**December 2022 and January 2023 Planning Report**

We have objected to these STLs in our area - they have shared entrances and shared stairs.

These are;

1. 221 Webster’s Land
2. Flat 8, 27 Castle Terrace
3. 1F1, 14 Upper Grove Place
4. Flat 2, 6 Castle Terrace
5. Flat 1, 35 Gilmore Place
6. Flat 11, 1B Grassmarket
7. Flat 4, 14 High Riggs
8. 2F2 2 Drumdryan Street
9. 515 Webster’s land
10. 18 1B Grassmarket
11. 2F1 87 Bruntsfield Place
12. Flat 29 29 Kings Stables Road
13. 608 Webster’s Land
14. 216 Webster’s Land
15. Flat 1, 2 Gardner’s Crescent
16. 1F2 76 Grassmarket

1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 have been refused, 7 and 10 have been withdrawn and the others are pending.

So far, none that we have objected to have been approved although some are still pending.

Applications for STLs are continuing to come in from areas around us; Merchiston, Dalry, Old Town, West End, Marchmont and Southside. The Council seems to be regularly refusing applications on stairs. However, the numbers coming in do not match the far greater number of properties advertised on the various platforms.

The Council is drawing up new guidelines for STL applications but they are not yet in force. They make clear that applications on stairs are unlikely to be supported. All the current refusals are based on current rules and these refusals could well be appealed on the old rules. However, appeals to date have not been very successful.

The festivals are putting pressure on to relax the STL rules for festivals. This could mean that folk will get evicted before festivals and all the same problems would result for many weeks. We need to resist these ‘loopholes’.

**Other Planning Applications**

1. 59 Gilmore Place. Whole house to short term lets; resubmission.
2. 48 Gilmore Place. Change from dwelling house to bed and breakfast.
3. 12-18 Lower Gilmore Place. Student Flats (80), next to consented 70 student flats. *We have objected on grounds of overprovision.*
4. Applications for Commercial advertising structures around Edinburgh on pavements and in Squares. *We have objected to the 2 in our area; Morrison St. and Festival Square on the grounds of street clutter and obstacles for pedestrians.*

**Planning Decisions**

1. 129 Fountainbridge (AKVAR) crazy golf etc approved.
2. 34 Lochrin Buildings – convert office to dwelling – Refused
3. 18 Grindlay Street. Residential to short term let. Approved.
4. 30 Grove Street. Residential to short term let. Approved.
5. 8 Torphichen Street. 12 flats to short term lets. Approved. West End.
6. 129 High Street. 12 flats to short term lets. Approved. Old Town.
7. 5B Lauriston Gardens. Residential to short term let. Refused.