

Development Management Sub Committee

Wednesday 13 April 2016

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Item number	4.8
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Wards	A06 - Corstorphine/Murrayfield

Summary

The proposal will have an acceptable impact on the amenity of the location and on public safety. The proposal accords with Regulation 4 (1) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (as amended), taking account of the Council's guidance on Advertisements, Sponsorship and City Dressing. A grant of express consent is recommended. There are no material considerations which outweigh this conclusion as advertisement control shall be exercisable only in the interests of amenity and public safety.

Links

[Policies and guidance for this application](#) LPC, CITD1, NSG, NSADSP,

Report

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Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that this application be Granted subject to the details below.

Background

2.1 Site description

The application site is located upon a roadside grass verge at Saughton Road North south of the railway bridge and north of Broomfield Crescent and Carrick Knowe Road. The grass verge is at a higher level than the road.

The area comprises a mix of uses including commercial, residential and a parade of shops to the north.

The site currently has an existing overhead illuminated 96 sheet advertisement hoarding which is a metal and wooden structure where a paper poster is fixed.

2.2 Site History

There is no relevant planning history for this site.

Main report

3.1 Description Of The Proposal

The application is for a replacement advertisement. It would be internally illuminated LED 48 sheet digital advertisement hoarding in landscape format. It is single sided and faces north west.

The proposed hoarding measures 6.5 metres wide by 3.4 metres high and will be located on a plinth 2.9 metres above ground level which gives a total height of 6.3 metres.

It is proposed that the images are static, with a frequency of change of 10 seconds and that there shall be no animation or movement of images.

The existing advertisement installation measures approximately 6.5 metres high by 12.5 metres wide.

3.2 Determining Issues

Do the proposals affect the amenity of the locality? In the determination of the suitability of the site for the display of advertisements, the Planning Authority shall have regard to the general characteristics of the locality including the presence of any feature of historical, architectural, cultural or similar interest. The authority may disregard any advertisements displayed in the locality.

Do the proposals affect public safety? The Planning Authority shall in particular consider whether any such display is likely to obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any road traffic sign, railway signal, or aid to navigation by water or air.

3.3 Assessment

To address these determining issues, the Committee needs to consider whether:

- a) the proposal has an acceptable impact on amenity;
- b) the proposal would compromise public safety;
- c) the proposal would have any equalities or human rights impacts; and
- d) public comments have been addressed.

a) Amenity

The proposal is next to a railway opposite lock up garages and near to a car dealership. There are no features of historic, architectural, cultural or similar interest in the immediate area. There are flats nearby. The proposal would replace an existing larger advertisement and in this regard would improve the amenity of the area.

The proposal is in accordance with the Council's guidance on Advertisements, Sponsorship and City Dressing.

To ensure the impacts on amenity at night time are acceptable, a condition is recommended to control light levels from the advertisement.

The proposal will have acceptable impact on the amenity of the location, in accordance with Regulation 4 (1) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (as amended).

b) Road and Public Safety

The advertisement would not obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any road traffic sign, railway signal, or aid to navigation by water or air.

Subject to the images being static only, the advertisement would be acceptable with regard to public safety. A condition is recommended in this regard.

The frequency of change of any images is not a matter that can be controlled under the Advertisement Regulations. With respect to road safety, more appropriate controls exist under section 93 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (as amended).

The proposal will have an acceptable impact on public safety, in accordance with Regulation 4 (1) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (as amended).

c) Human Rights and Equalities

This application was assessed in terms of potential impacts on human rights and equalities. There were no impacts found on human rights and equalities.

d) Public Comments

No representations have been received.

Conclusion

The proposal will have an acceptable impact on the amenity of the location and on public safety. The proposal accords with Regulation 4 (1) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (as amended), taking account of the Council's guidance on Advertisements, Sponsorship and City Dressing.

A grant of express consent is recommended.

There are no material considerations which outweigh this conclusion as advertisement control shall be exercisable only in the interests of amenity and public safety.

It is recommended that this application be Granted subject to the details below.

3.4 Conditions/reasons/informatives

Conditions:-

1. Consent is granted for a period of five years from the date of consent.
2. The intensity of illumination of the advertisement display shall be restricted to 75 candelas per square metre during night time hours, these hours being 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise each day.
3. Advertisements shall be static images only.

Reasons:-

1. In order to accord with the statutory requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts.
2. In order to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residents and other occupiers.
3. In order to safeguard the interests of road safety.

Informatives

It should be noted that:

