Central Planning Authority

Agenda for a meeting of the Central Planning Authority to be held on **27 March 2024 at 10:00am** in Conference Room 1038, 1st Floor, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue

10th Meeting of the Year

CPA/10/24

Mr. Ian Pairaudeau (Chair)

Mr. Handel Whittaker (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Joshua Bernard

Mr. Gillard McLaughlin

Mr. Charles Russell Jr.

Mr. Peterkin Berry

Mr. Peter Campbell

Mr. Kenneth Ebanks

Ms. Danette McLaughlin

Ms. Shakina Bush

Ms. Christine Maltman, MCIP, AICP

Ms. Celecia Bancroft

Mr. Ashton Bodden

Mr. Haroon Pandohie (Executive Secretary)

Mr. Ron Sanderson (Deputy Director of Planning - Current Planning)

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes & Declarations of Conflicts/Interests
- 2. Applications
- 3. Development Plan Matters
- 4. Planning Appeal Matters
- 5. Matters from the Director of Planning
- 6. CPA Members Information/Discussions

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2.1 GARFIELD ELLIS (Architectural Designs & Cayman Contemporary Style) Block 25B Parcel 266 (P23-0164) (\$30,000) (EJ)

Application for four (4) 40' containers for rental storage.

Appearance at 10:30am

FACTS

Location Evco Tours Drive Lane, Prospect

Zoning LDR

Notification result Objection received

Parcel size proposed 0.3619 ac. (15,764 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 10,000 sq. ft.

Current use Shipping container storage

Proposed building size 1,280 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 8.12%

Required parking 4
Proposed parking 0

BACKGROUND

November 28, 2018 (**CPA/26/18**; **Item 2.4**) - The Authority granted permission for a temporary house for five years.

January 19, 2021 (**CE21-0224**) - The Authority issued an enforcement notice for parking of heavy trucks, storage of containers and mechanic works.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Suitability
- 2) Parking
- 3) Objector's concerns

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health, Department of Environment and Fire Department.

Water Authority

Water / Wastewater

The submitted plans do not indicate any additional water source(s) or sanitary fixtures. If this is in fact the case, the Authority has <u>no requirements</u> for this proposal.

National Roads Authority

As per your email dated September 11th, 2023, the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

General Issues

A six (6) foot sidewalk shall be constructed on Evco Tours Lane within the property boundary, to NRA specifications (available on our website at: https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/3/ Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%20Details.pdf%20).

The NRA requests that the CPA have the applicant construct a sidewalk per NRA specifications that incorporates entrance and exit curves of no less than fifteen (15) feet in radius, and an entrance of twenty-four (24) feet wide.

Road Capacity Issues

The traffic demand to be generated by storage of 996 square feet has been assessed in accordance with ITE Code 150 – Warehousing. Thus, the assumed average trip rates per thousand square feet provided by the ITE for estimating the daily, AM and PM peak hour trips are 3.56, 0.30 and 0.32 respectively. The anticipated traffic to be added to Evco Tours Lane is as follows:

Expecte Daily Tri			AM Peak 21% Out	PM Peak Hour Total Traffic	PM Peak 25% In	PM Peak 75% Out
4	1	1	0	1	0	1

Based on these estimates, the impact of the proposed development on Evco Tours Lane is considered to be minimal.

Access and Traffic Management Issues

Entrance and exit curves shall be no less than fifteen (15) feet in radius. Entrances shall be twenty-four (24) feet wide.

One-way driveway aisles with diagonal parking shall be between twelve (12) to sixteen (16) ft. wide. Two-way driveway aisles shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) ft. wide.

Tire stops (if used) shall be placed in parking spaces such that the length of the parking space is not reduced below the sixteen-foot (16') minimum.

Stormwater Management Issues

The applicant is encouraged to implement state-of-the-art techniques that manage stormwater runoff within the subject parcel and retain existing drainage characteristics of the site as much as is feasible through innovative design and the use of alternative construction techniques. However, it is critical that the development be designed so that post-development stormwater runoff is no worse than pre-development runoff. To that effect, the following requirements should be observed:

