8.3 Policy EMP 1 (Safeguarding and Developing Existing Employment Land) with the LDP advises that proposals for non-business/non-industrial uses on employment land will

only be supported in circumstances where several criteria can be satisfied. The relevant criteria are listed below.

- 8.4 Policy EMP 1 criteria (e) states that there should be no shortfall in the overall supply of employment land. There is an adequate supply of employment land in this area that would remain and this proposal would not adversely affect this.
- 8.5 Policy EMP1, criteria (f) states that it must be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is no reasonable or realistic demand for the retention of the existing premises or sites for use classes 4, 5 and 6. Prospective developers will be required to evidence their attempts to secure a continued employment-generating use and in particular that they have actively marketed the premises or site over a sustained period. This has not been sufficiently evidenced by the applicant. It is noted by the applicant that the unit was used on a temporary basis earlier this year.
- 8.6 Policy EMP1, criteria (g) advises that the proposal should not restrict the range of uses which can lawfully be carried out by businesses and industry on nearby sites. There would be a detrimental impact on the existing uses adjacent which are currently commercial uses such as a vehicular MOT station, motorcycle testing and proficiency unit as well as a 24hour recovery (HGV) business that operates from the rear of the site. The proposal could adversely affect the operations of adjoining commercial uses by attendees crossing to/from the parking area and being in conflict with the industrial traffic using the same access. Transportation has raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety. The lack of parking could also result in use of other business' parking by customers, giving rise to parking congestion and conflict.
- 8.7 Criteria (h) advised that the development of the site would not serve to fragment a larger industrial area or disrupt links between industrial users in that area; The proposal would fragment the commercial use within the whole building by proposing a different use class from 4,5 and 6.
- 8.8 Criteria (i) states that the proposal would have no unacceptable traffic, amenity or environmental impact and the site is accessible, or can be made accessible by public transport and footway connections to the surrounding area. The proposal would have inadequate parking provision and there is concerns in regards to pedestrian safety to and from the parking area as well as from Blackburn Road, particularly given that this site would be attended by young children.
- 8.9 Criteria (j) notes that the proposal would need to comply with the other policies in the development plan, in particular, for residential development, Policy HOU 3 Infill/Windfall Housing Development within Settlements, and for retail, leisure and other developments appropriate to town centres, with Policy TCR 2 (Town Centres First Sequential Approach). The proposal would not meet Policy TCR 2 (Town Centres First Sequential Approach) as the applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated that all appropriate alternative locations have been considered within the district. The submitted information also does not satisfactorily demonstrate that there is no reasonable or realistic demand for the retention of the existing premises or sites for use classes 4, 5 and 6.
- 8.10 Policy TCR 2 (Town Centres First Sequential Approach) of the LDP also applies. It has not been satisfactorily demonstrated that the proposal has been considered against the sequential approach. Whilst it is noted several other properties were mentioned in the

supporting statement, this information is insufficient to demonstrate consideration of all other sequentially preferable properties/sites.

- 8.11 Policy DES 1 (Design Principles) requires that all development proposals take account of and be integrated with the local context and built form. The proposed use is not appropriate at this side entrance location within the industrial unit. The uses either side of the unit are high traffic generating with motorcycles and large transport vehicles. Concerns have been raised on the grounds of insufficient parking from WLC Roads & Transportation. The development at this location would adversely impact on the existing industrial uses and the surrounding area.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 The proposal does not comply with policy DES1 (Design Principles), Policy EMP 1 (Safeguarding and Developing Existing Employment Land) and TCR 2 (Town Centres First Sequential Approach) within the West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 nor the planning guidance: Non-employment Uses Within Employment Areas.
- 9.2 It is therefore recommended that planning permission be refused.

9. BACKGROUND REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

- Draft reasons for refusal
- Location Plan
- Existing and Proposed Floor Plans
- Sample of Support Letters
- Local Member Referral Form

Plans and site photos are available in the accompanying slide presentation pack.

