

TOLLCROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TOLLCROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE
117 Fountainbridge

Objection to Application for planning permission: 15/02892/PPP Application by Fountain North Ltd (wholly owned by Grosvenor Estates Ltd) at land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge.

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing on behalf of Tollcross Community Council who would like to lodge an objection to the above Application. Thus far on this site, Grosvenor have employed such a wonderful period of generous engagement with the community in the shape of the Grove Community Garden, entirely provided by Grosvenor as a goodwill gesture to the local community. Whilst this was always to be a temporary arrangement, it displayed such an enlightened sense of understanding and engagement with local folk, it is particularly disappointing to see the nature of the proposed development on the site.

-We are very disappointed to be faced with a submission at a time when it is known that many Community Councillors/members of the public are on holiday, this feels canny and has often been used by developers in the past as a method for enjoying a reduced number of objection letters

-We are concerned that whilst the application is ostensibly for Planning in Principle, Grosvenor are seeking approval for Building 'A1' and various other matters.

- We are particularly worried by the content of the proposals, we feel that the proposed architecture is of extraordinary height and feels 'monolithic' in nature. It seems not to appreciate the need for public realm in terms of light and space and seems not to have responded to the concerns of the Edinburgh Urban Design Panel.

- We also feel it has no relationship with the EDI masterplan for India Quay and will create architectural dissonance, which is inexcusable in a situation where buildings are being designed to sit in close proximity.

The public and the community of Tollcross has suffered greatly at the hands of developers in the last 10 years with unfulfilled promises of community spaces/new canal basins/low-cost housing. This is a great shame when you consider how closely the community has been involved with the EDI land and the Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative. We hope the committee will understand that objections of this nature are submitted with a hope for a GREATER GOOD for the area.

Very Best Wishes,