- The applicant shall demonstrate, <u>prior to the issuance of any Building Permits</u>, that the Stormwater Management system is designed to embrace storm water runoff produced from a rainfall intensity of 2 inches per hour for one hour of duration and ensure that surrounding properties and/or nearby roads are not subject to stormwater runoff from the subject site.
- The stormwater management plan shall include spot levels (existing and finished levels) with details of the overall runoff scheme. Please have the applicant provide this information prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- Construct a gentle 'hump' at the entrance/exit (along the entire width of each driveway) in order to prevent stormwater runoff from and onto Evco Tours Lane. Suggested dimensions of the 'hump' would be a width of 6 feet and a height of 2-4 inches. Trench drains often are not desirable.
- Curbing is required for the parking areas to control stormwater runoff.
- Roof water runoff should not drain freely over the parking area or onto the surrounding property. Note that unconnected downspouts are not acceptable. We recommend piped connection to catch basins or alternative stormwater detention devices. Catch basins (Per NRA specifications (available at: https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/4/628e65 99be2c9.pdf) are to be networked, please have the applicant provide locations of such wells along with details of depth and diameter prior to the issuance of any Building Permits.
- <u>Sidewalk details need to be provided per</u> NRA specifications (available on our website at: https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/3/Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%2 ODetails. pdf%20).

At the inspection stage for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant shall demonstrate that the installed system will perform to the standard given. The National Roads Authority wishes to bring to the attention of the Planning Department that non-compliance with the above-noted stormwater requirements would cause a road encroachment under Section 16 (g) of The Roads Act (2005 Revision). For the purpose of this Act, Section 16(g) defines encroachment on a road as

"any artificial canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure from which any water or other liquid escapes on to any road which would not but for the existence of such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure have done so, whether or not such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure adjoins the said road;"

Failure in meeting these requirements will require immediate remedial measures by the applicant.

Department of Environment Health

DEH has no objections to the proposed in principle provided that the containers are used for storage only. Any modifications to the site must be submitted to DEH via OPS for review and approval.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

The majority of the site is man-modified however there are existing mangroves growing on the adjacent Crown Property on Block 25B Parcel 496 near the site's eastern boundary.

A Cease and Desist Order was issued to Mr. Ellis on the 14 April 2022 under Section 30(1)(a) of the National Conservation Act (NCA), in relation to the works associated with the unauthorised 'take' of mangroves on the adjacent Crown-owned parcel Block 25B Parcel 496 as shown in Figure 1 below. The unpermitted 'take' of mangroves was in contravention of Section 33(1)(a) and (2)(a) of the NCA and the Mangrove Species Conservation Plan (2020). The Applicant should note that this Cease and Desist Order remains in effect until it is rescinded and any further unpermitted 'take' of mangroves on Crown property is an additional offence under Section 30(4) of the NCA.

Figure 1: The unpermitted 'take' of mangroves on Crown-property by the Applicant (outlined in red) (Source: DoE, April 2022)

Mangroves are Part 2 Schedule 1 protected species under the National Conservation Act (2013) with an adopted Mangrove Conservation Plan (2020). It is an offence to remove mangroves unless permission is explicitly sought to remove them either through a coastal works permit, planning permission or a National Conservation Council Section 20 permit. As the existing mangroves fall outside of the applicant's parcel boundary and on Crown property, the removal or trimming of the mangroves would not be covered by this application and must be retained in accordance with the Species Conservation Plan for Mangroves (2020) under the National Conservation Act (2013).

In reference to the after-the-fact storage containers on site, the Department has no environmental concerns given that the site is man-modified with limited ecological value and the containers are already on site.

Fire Department

Approve by the Fire Department.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

On behalf of our client Mr. Garfield Ellis. We wish to apply for 2 after the fact storage containers & an 1 existing container. The existing container has been at this location for more than 5 years. Which is used for the storing of rental items, mainly chairs for functions. The other two (containers) were added around 3 years ago. There was actually 4 containers in total, but he had decided to remove one.

My client didn't realize that plans were even needed for the containers, because there was no construction involved.

Nevertheless, he is sorry that he's done this and is willing to correct his mistake. Landscaping palms & river gravel will be added to beautify the area around the site.

My client is very sorry for his ignorance on this matter and hopes that the CPA will favourably consider his proposal.

OBJECTION LETTER

I, the undersigned hereby object to the grant of planning permission for four containers for the purpose of storing rental items.

The community within 25B has been a peaceful residential neighborhood for the past twenty three plus years of my residency and would rather not have it commercialized with such storage of items for commercial business purposes which may also attract unwanted crime within our tranquil community.