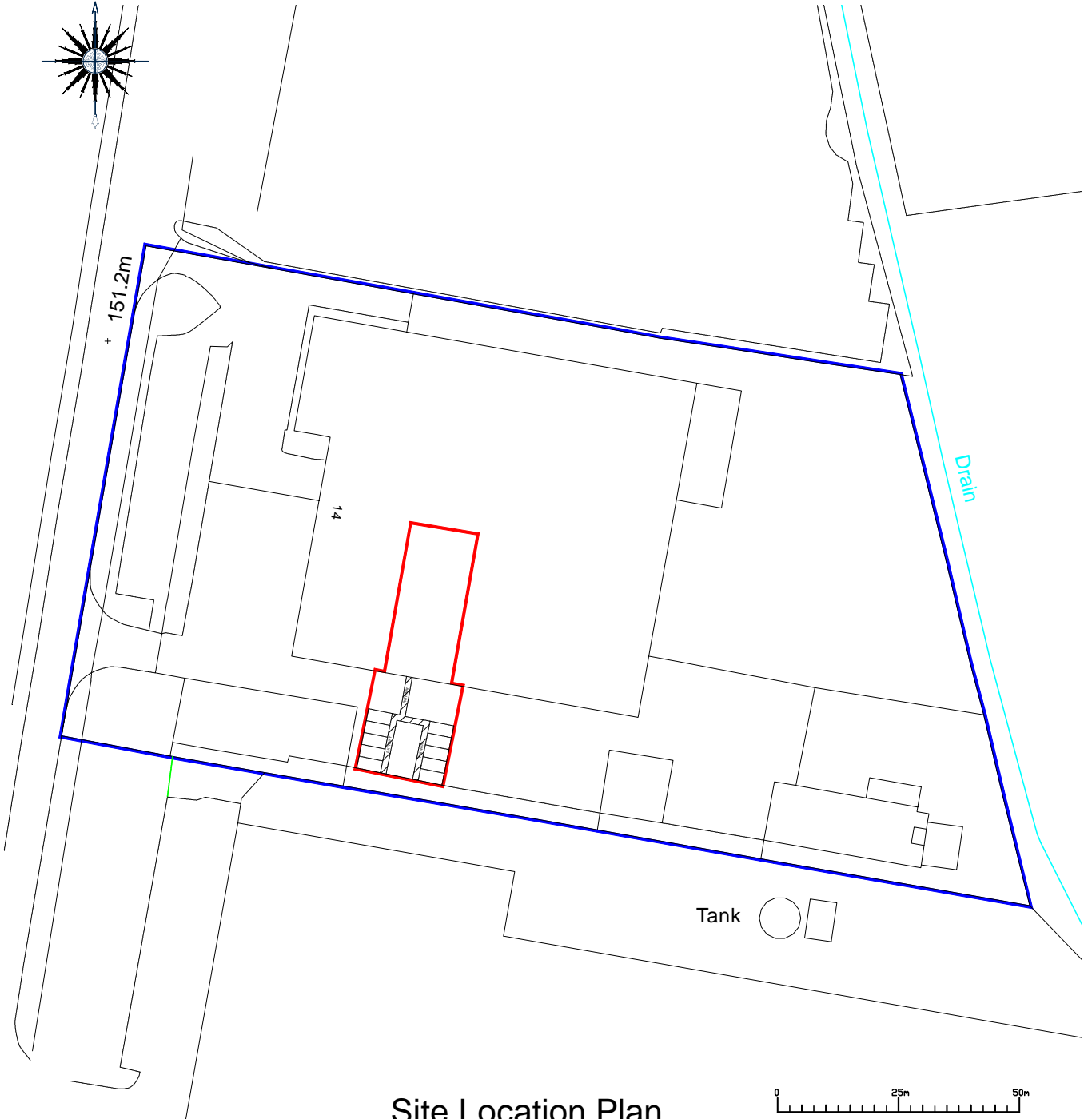
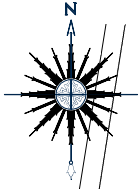
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Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration Date: 14 September 2022

