**Planning Report October 2024 PB 21.11.24.**

**Applications**

1. STL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

As at 21.10.24.

In TXCC area - Of 222 STL planning applications monitored - 14 approvals, 51 withdrawals, 129 refusals, rest pending.

Approximately 90% of planning applications are refused and at least 90% of license applications are approved. This conflict will have to be resolved in some way.

1. The Cannabis Café (as was) at 14-16 Leven St. has applied to change use class from retail to hot food bistro.
2. An application for conversion, alteration, partial demolition and extension of a vacant office to form a hotel, bar and restaurant and associated facilities at 60 Morrison Street.
3. An application for internal works to refurbish the unit and to form a new coffee shop with internal and external signage at 123 Lothian Road. This is the Black Sheep Coffee Chain replacing Starbucks.
4. An application for change of use from a derelict joinery workshop (class 5) to arts venue / gallery / with light workshop for public use (sui generis). at 3A Lower Gilmore Place. The work was almost completed before the application.
5. An application for a change of use of a flat to form an HMO at 3F1 31 Gillespie Crescent.
6. An application for a retrospective change of use to a short term let property. It was previously converted from a non-residential property "gentlemen's club" at 10 Spittal Street.

**Decisions**

1. The application for a commemorative wall plaque at 2 West Port by Netflix was refused and it will need to be removed.
2. The planning applications for the installation of Edinburgh's Christmas 2024 at East Princes Street Gardens and The Mound precinct including Christmas market stalls, fairground rides, associated site infrastructure, illuminations and ancillary facilities at East Princes Street Gardens was GRANTED on 6 November 2024.

Work had been going on for a month by then. In effect most of the infrastructure was set up in the Gardens with no planning permission being in place and an assumption that it would be approved.

 It will run for 50 days from 15 Nov to 4 Jan (7 weeks) plus build and take down for

 another 4+ weeks.