Recently, due to the unethical and illegal actions of Mr. Garfield Ellis storing numerous drums of gasoline, multiple large containers of diesel, multiple gardening trailers with containers of fuel within the yard of his residence, my family and I experienced a vey traumatic event that endangered our lives and the safety of our home as an explosion erupted and a huge fire engulfed from an overturned drum of gasoline within the same area of multiple drums of gasoline which he was storing directly on our boundary line which would have easily spread if not for the quick thinking of another neighbor who called the emergency services.

I have no confidence that those containers will contain ONLY rental items being stored at this property. Therefore, I gravely object to the grant of this application.

If this application is approved, it will set a precedent that commercial activity can be allowed within residential communities as this applicant runs multiple businesses out of his residence, namely landscaping and event rentals.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed four (40') containers located on Evco Tours Lane in Prospect.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Suitability

The proposed is for four (40') containers to be used for rental equipment storage; the Authority is asked to consider if the proposed use is suitable under regulations 9 (3) which states that commercial development may be permitted in a residential zone in suitable locations and provided the applicant has advertised details of the proposal twice in the newspaper and there are no objections that the Authority regards as having raised grounds for refusing permission. The Authority needs to determine if the site is suitable for the intended use and if objections have been raised that give grounds for refusing permission.

2) Parking

The proposal is for the storage of rental equipment, but there are no dedicated parking spaces as required under regulations 8 (1) (iv) which would require a minimum of four (4) parking spaces if the Authority deems this a commercial development.

2.2 SYLVIA DAILEY & NATASHA BRYAN (TSC Architecture) Block 22E Parcel 349 (P23-0130 and P23-0136) (\$6,000) (EJ)

Application for after-the-fact 6' vinyl fence and proposed 5' cast iron fence.

Appearance at 11:00am

FACTS

Location Bimini Drive

Zoning MDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.2690 ac. (11,717 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 10,000 sq. ft.

Current use House & Pool

BACKGROUND

June 20, 2012 – planning permission granted for a house, swimming pool.

January 9, 2013 – planning permission modified to increase floor area and addition to pool house.

August 4, 2022 – The Department issued an enforcement notice (CE22-0101).

August 23, 2023 (**CPA/18/23**; **Item 2.22**) – The current application was adjourned to require the applicant to provide a plan prepared by a licensed land surveyor showing the after-the-fact fence in relation to the property boundary and the adjacent drainage swale. The applicant is also required to submit a revised plan that correctly identifies the location of the adjacent properties, Block 22E Parcels 356 and 357.

November 15, 2023 (**CPA/27/23**; **Item 2.3**) – the CPA adjourned the application in order to invite the applicant to appear.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) review applicant's submitted documentation and input at the meeting
- 2) determine if fence heights are acceptable

APPLICANT'S LETTER

This letter is written on behalf of Natasha & Sylvia Daley who recently applied to the department for their 5 ft. high Cast Iron fence I must stress that the fence will provide privacy, and as such they are applying for a variance. The fence will not be materially detrimental to any future residents on the aforementioned properties, to the neighborhood, or the public welfare.

The ability to construct this fencing will address privacy concerns, and they will significantly appreciate the CPA's consideration for their application.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed 5' cast iron fence runs along the sides of the subject parcel and the after-the-fact 6' vinyl fence (result of enforcement action CE22-0101) and is located at the rear of the property located on Bimini Drive.

Zoning

The property is zoned Medium Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Fence heights

The Authority is asked to consider if the heights of the fences are appropriate in this instance given that 4' walls and fences are normally permitted in residential zones.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS #1

The applicant has provided the requested plans from a licensed land survey and has revised the site plan as requested.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS #2

The applicant was not present for the meeting on November 15, 2023 and was re-invited to appear at the current meeting.

2.3 MAXINE POWIS (GMJ Home Plan) Block 38B Parcel 49 (P22-1102) (\$45,000) (EJ)

Application for an after-the-fact house.

Appearance at 11:30am

FACTS

Location Shamrock Road, Bodden Town

Zoning LDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.25 ac. (10,890 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 20,000 sq. ft.

Current use House & ATF House

Proposed building size 221 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 16.24%

Required parking 2

Proposed parking 2

BACKGROUND

1989 – The Authority granted permission for a house.

April 21, 2010 – The Department modified permission to house to decrease floor area and change design (P10-0325).

October 28, 2010 – The Department modified permission to house to decrease floor area (P10-0883).

October 8, 2009 – The Department modified permission to house to decrease floor area and change design (P09-1028).

February 25, 2022 – The Department issued and enforcement notice (CE22-0030).