DRAFT REASONS FOR REFUSAL – APPLICATION 0520/FUL/22

Reasons for refusal

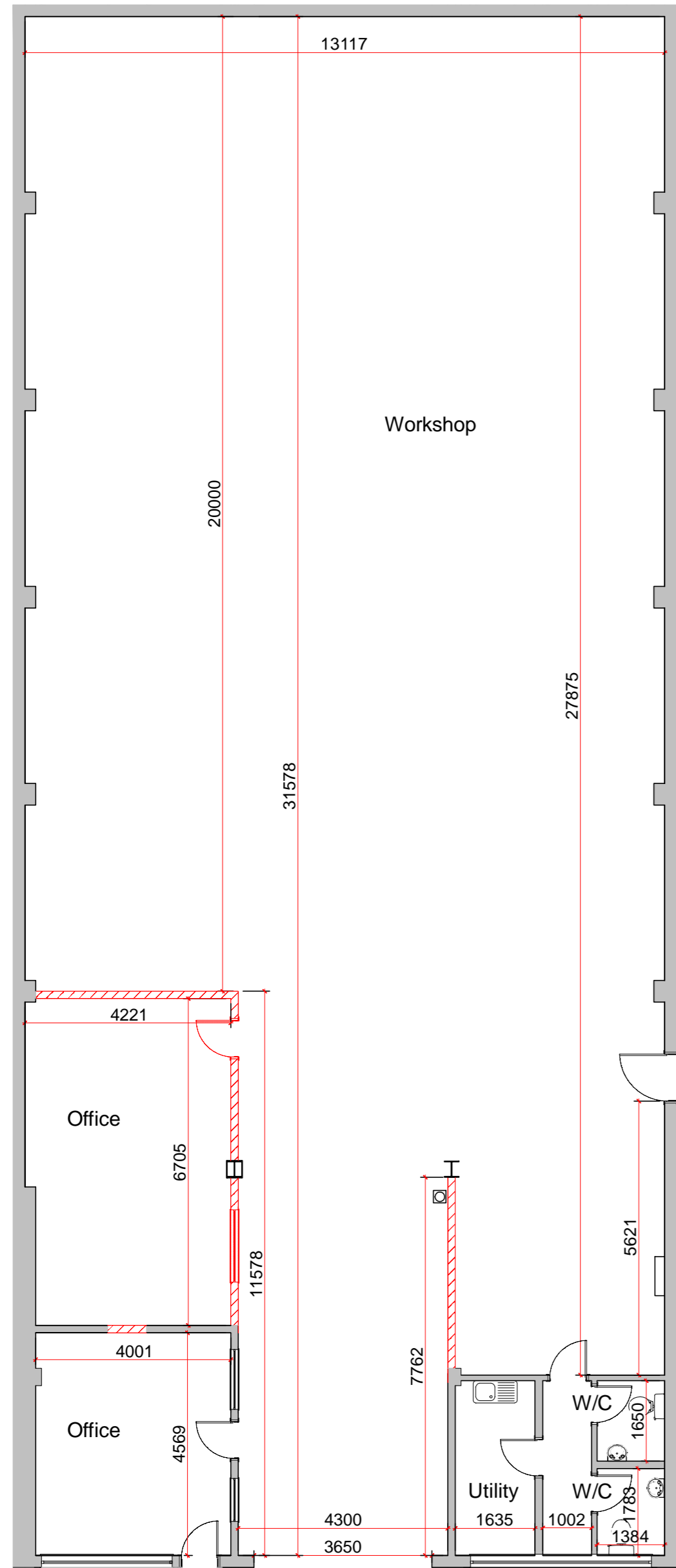
1. The site is within an employment area where the use of land and premises for classes 4, 5 and 6 use are supported. It has not been demonstrated there is no demand for the retention of the premises for class 4, 5 and 6 use. Further, the nature of the proposed class 11 use is such it could adversely affect the operations of adjoining commercial uses and it would fragment commercial uses within the whole building. In addition, the proposed class 11 use would adversely impact upon road safety given its position within the whole building and lack of footway provision and insufficient parking. It has also not been demonstrated there is no sequentially preferable location for the proposed class 11 use. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies EMP 1 - (Safeguarding and Developing Existing Employment Land) and TCR2 (Town Centres First Sequential Approach) of the West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 and the council's planning guidance *Non-employment Uses Within Employment Areas*
2. The proposed use would not integrate well with the surrounding industrial uses and there is insufficient parking provision and lack of marked routes for pedestrians from Blackburn Road which would lead to unacceptable impacts on road and pedestrian safety. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy DES 1 (Design Principles) of the West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.