1. This consent is for advertisement consent only. Work must not begin until other necessary consents, eg listed building consent, planning permission have been obtained.
2. A maximum change rate of one static advert every 15 seconds will be permitted at this location (i.e. 4 adverts a minute).
3. Adverts must not contain moving images or sequencing of images over more than one advert.
4. Phone numbers, web addresses details etc should be avoided.
5. Adverts should not resemble existing traffic signs or provide directional advice.
6. Day time levels of luminance may need to be higher, this should be controlled by light sensors to measure the ambient brightness and dimmers to control the lighting output is within acceptable limits.
7. It is recommended that the speed of change of image should be set to be in effect instantaneous.
8. The City of Edinburgh Council acting as Roads Authority reserves the right under Section 93 of The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to disconnect and disable the sign, or take any other steps, required to ensure that any display on the sign which constitutes a danger to road users is removed or screened,. The Council will recover their costs for undertaking such action and the applicant should note that the display of any moving images (ref Note 4 above) is likely to result in immediate action under Section 93.
9. The proposed site is on or adjacent to the Edinburgh Tram which is now operational. Tram power lines are over 5m above the tracks and do not pose a danger to pedestrians and motorists at ground level or to those living and working in the vicinity of the tramway. However, the applicant should be informed that there are potential dangers and, prior to commencing work near the tramway, a safe method of working must be agreed with the Council and authorisation to work obtained.
Authorisation is needed for any of the following works either on or near the tramway:
 - Any work where part of the site such as tools, materials, machines, suspended loads or where people could enter the Edinburgh Tram Hazard Zone. For example, window cleaning or other work involving the use of ladders;
 - Any work which could force pedestrians or road traffic to be diverted into the Edinburgh Trams Hazard Zone;
 - Piling, using a crane, excavating more than 2m or erecting and dismantling scaffolding within 4m of the Edinburgh Trams Hazard Zone;
 - Any excavation within 3m of any pole supporting overhead lines;

- Any work on sites near the tramway where vehicles fitted with cranes, tippers or skip loaders could come within the Edinburgh Trams Hazard Zone when the equipment is in use;
- The Council has issued guidance to residents and businesses along the tram route and to other key organisations who may require access along the line.

Financial impact

4.1 The financial impact has been assessed as follows:

The Council has a contract with the applicant to provide outdoor advertising within the city. The financial impacts to the Council were reported to the Finance and Resources Committee on 4 June 2015.

Risk, Policy, compliance and governance impact

5.1 Provided planning applications are determined in accordance with statutory legislation, the level of risk is low.

Equalities impact

6.1 The equalities impact has been assessed as follows:

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

Sustainability impact

7.1 The sustainability impact has been assessed as follows:

This application is not subject to the sustainability requirements of the Edinburgh Design Guidance.

Consultation and engagement

8.1 Pre-Application Process

Pre-application discussions took place on this application.

8.2 Publicity summary of representations and Community Council comments

No representations were received for this consultation.

Background reading/external references

- To view details of the application go to
- [Planning and Building Standards online services](#)
- [Edinburgh City Local Plan and Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan](#)
- [Planning guidelines](#)
- [Conservation Area Character Appraisals](#)

- [Edinburgh Local Development Plan](#)
- [Scottish Planning Policy](#)

**Statutory Development
Plan Provision**

Edinburgh City Local Plan - Urban area.

Date registered

4 February 2016

Drawing numbers/Scheme

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Links - Policies

Relevant Policies:

Relevant policies of the Edinburgh City Local Plan.

Policy Des 1 (Design Quality and Context) sets general criteria for assessing design quality and requires an overall design concept to be demonstrated.

Relevant Non-Statutory Guidelines

Non-statutory guidelines 'ADVERTISEMENTS, SPONSORSHIP AND CITY DRESSING' Provides guidance on proposals for advertisements, imposing restrictions on adverts on street furniture, hoardings, and at the roadside, and outlining the circumstances in which sponsorship, city dressing, banners and adverts on scaffolding should be acceptable.

Appendix 1

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Consultations

Road Authority Issues

No objections to the application subject to the following being included as conditions or informatives as appropriate:

Note:

1. This location has been assessed as low risk.
2. As outlined in the council's report to planning committee 27 February 2014 for the control of digital forms of advertising, this advert will be expected to comply in full with the Outdoor Media Centre (OMC) voluntary code for digital large format roadside advertising (published in January 2011). The code reflects planning regulations in place throughout the UK. This states that:
 - a) there shall be no moving images, animation, video or full motion images displayed unless consent has been granted for such displays;
 - b) digital roadside billboards/hoardings shall not change more frequently than every 5 seconds unless consent has been granted for such displays;
 - c) the luminance level of a digital roadside billboards shall comply with the Institute of Lighting Engineers Technical Report No's 5 (2003);
 - d) Roadside digital displays will [in Scotland] conform to the 5 'Standard Conditions' specified in Schedule 1 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984.

With respect to item a) above images, animation, video or full motion images are not permitted and with respect to item b) above a maximum change rate of one static advert every 15 seconds will be permitted at this location (i.e. 4 adverts a minute). If either of these conditions are not adhered to it is likely that the council, in its capacity as local roads authority, will take appropriate action under Section 93 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. This may include isolation of the power supply to the unit;

3. Adverts must not contain moving images or sequencing of images over more than one advert;
4. Drivers should only be able to see the details of a roadside digital advertisement on one screen or a pair of synchronised screens at a time. This is to ensure that multiple images do not change at different times;
5. There should be no message sequencing where a message is spread across more than one screen;
6. Phone numbers, web addresses details etc should be avoided;
7. It is recommended that the speed of change of image should be set to be in effect instantaneous;

8. Where the advert is visible in the same view as traffic signals, the timing of the signals should where possible be taken into account when calculating the message display time;

9. Adverts should not resemble existing traffic signs or provide directional advice;

10. Night time levels of luminance should be based on the luminance of other signs and surfaces in the area. Typical values in urban areas would be in the range of 75-300Cd/m²;

11. Day time levels of luminance may need to be higher, this should be controlled by light sensors to measure the ambient brightness and dimmers to control the lighting output is within acceptable limits;

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See our full guidance on how to get permission to work near a tram way

<http://edinburghtrams.com/community/working-around-trams>

Location Plan



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