August 23, 2018 (**CPA/18/23**; **Item 2.21**) – the CPA adjourned the application in order to invite the applicant to appear before the Authority.

November 15, 2023 (**CPA/27/23**; **Item 2.2**) – the application was adjourned at the applicants request.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Lot size (10,890 sq. ft. vs 20,000 sq. ft.)
- 2) Rear setback (5'8" vs 20')
- 3) Side setback (5'8" vs 10')

APPLICANT'S LETTER

We write on behalf of the applicant, Ms. Maxine Powis, who is asking the Authority to allow the following variance in order to retain the subject house for her personal use:

- A <u>lot size variance</u> where the subject parcel is registered as 0.25 acres or 10,890 sq. ft. which is 9,110 sq. ft. less than the required 20,000 sq. ft. for two homes in areas zoned Low Density Residential.
- A <u>rear setback variance</u> of l4ft 4in. as the subject house exists 5ft8in. from the rear property line instead of the required 20ft.
- A <u>side setback variance</u> of 4ft 10in. as the side setback exists at 5ft2in. from the property line instead of the required 10ft.

As such, permission is requested for the subject addition and we humbly give the following reasons:

- 1. Per section 8(13)(d) of the Planning Regulations, the owners of the adjacent properties were notified by register mail and there were no objections to the current location of the structure from the property line.
- 2. Per section 8(13)(b)(iii) of the Planning Regulations, granting the variances to allow this structure to remain as shown has not and will not cause it to be detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, nor to the adjacent property, nor to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare going forward.
- 3. Although the size of the lot is less than the prescribed lot size for two homes in a low-density residential area, the proposed total site coverage of 16.24% is considerably less than the 30% allowed.
- 4. The subject house appears to have been soundly built. The construction consists of a timber framed superstructure anchored to a reinforced concrete block foundation. The exterior finish consists of painted tex1-11 siding over framed walls and shingle roofing. The structure is aesthetically pleasing and has not negatively affected the harmonious look of the area from its existence. Its location is the most suitable area on this parcel for the applicant and therefore, to relocate it would be a time-consuming, cumbersome, and a costly exercise for her.
- 5. It is noted that parcels 38B48 & 38B50 currently enjoy the use of structures that were built with similar reduced setbacks.
- 6. The application complies with all other relevant planning requirements.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The after-the-fact one-bedroom house does not meet the required side setback, rear setback and required lot size and is located off Shamrock Road neat Beach Bay, Bodden Town.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Minimum lot size

The application for the after-the-fact one-bedroom house is the result of enforcement action CE22-0030. The subject parcel does not meet the required lot size as there is an existing main house; therefore, the applicant is seeking a lot size variance (10,890 sq. ft. vs 20,000 sq. ft.) or 9,110 sq. ft. under as the development does not meet regulation 9 (8)(d) which requires 10,000 sq. ft. per house.

2) Minimum rear setback

In addition to a lot size variance, the subject house does not meet the required rear setback existing at (5'.8" vs 20') or 14'.4" difference; consequently, not meeting regulations 9 (8)(i).

3) Minimum side setback

Finally, the subject house does not meet the required left-side setback existing at (5'.2" vs 10') or 4'.10" difference; subsequently not meeting regulations 9 (8)(j).

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS

There have been no changes to the plans.

2.4 MAXIMILIANO IEZZI (Duro Architecture and Design) Block 5B Parcel 131 (P22-0138) (\$500,000) (MW)

Application for 4 apartments.

Appearance at 1:30pm

FACTS

Location West Church St., West Bay

Zoning Neighbourhood Commercial

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.1520 ac. (6,621.12 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 20,000 sq. ft.

Current use Vacant

Proposed building size 4,927.5 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 29.4%

Allowable units CPA Discretion

Proposed units 4

Allowable bedrooms CPA Discretion

Proposed bedrooms 4
Required parking 6

BACKGROUND

November 8, 2023 (CPA/26/23; Item 2.7) – It was resolved to adjourn the application and invite the applicant to appear before the Authority to discuss concerns regarding:

- 1) Zoning
- 2) Unit density (4 vs. CPA Discretion)
- 3) Bedroom density (4 vs. CPA Discretion)
- 4) Lot size (4,356 sq. ft. vs. 20,000 sq. ft.)
- 5) Lot width (36'-3" vs. CPA Discretion)
- 6) Lack of landscaping along driveway
- 7) Building aesthetics

Recommendation: Discuss the application for the following reasons:

- 1) Zoning
- 2) Unit Density (4 vs. CPA Discretion)
- 3) Bedroom Density (4 vs. CPA Discretion)
- 4) Lot Size (4,356 sq. ft. vs. 20,000 sq. ft.)
- 5) Lot Width (36'-3" vs. CPA Discretion)
- 6) Lack of landscaping along the driveway
- 7) Building aesthetics

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health and Department of Environment.