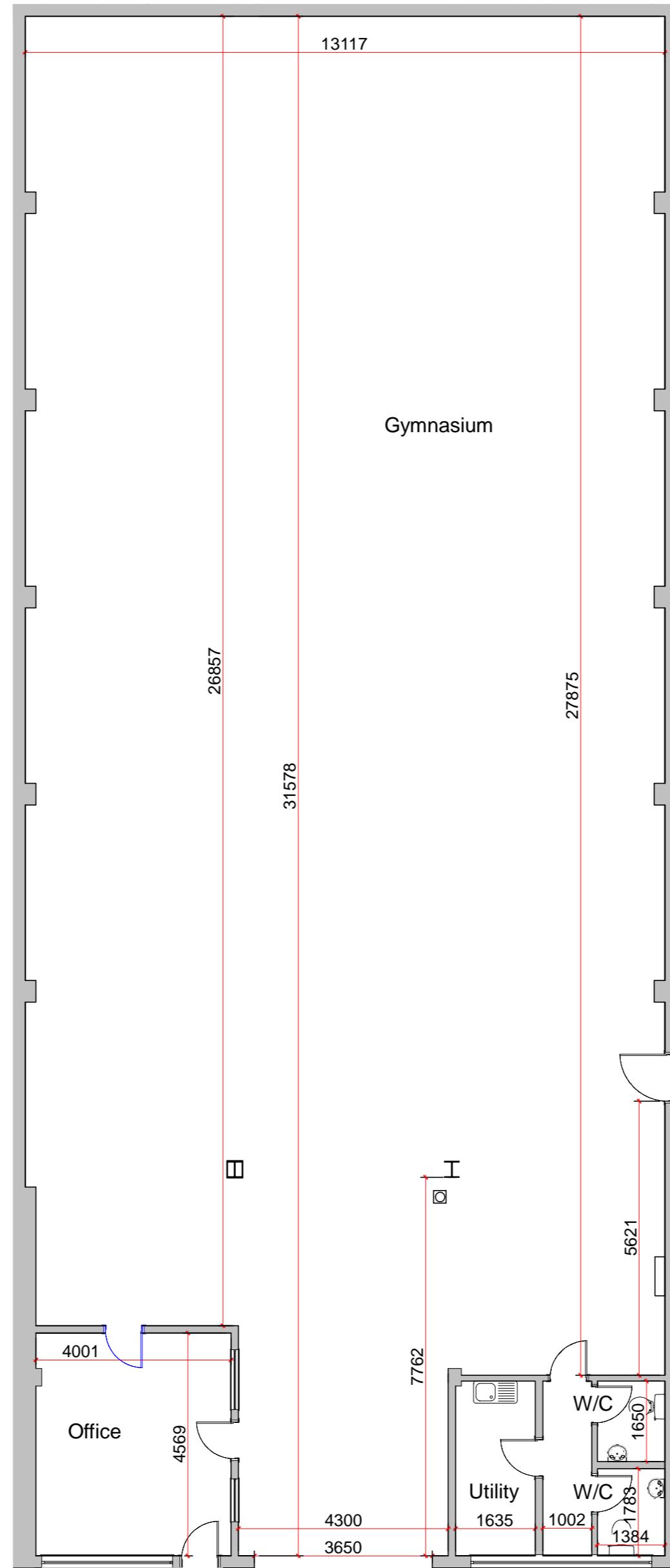
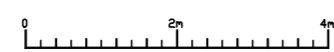
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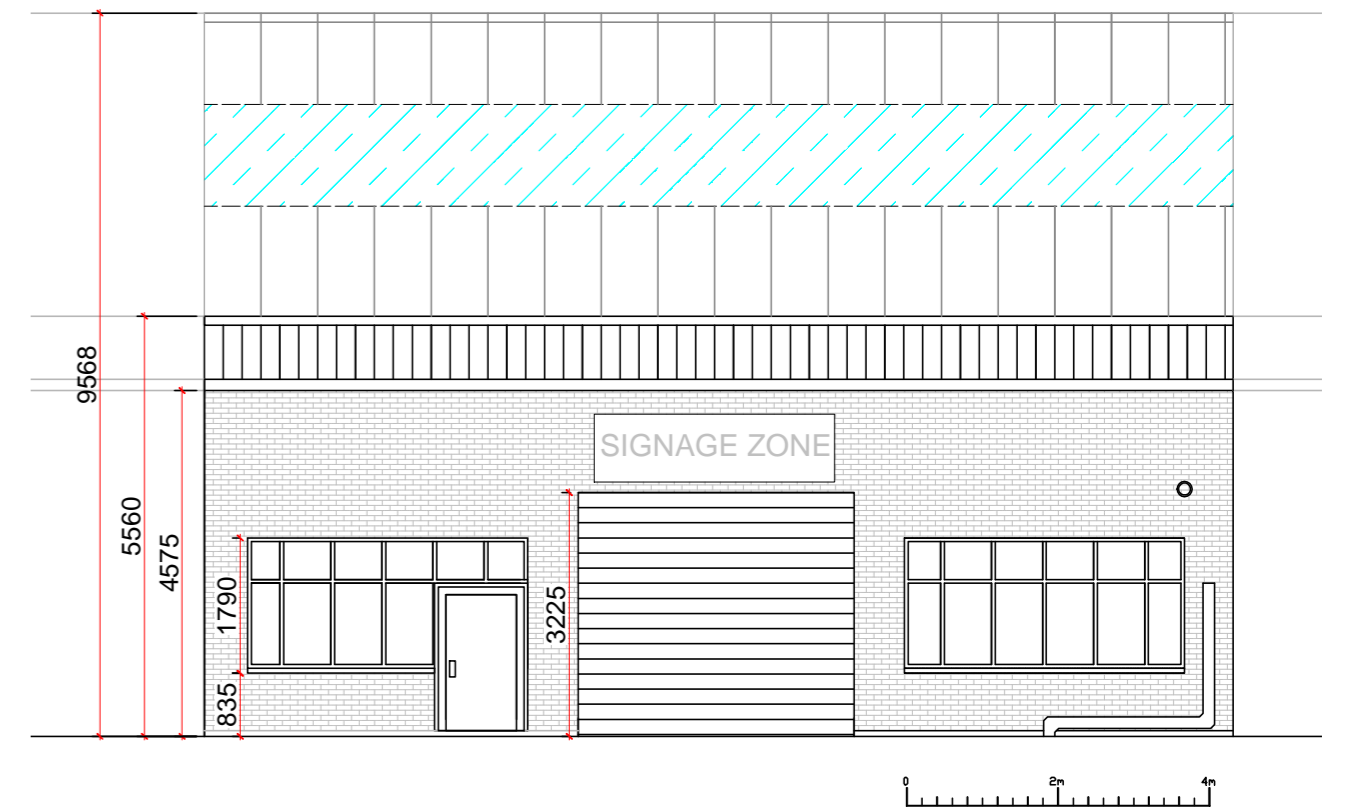
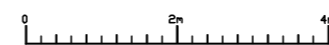
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PROJECT ADDRESS: 14F Blackburn Road Bathgate EH28 2EY			
DRAWING TITLE: SITE LOCATION PLAN			
We hereby certify that this is the plan referred to in the foregoing application for Local Authority consent LA REF - N/A Drawing remains property of DM Hall LLP			
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Existing Plan at Scale 1:100



