



**Gullane Area Community Council**  
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Dirleton, Drem and surrounding rural areas



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Dear Sirs

**33 The Village, Archerfield, Dirleton EH39 5HT**  
**Formation of dormer windows to domestic garage for ancillary use**  
**Ref No 21/00977/P**

We refer to the above planning application and to the additional documents relating to it which have recently been publicised. The subjects lie within our community council area. As you will be aware we objected to a previous application by the applicants (Ref. No: 20/01446/P), seeking planning permission for the conversion of the garage block into two semi-detached houses, which was refused. We do not object to the present application in principle but we have the following comments on it.

In the application form it is stated to be for redevelopment of the existing garage block to provide ancillary family leisure facilities. That differs from the previous application, which, as mentioned above, was for the formation of two semi-detached houses. We therefore ask that if you are minded to grant the application it should be on condition that the permitted use of the block is limited to use ancillary to the residential occupancy of the main house and that use for separate occupation is not permitted.

In respect of the previous application, we objected to the possibility of vehicles being taken through the adjacent single garage (which is not affected by the present application but which has garage doors back and front, into the back garden. We suggest that this would be likely to cause irritation and nuisance to neighbouring properties and that it would be detrimental to the community if a precedent of doing this were to be established. We therefore ask that if you are minded to grant the application you should include as a condition of doing so a prohibition against vehicles being taken into the back garden.

Yours faithfully  
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