Water Authority

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment & Disposal

• The developer shall provide a **septic tank** with a capacity of <u>at least **1,500 US gallons**</u> for the proposed, based on the following calculations:

BUILDING	UNITS/BLDG	GPD/UNIT	GPD
Proposed	4 x 1-Bed + Den Units	225gpd/1-Bed + Den	900
Apartments			
		TOTAL	900 GPD

- The septic tank shall be constructed in strict accordance with the Authority's standards. Each compartment shall have a manhole to allow for inspection and service. Manholes shall extend to or above grade and be fitted with covers that provide a water-tight seal and that can be opened and closed by one person with standard tools. Where septic tanks are located in traffic areas, specifications for a traffic-rated tank and covers are required.
- Treated effluent from the septic tank shall discharge to an effluent disposal well constructed by a licensed driller in strict accordance with the Authority's standards. Licensed drillers are required to obtain the site-specific minimum borehole and grouted casing depths from the Authority prior to pricing or constructing an effluent disposal well.
- To achieve gravity flow, treated effluent from the septic tank shall enter the disposal well at a minimum invert level of 4'5" above MSL. The minimum invert level is that required to maintain an air gap between the invert level and the water level in the well, which fluctuates with tides and perching of non-saline effluent over saline groundwater.

For Water Authority approval at BCU stage, a detailed profile drawing of the proposed wastewater treatment system is required. The drawing shall indicate:

- 1. If the proposed septic tank will be site-built or precast. (You may use the Water Authority drawing for site-built tanks available from the Authorities website or a Precast septic tank drawing if you intend to use a Precast Tank).
- 2. All dimensions and materials shall be provided for any site-built tanks.
- 3. Manhole extensions are permitted up to a maximum of 24" below finished grade.
- 4. Detailed specifications including make and model for (H-20) traffic-rated covers for septic tanks proposed to be located within traffic areas.
- 5. A detailed profile cross-section of the wastewater system clearly showing the plumbing from building stub out to the effluent disposal well achieving the minimum invert connection specified above. (Alternatively details of proposed lift station shall be required)
- 6. The Water Authorities updated 2020 effluent disposal well specifications.
- 7. A 30ft horizontal separation between the effluent disposal well and any stormwater drainage wells.

Water Supply

Please be advised that the proposed development site is located within the Cayman Water Company's (CWC) piped water supply area.

- The developer is required to notify the Cayman Water Company without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection.
- The developer shall provide water supply infrastructure per CWC's specification and under CWC's supervision.

If there are questions or concerns regarding the above, please email them to: <u>development.control@waterauthority.ky</u>

National Roads Authority

As per your memo dated March 14th, 2022 the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

Road Capacity Issues

The traffic demand to be generated by a residential development of four (4) multi-family units has been assessed in accordance with ITE Code 220. Thus, the assumed average trip rates per dwelling unit provided by ITE for estimating the daily, AM and PM peak hour trips are 6.65, 0.51 and 0.62 respectively. The anticipated traffic to be added onto West Church Street is as follows:

Expected Daily Trip	AM Peak Hour Total Traffic	AM Peak 20% In	AM Peak 80% Out	PM Peak Hour Total Traffic	PM Peak 65% In	PM Peak 35% Out
<i>27</i>	2	0	2	3	2	1

Based on these estimates, the impact of the proposed development onto West Church Street is considered to be minimal.

Access and Traffic Management Issues

The NRA asks the CPA to offset the garbage enclosure by 6 feet to accommodate any future road widening along West Church Street.

Two-way driveway aisles shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) ft. wide.

Entrance and exit curves shall have no less than fifteen (15) feet radius curves, and have a width of twenty-four (24) ft. Please have applicant revised entry /exit.

A six (6) foot sidewalk shall be constructed on West Church Street, within the property boundary, to NRA standards. <u>Please have applicant show on site plan.</u>

Tire stops (if used) shall be placed in parking spaces such that the length of the parking space is not reduced below the sixteen (16) feet minimum.