Proposed Plan at Scale 1:100



Existing Elevation at Scale 1:100



Site Layout at Scale 1:500

CHANGE OF USE

Change of use from Class 5 to Class 11 (gymnasium).

Minor internal alterations to office space to increase gym area.

Signage to be as shown.

Site to include 10 dedicated parking spaces immediately opposite unit door. Metal finish fencing at a height of no more than 1100mm to be erected around south, east and west of parking area. Pathways around parking area and to main door to be marking on site where shown.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stewart McIntosh

Address: 184/1 Main Street Newmills KY128SY

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this change of use greatly as I feel that it is vital to widely promote fun, health, and well-being for children and young people. These gymnastics classes have a place for everyone and would offer a new way for local children and young people to get into a sport and recreation.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Miss Heather McIntosh

Address: Flat 8 7B Loaning Road Craigentenny EH7 6FL

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: A gymnastics centre would be a great addition to the area and the families living there. Promotes healthy exercise and a chance for children to learn another sport out with school classes.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Dr Gwenne McIntosh

Address: 49B New Street Musselburgh EH21 6BX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Being a parent of three children, all of whom joined a out of school gymnastic club, I would fully support this application.

Gymnastics is an inclusive sport, instilling core values of health wellbeing, physical activity and achievement. This sport has grown these values in all three of my children who made new connections and developed new skills from their time in the sport.

A club like this also encourages inclusion, making gymnastics accessible to children from a young age in a safe supportive environment. A club like this will help young people and families expand their social networks and sense of community.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emily Sinclair

Address: 31 Badger Walk Badger Walk Broxburn EH52 5TW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am in full support of this proposal. Gymnastics is a very valuable club for the young people of West Lothian. It provides a safe space for the gymnasts to develop skills, confidence and fitness. It provided a superb service to the local community and clubs like these should be fully supported and valued for the opportunities and enrichment they provide for the young people in our communities.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Jocelyn Dunn

Address: 98 Pumpherston Road Uphall Station Eh54 5pj

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:A much need club for children of all ages. My daughter has been a member of the club for years and it has been an excellent source of fitness and discipline and she absolutely loves the classes.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mr alex robertson

Address: 14 Strathesk Road Penicuik Eh268eg

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have been involved in gymnastics for 25 years as a parent, coach, judge. I have seen the development of children through their love of gymnastics both for co-ordination and confidence.

This facility would be a great asset to the area

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Sandra Middleton

Address: 78 Ellens Glen Loan Edinburgh EH17 7QN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support the development of this space into a gymnastics club. Gymtastic.

Young people from the community will benefit both physically and socially from being involved in a club that offers an inclusive sport promoting health and personal development. As a grandma of a young person who has been involved in gymnastics since a young child, I've seen firsthand how this sport can help a young person develop both physically and socially.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ronnie Middleton

Address: 78 Ellens Glen Loan Edinburgh EH17 7QN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support the application by Gymtastic gymnastics club for a change of use.

My grandson has been involved in gymnastics since he was a young child and I have watched how this sport has helped him and others to keep fit and develop socially. Hopefully this club will benefit young people in the area in the same way.

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Customer Details

Name: Gordon McIntosh

Address: 49b New Street Musselburgh EH21 6BX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wholly support the application for a gymnastics club. Apart from being a father of three children who have all benefited from taking part in gymnastics, I work in Early Years Education and have had so many parents whose children are members of gymnastics clubs, which is a great and fun way for children to benefit from healthy activity and improve on their social skills. This new gymnasium can only bring benefit to the local area.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Clare Murray

Address: 50 Newmains Road Kirkliston Edinburgh EH29 9AW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This change of use will be great for the community, promote childhood exercise, encourage children to participate in gymnastics and support Scottish Gymnastics. Purpose built gymnastics facilities are lacking and this will be a great addition to the community. A great application that has nothing other than positive benefits to it.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Joanne Young

Address: 2 Church Grove Winchburgh Broxburn EH52 6FL

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a much needed facility for a huge number of children. Activities such as this have been disrupted so much during Covid and our children desperately need exercise and activity for their physical and mental health.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Orla Murray

Address: 17 Miller Street Winchburgh Broxburn EH52 6WP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support the change of use of this venue to accommodate the Gymnastics company. My daughter attends this group weekly and I can't speak highly enough about how much her confidence has grown over her time spent here. Since covid impacted her little life she struggled to socialise once things opened up again and this group has given her the confidence and self-belief that she was lacking.

Neil has such a kind and caring nature and is an asset to the lives of the children he works with. He will also be an asset to the children of Bathgate who wish to take part in a gymnastics class.

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Customer Details

Name: Dr Malcolm Murray

Address: 17 Miller Street Winchburgh EH52 6WP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I very much support this. Our daughter has very much enjoyed gymnastics in Broxburn which has now sadly had to close. There do seem to be a shortage of suitable venues and this would be a fantastic addition to Bathgate and West Lothian as a whole. It is also very important for the physical and mental well-being of our children to have such options available and so this can only be a positive change. Very much hoping the change of use goes ahead and if so we will be sending our children here for gymnastics.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Vicki Murphy

Address: 81 Pikes Pool Drive Kirkliston EH29 9GH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Gymtastics is a fantastic gymnastics club for children and would be a most welcome addition to any community.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Miss Karen Black

Address: 109 Fergusson road Broxburn Eh52 5bj

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

I Fully support the change of use of the facilities.

