

PLANNING PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE

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**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (As Amended)
Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006**

DECISION NOTICE

Erection of house and garage

Land 38M South Of Schoolhouse, Bayview Avenue, Portskerra, Melvich, Thurso, KW14 7YW

The Highland Council in exercise of its powers under the above Acts grants **planning permission in principle** for the above development in accordance with the particulars given in the application and the following documents:

Document Type	Document No.	Version No.	Date Received
Location Plan	SF-1		02.06.2022
Site Layout Plan	SF-2		02.06.2022

CONDITIONS & REASONS

This permission is granted subject to the following conditions and reasons:

1. No development shall commence until all of the matters specified below have been approved on application to the Planning Authority:
 - i. a detailed layout of the site of the proposed development (including site levels as existing and proposed);
 - ii. the design and external appearance of the proposed development;
 - iii. landscaping proposals for the site of the proposed development (including boundary treatments);
 - iv. details of access and parking arrangements; and
 - v. details of the proposed water supply and foul/surface water drainage arrangements.

Reason: Planning permission is granted in principle only and these specified matters must be approved prior to development commencing.

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2. Any details pursuant to Condition 1 above shall show a development featuring the following elements:
- i. walls finished predominantly in a white/off-white wet-dash render/smooth coursed cement render/natural stone;
 - ii. a roof covering of natural slate;
 - iii. single storey or 1½ storeys in height;
 - iv. windows with a strong vertical emphasis;
 - v. a roof symmetrically pitched of not less than 35° and not greater than 45°; and
 - vi. predominantly rectangular in shape with traditional gable ends.
 - vii. No conterminous window openings within 18 m of other habitable rooms

Reason: In order to respect the vernacular building traditions of the area and integrate the proposal into its landscape setting; in the interests of visual amenity and in the interests of privacy.

3. Any details pursuant to Condition 1 above shall incorporate a fully detailed Design Statement which shall explain and illustrate the design principles and design concept of the proposed layout; landscape; scale; form and proportion; details and material finishes. It shall illustrate how these will help to achieve the qualities in designing places to accord with neighbouring properties and the principal character of Portskerra defined by the traditional street pattern, mature gardens and substantial white render, slate roofed, dwellings.

Reason: In order to respect the vernacular building traditions of Portskerra and integrate the proposal into its landscape setting; in the interests of visual amenity.

4. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, the first 6 metres of the access, as measured from the edge of the public road carriageway, shall be surfaced in bituminous macadam or a similar hard, cohesive material, details of which shall first be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Planning Authority. Only the approved details shall be employed and thereafter the access shall be maintained to the agreed standard unless/until it is adopted for maintenance under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (as amended).

Reason: To ensure that an adequate level of access is timeously provided for the development; in the interests of road safety and amenity.

5. Any details pursuant to condition 1 above shall show car parking spaces provided within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (excluding garages) and formed in accordance with The Highland Council's Access to Single Houses and Small Developments prior to first occupation, thereafter being maintained for this use in perpetuity. Provision, which shall exclude garages, shall be as follows:

- i. Two spaces per 1 to 3 bedrooms;
- ii. Three spaces per 4 to 5 bedrooms; and
- iii. Four spaces per 6 or more bedrooms

Reason: In order to ensure that the level of off-street parking is adequate.

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6. Any details pursuant to condition 1 above shall include a detailed Landscape Plan and Maintenance Programme. The Landscape Plan shall be implemented in full during the first planting season following commencement of development, with maintenance thereafter being carried out in accordance with the Maintenance Programme. For the avoidance of doubt, any trees or plants which within a period of five years from the completion of the development die, for whatever reason are removed or damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of the same size and species.

Reason: In order to ensure that a high standard of landscaping is achieved, appropriate to the location of the site.

7. The size, orientation and location of the dwellinghouse and garage as shown on the approved plans is indicative only and no development shall commence until these matters have been approved on application to the Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to enable the planning authority to consider this matter(s) in detail prior to the commencement of development; in the interests of amenity.

Variations

None.

Section 75 Obligation

None.

IMPORTANT INFORMATIVES

Please read the following informatives and, where necessary, act upon the requirements specified:

REASON FOR DECISION

The proposals accord with the provisions of the Development Plan and there are no material considerations which would warrant refusal of the application.

TIME LIMIT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PERMISSION

Alternative conditions for non-standard timescales and phases permissions available in Model Conditions

In accordance with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), an application or applications for the approval of matters specified in conditions attached to this planning permission in principle must be made no later than whichever is the latest of the following:

- i. The expiration of THREE YEARS from the date on this decision notice;
- ii. The expiration of SIX MONTHS from the date on which an earlier application for the requisite approval was refused; or
- iii. The expiration of SIX MONTHS from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed.

