

Prior Notification Application [23/00843/PNT](#) - 30m West of 171 Whitehouse Loan EH9 2EZ

OBJECTION from Grange Association

21 March 2023

We refer to Scottish Government guidance at:

https://www.edevelopment.scot/eDevelopmentClient/StaticFiles/Planning_permitted_development_rights-Prior_Notification_and_Prior_Approval_form-Guidance_Notes-31_March_2021.pdf

We object to this Prior Notification because:

- a) The proposal patently requires planning permission, because it is in the Merchiston and Greenhill Conservation area. The Scottish Government guidance provides, towards the end of para. 19, that “new ground-based masts erected....in conservation areas” require planning permission. The application is therefore academic as the determination is self-evident that notification and planning permission are required. This Prior Notification is therefore an unnecessary diversion.
- b) We are concerned that the applicant may be hoping that the Council’s Planning Department is too busy to achieve the 28-day response time mandated by the same Scottish Government guidance (para 48 onwards) and would thereafter proceed without planning permission.

Please ensure that this application [23/00843/PNT](#) is determined within 28 days of its receipt (i.e. before 28 March 2023) and that the applicant is advised that Prior Notification is required and a full planning application should be submitted with notification of neighbours and other stakeholders.

**Grange Association
21 March 2023**