**February 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1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 have been refused, 7 and 10 have been withdrawn and the others are pending.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. The refusal for 8, 2F2 Drumdryan Street has appealed and will go to a local review.

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 deadline for applications has been put back to October so this year’s festivals will still have access to thousands of Edinburgh’s flats.

The festivals are putting pressure on to relax the STL rules for festivals. This could undermine the whole policy intended to return flats to the long term rental market. We need to resist these ‘loopholes’.

**Other Planning Applications**

1. Change from retail(Electron Wheels) to Class 3 (Chinese restaurant) at 137 Lauriston Place. Tollcross planning guidance not applicable.
2. Renewal of consent for moorings for boat hotel accommodation (5 boats) at Union Canal, west of Viewforth Bridge. The consent was previously granted on appeal.

**Planning Decisions**

1. Appeal of refusal for Tynecastle School to student residence upheld.
2. 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.* These have been granted. There was a deal in place with Culture committee for these to advertise events in Edinburgh.
3. Application for massive new Film House in Festival Square now withdrawn.