Stormwater Management Issues

The applicant is encouraged to implement state-of-the-art techniques that manage stormwater runoff within the subject parcel and retain existing drainage characteristics of the site as much as is feasible through innovative design and the use of alternative construction techniques. However, it is critical that the development be designed so that

post-development stormwater runoff is no worse than pre-development runoff. To that effect, the following requirements should be observed:

- The applicant shall demonstrate, <u>prior to the issuance of any Building Permits</u>, that the Stormwater Management system is designed to embrace storm water runoff produced from a rainfall intensity of 2 inches per hour for one hour of duration and ensure that surrounding properties and/or nearby roads are not subject to stormwater runoff from the subject site.
- The stormwater management plan shall include spot levels (existing and finished levels) with details of the overall runoff scheme. Please have the applicant provide this information prior to the issuance of a building permit.
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- Curbing is required for the parking areas to control stormwater runoff.
- Roof water runoff should not drain freely over the parking area or onto the surrounding property. Note that unconnected downspouts are not acceptable. We recommend piped connection to catch basins or alternative stormwater detention devices. Catch basins are to be networked, please have the applicant provide locations of such wells along with details of depth and diameter prior to the issuance of any Building Permits.
- <u>Sidewalk detail needs to be provided as per NRA specifications. See</u> (https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/3/Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%20Detail s.pdf)

At the inspection stage for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant shall demonstrate that the installed system will perform to the standard given. The National Roads Authority wishes to bring to the attention of the Planning Department that non-compliance with the above-noted stormwater requirements would cause a road encroachment under Section 16 (g) of The Roads Act (2005 Revision). For the purpose of this Act, Section 16(g) defines encroachment on a road as

"any artificial canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure from which any water or other liquid escapes on to any road which would not but for the existence of such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure have done so, whether or not such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure adjoins the said road;"

Failure in meeting these requirements will require immediate remedial measures from the applicant.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Department of Environmental Health

Solid Waste Facility:

DEH has no objections to the proposed in principle. This development require (4) thirty three (33) gallon bins and an enclosure built to the department's requirements. The enclosure should be located as closed to the curb as possible without impeding the flow of traffic. The enclosure should be provided with a gate to allow removal of the bins without having to lift it over the enclosure.

Number of Containers	Minimum Dimensions (feet)		
	Width	Length	Height
4	5.00	5.00	2.5

Department of Environment (March 7, 2022)

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

The application site is predominately man-modified and of limited ecological value. The DoE recommends the retention of mature trees for shade and that the applicant plants and incorporates native vegetation into the landscaping scheme for the development. Native vegetation is best suited for the habitat conditions of the Cayman Islands, requiring less maintenance and less supplemental irrigation, meaning once it is established, landscaping with native vegetation is a very sustainable and cost-effective choice. Landscaping with native vegetation also has a positive impact on our islands' biodiversity by providing habitat and food for native fauna.

Fire Department

Approved for Planning Permit Only 07 Jun 22

APPLICANT'S LETTER

With respect to our submission for a 4,928 sf fourplex on 5B 131 located on Elizabeth Street in, West Bay, Grand Cayman. We hereby request variances as follows:

- 1. Minimum lot size from 0.25 acres to 0.15 acres
- 2. Minimum lot width from 100 feet to 36 feet 3 inches
- 3. Unit density from proposed 4
- 4. Bedroom density proposed 8

In making the application for such a variance, our client is mindful of provisions of Regulations 8 (13) of the Development and Planning Regulations, and would submit that there is sufficient reason and exceptional circumstances that would permit such setback allowance, in that:

- (i) The characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area.
- (ii) (ii) The proposed structures will not be materially detrimental to persons residing in the vicinity, to the adjacent properties, or to the neighboring public welfare.

Per Section 8(13) of the Regulation, the adjacent properties were notified by registered mail and there have been no objections to date.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter and look forward to a favorable decision on this application in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for a (4) Unit Apartment Complex; 4,927.5 sq. ft. to be located on West Church St., West Bay.

Zoning

The property is zoned Neighbourhood Commercial. The proposed development is allowed in the zone. However the Department wishes to discuss the following.

Specific Issues

1) Zoning

Neighbourhood Commercial zones are zones in which the primary use is a less intense form of development of that permitted in a General Commercial zone and which caters principally for the needs of persons resident in, or in the vicinity of, the zone (Regulation 13(1)(b) 2022 Revision)

Also, residential development may be permitted in this zone provided it is not on the ground floor (Regulation 13(9)). In this instance, the building has been designed with parking spaces and a ground floor foyer entry area with stair access to the second floor. The living accommodations are on the second and third floors. The Authority needs to determine if this design meets the intent of Regulation 13(9).