This would be a great use for the area to have a local gymnastics group, children of all ages in the community will benefit from a club to attend that promotes exercise and achievement.

Neil and all the team at Gymtastics have given my daughter great support attending their classes in the last 4 years and I can't recommend them highly enough. They would be an absolute asset to have as part of the local community.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mr Danny Burns

Address: 18 Shore Road South Queensferry Edinburgh EH30 9SG

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I Fully support the change of use of the facilities.

This would be a great use for the area to have a local gymnastics group, children of all ages in the community will benefit from a club to attend that promotes exercise and achievement.

They would be a welcome addition to any local community.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jenny Nicolson

Address: 28 Millcraig Place Winchburgh Eh52 6wh

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This would be a fantastic, and well used, facility! I feel it would be a really valuable change of use!

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Clair Howison

Address: Svenskbo Linlithgow EH49 6BQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This planning application should be whole heartedly supported to allow this business to continue to offer such positive engagement with the youth of West Lothian. Fitness, flexibility, discipline, structure, community are wonderful values for a business to provide our young people with.

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Application Summary

Application Number: 0520/FUL/22

Address: 14F Blackburn Road Bathgate West Lothian EH48 2EY

Proposal: Change of use from general industry (class 5) to gymnastics club (class 11)

Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emma Pattison

Address: 22 Scotstoun Park South Queensferry EH30 9PQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support this application. Due to unforeseen circumstances the gymnastics club were forced to leave their venue in Broxburn, potentially leaving hundreds of children without the opportunity to continue their coaching.

The ability for children and young people to have the opportunity to exercise and follow a passion cannot be monetised and, at a time when the Scottish Government promotes health and well-being through their national outcomes it is so important that groups such as Gymtastic have a permanent venue.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Janine Mulcahy

Address: 120 Wyndford avenue Uphall EH526DP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Fully support this venture it will be brilliant for the kids who have a love for gymnastics , my kids would be devastated if they could not continue with their classes as they really love the classes

provided by the Gymtastic team

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Lynsey Petrie

Address: 36 Lang Drive Bathgate EH48 2JZ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Gymtastic is a fantastic place for children to keep fit and learn new skills. This is a perfect central location for the West Lothian community.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Miss Louise Kennedy

Address: 42 west holmes place Broxburn Eh52 5nj

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I write in support of the planning application 0520/FUL/22 to change the building use from class 5 to class 11. The gymnastics classes that will be provided in the building will be a huge benefit to the community. It is my opinion that the importance and benefit of the classes to local children far outweigh any adverse effect that the building use class may have on the surrounding area.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Stephanie Cunneen

Address: 9 Glendevon Farm Place Winchburgh West Lothian EH52 6WS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This facility will be a massive asset to the community. Offering excellent gymnastics facilities encouraging children to exercise. I fully support the application

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Sheena Dunn

Address: 9a Rosebery Crescent Edinburgh EH125JP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Anything that encourages children to exercise is a good thing, helping both their health and well-being.

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Case Officer: Kirsty Hope

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jocelyn Hunter

Address: 80 Loaninghill Road Uphall EH525SU

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This would be a fantastic opportunity to have a local gymnastics club.

PROPOSED DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS

☒ LOCAL MEMBER REFERRAL REQUEST ☒

In accordance with standing orders members wishing a planning application to be heard at the Development Management Committee have to either represent the ward in which the application site is located or be chair of Development Management Committee and complete and return this form to Development Management within 7 days and by 12 Noon.

The planning application details are available for inspection within the Planning & Building Standards web site by clicking on the link below.
<https://planning.westlothian.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

<p><u>Application Details</u></p> <p>Application Reference Number 0520/FUL/22.....</p> <p>Site Address 14F Blackburn Road, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 2EY (Grid Ref: 298521,666772)</p> <p>Title of Application Change of use from general industry (class 5) to gymnastics club (class 11) </p> <p>Member's Name Cllr ...Mary Dickson</p> <p>Date 01/08/22.....</p>	<p><u>Reason For Referral Request</u> (please tick ✓)</p> <p>Applicant Request..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>✓ Constituent Request..... ✓... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify)..... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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