The development to which this planning permission in principle relates must commence no later than

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TWO YEARS from the date of the requisite approval of any matters specified in conditions (or, in the case of approval of different matters on different dates, from the date of the requisite approval for the last such matter being obtained)., whichever is the later. If development has not commenced within this period, then this planning permission in principle shall lapse.

FOOTNOTE TO APPLICANT

Flood Risk

It is important to note that the granting of planning permission does not imply there is an unconditional absence of flood risk relating to (or emanating from) the application site. As per Scottish Planning Policy (paragraph 259), planning permission does not remove the liability position of developers or owners in relation to flood risk.

Scottish Water

You are advised that a supply and connection to Scottish Water infrastructure is dependent on sufficient spare capacity at the time of the application for connection to Scottish Water. The granting of planning permission does not guarantee a connection. Any enquiries with regards to sewerage connection and/or water supply should be directed to Scottish Water on 0845 601 8855.

Local Roads Authority Consent

In addition to planning permission, you may require one or more separate consents (such as road construction consent, dropped kerb consent, a road openings permit, occupation of the road permit etc.) from the Area Roads Team prior to work commencing. These consents may require additional work and/or introduce additional specifications and you are therefore advised to contact your local Area Roads office for further guidance at the earliest opportunity.

Failure to comply with access, parking and drainage infrastructure requirements may endanger road users, affect the safety and free-flow of traffic and is likely to result in enforcement action being taken against you under both the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

Further information on the Council's roads standards can be found at: <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/roadsandtransport>

Application forms and guidance notes for access-related consents can be downloaded from: http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/101/permits_for_working_on_public_roads/2

Mud & Debris on Road

Please note that it is an offence under Section 95 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to allow mud or any other material to be deposited, and thereafter remain, on a public road from any vehicle or development site. You must, therefore, put in place a strategy for dealing with any material deposited on the public road network and maintain this until development is complete.

Construction Hours and Noise-Generating Activities

You are advised that construction work associated with the approved development (incl. the loading/unloading of delivery vehicles, plant or other machinery), for which noise is audible at the boundary of the application site, should not normally take place outwith the hours of 08:00 and 19:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00 and 13:00 on Saturdays or at any time on a Sunday or Bank Holiday in Scotland, as prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (as amended). Work falling outwith these hours which gives rise to amenity concerns, or noise at any time which exceeds acceptable levels, may result in the service of a notice under Section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 (as amended). Breaching a Section 60 notice constitutes an offence and is likely to result in court action.

If you wish formal consent to work at specific times or on specific days, you may apply to the

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Council's Environmental Health Officer under Section 61 of the 1974 Act. Any such application should be submitted after you have obtained your Building Warrant, if required, and will be considered on its merits. Any decision taken will reflect the nature of the development, the site's location and the proximity of noise sensitive premises. Please contact env.health@highland.gov.uk for more information.

Protected Species – Halting of Work

You are advised that work on site must stop immediately, and NatureScot must be contacted, if evidence of any protected species or nesting/breeding sites, not previously detected during the course of the application and provided for in this permission, are found on site. For the avoidance of doubt, it is an offence to deliberately or recklessly kill, injure or disturb protected species or to damage or destroy the breeding site of a protected species. These sites are protected even if the animal is not there at the time of discovery. Further information regarding protected species and developer responsibilities is available from NatureScot: <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/planning-and-development/planning-and-development-advice/planning-and-development-protected-species>

Land Ownership/Planning Permission

For the avoidance of doubt, the existence of planning permission does not affect or supersede an individual's ownership or other legal rights. Please be advised that this permission does not entitle you to build on, under or over ground outwith your ownership or to enter private ground to demolish, construct or maintain your property.

Utility checking on site

The <https://www.lineearchbeforeudig.co.uk/> website is a self-service website to allow you to check your proposal and site for utility assets before the commencement of any development on site.

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RIGHT OF APPEAL, REVIEW ETC

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority: to refuse planning permission for the proposed development; to refuse approval, consent or agreement required by a condition imposed on a grant of planning permission; to grant planning permission or any approval, consent or agreement subject to conditions; the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) **within three months** beginning with the date of this notice.

A Notice of Review Form can be downloaded at https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/6396/notice_of_review_form and any supporting documents can be submitted by email to review.body@highland.gov.uk or sent by post addressed to:

Highland Council Review Body
eProcessing Centre
Council Headquarters
Glenurquhart Road
Inverness
IV3 5NX

Notices of Review can also be lodged online via the ePlanning Portal at:
<https://www.eplanning.scot>

Please quote the relevant application reference number with any submission.

Please note that a completed Notice of Review Form (and any supporting documents) **MUST** be received by the Review Body **within three months** beginning with the date of this decision notice otherwise the decision cannot be reviewed

2. If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

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