2) Unit & bedroom density

Although residential development may be allowed in the Neighbourhood Commercial Zone, the Regulations do not include any guidance regarding density.

This application includes (4) 1-bedroom apartments with a den/ office proposed on the second & third floors, the proposed unit density is more than double of what is permitted in a Low Density Residential zone of 15 units per acre (1.5 units) & (2.4 bedrooms).

3) Lot size

Regulation 8((9) states "after the 6th May, 2002, the minimum lot size in a Commercial zone or Industrial zone shall be 20,000 sq. ft." Although the proposed parcel was first registered on April 1, 1974 the parcel is currently 15,644 sq. ft. less than required.

4) Lot width

Although the current Regulations do not specify lot width requirements within a Neighbourhood Commercial zone, the Authority should note the current existing lot width is 36'-3" which would be 63'-9" less than the 100' that would be required in any other zone for an apartment development.

5) Lack of landscaping along driveway

The driveway is situated along the property line therefore there is little to no space for a landscape buffer.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS

There have been no changes to the plans.

2.5 LIV DEVELOPMENT (Tropical Architectural Group Ltd.) Block 15E Parcel 34H5 (P23-1088) (\$1,165,500) (MW)

Application to modify planning permission to increase the floor area; revise the floor plan layout & elevations; relocate the septic tank & revise the pool design.

Appearance at 2:00 pm

FACTS

Location Montage Dr., George Town
Zoning Low Density Residential

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.1707ac. (7,435.692 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 10,000 sq. ft.

Current use Vacant

Proposed building size 4,662 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 31.3%

Required parking 1

Proposed parking

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BACKGROUND

May 27, 2020 – House and pool (CPA/08/20; Item 2.6) - the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Front setback (17'-3" vs. 20'-0")
- 2) Side setback (4'-2" (Septic tank) / 3'-0" (stairs) vs. 10'-0" / 20'-0")
- 3) Floor plan layout

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Further to the application submitted to build Two (2) Storey House on Block 15E Parcel 34 Lot 5, we hereby request for a setback variance of which requires a minimum of 15 ft minimum side setback per Planning Regulation 9 (8)(i) and (j).

We would appreciate your consideration for this variance request on the following basis:

1. Under Regulation 8 (13)(b)(i), the characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area: While we have complied with the minimum required setback for the 3 sides, we would like to request for a variance due to the application of the house templates to the respective lot.

We would like to request only the north side setback which is 7'-2" away from the nearest boundary. We would also like to include the variance on the proposed propane tank and condensing units and pool pump. There are no other suitable locations we can fit these on site aside from its proposed locations and we hope that the CPA board will find this acceptable.

2. Under Regulation 8 (13)(b)(ii), the unusual terrain characteristics limit the site's development potential. The property is irregular in shape which limits the property's buildable area; and even though we exceeded on the required setback line, we are still within the allowed site coverage.

If you require additional information or further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers & e-mail below. Thank you and God bless.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for a modification to increase floor area; 862 sq. ft., revise floor layout & elevations, relocate septic tank & revise pool design located on Montage Dr., George Town.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Front setback

Regulation 9(8)(i) of The Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum front setback is 20 feet" The fronting steps would be 17'-3" from the fronting boundary a difference of 2'-9".

2) Side setback

Regulation 9(8)(j) of The Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum side setback is 10' for a building of one storey". The applicant has proposed the relocation of the septic tank to be 4'-2" from the adjoining property boundary, in addition the proposed exterior stairs to the northern side of the residence would be 3'-0" from the roadside boundary which should be a minimum of 20'.

3) Floor layout

The applicant has proposed a revised layout which shows a second floor guest bedroom, bathroom and game room above the previously approved garage. Given that the applicant is proposing an exterior access staircase the Authority should determine if the proposed could be potentially converted to a duplex which would then trigger the requirements for a lot size variance.

2.6 20 NORTH DEVELOPMENT (TAG) Block 5C Parcel 77 (P23-0940) (\$12.658 million) (NP)

Application for 95 apartments, cabanas, pool, gym, storage and a sign.

Appearance at 2:30 p.m.

FACTS

Loning	Low Density Resident
20ning	Low Delisity Reside

Notification Results	Objections
Parcel size	6.34 acres
Parcel size required	25,000 sq ft
Current use	Dwelling
Proposed use	Apartments

Building Footprint	46,854 square feet
Building Area	84,389 square feet

Units Permitted	95
Units Proposed	95
Bedrooms Permitted	152
Bedrooms Proposed	119
Parking Required	143

BACKGROUND

July 19, 2023 (**CPA/16/23**; **Item 2.3**) – The Authority resolved to adjourn the matter in order to obtain NRA comments as well as confirm the number of objectors on file.

August 16, 2023 (**CPA/17/23**; **Item 2.5**) (**P23-0186**) – It was resolved to refuse planning permission for the following reasons:

1) The Authority is of the view that the applicant failed to demonstrate that the subject site is a suitable location for apartments per Regulation 9(8). In this regard, the Authority is of the view that the proposed apartments are not in keeping with the character of the area in terms of mass, scale and intensity of use and this will detract from the ability of surrounding land owners from enjoying the amenity of their properties.

The apartment and density number for P23-0186 are the same as for the current application. The proposed number of parking spaces has decreased from 219 to 177. The building designs are the same and the general circulation though the site is essentially the same. The new application does include a drainage swale around the perimeter of the property and the court yards will be used as catch basins.

March 13, 2024 (**CPA/09/24**; **item 2.4**) - current application adjourned and re-scheduled for march 27, 2024 at 2;30pm.

Recommendation: Discuss the application for the following reasons:

- 1) Suitability for apartments
- 2) Lot width (87' vs 100')
- 3) Concerns of the Objectors

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the DOE, NRA, Fire Department and Water Authority Cayman.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

The application site consists primarily of tidally flooded mangrove forest and woodland (refer to Figure 1) and features several ponds or pools.

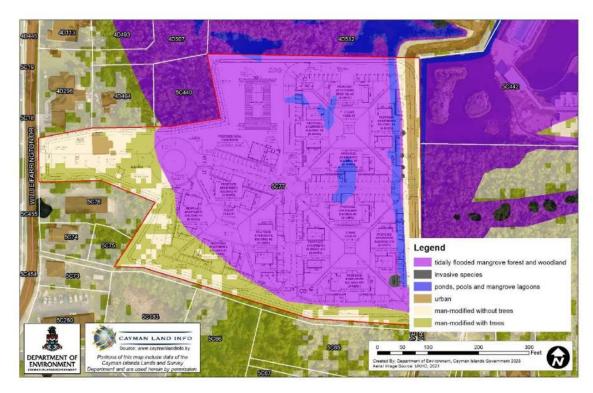


Figure 1: Land cover map overlaid on proposed site plan, note the majority of the site is covered by tidally flooded mangrove forest and woodland (Source: DoE, 2023)

The site is very low lying, averaging around 1 foot above Mean Sea Level (refer to Figure 2). As such, drainage is likely to be a significant concern. We are pleased to see that the revisions to the plan feature a number of areas that have been used to incorporate detention basins or retention ponds and the perimeter of the property features a swale. If incorporated effectively, these measures can be beneficial to the drainage of the site, as well as the surrounding area. We have not been provided with a comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan for detailed review, however we do support the inclusion of these aspects.

We further recommend that the applicant considers the use of porous or permeable paved surfaces in areas of hard standing such as the driveways and parking areas.

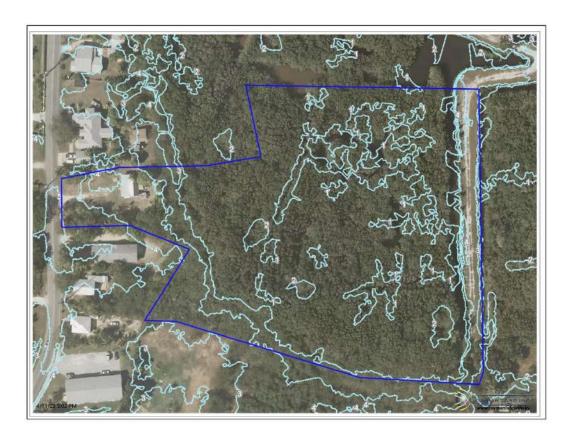


Figure 2: Site contours overlaid on 2018 aerial imagery (Source: LIS, 2018)

We recommend that native plants are incorporated into the landscaping scheme. Native plants are best suited for the conditions of the site, including the temperature and the amount of rainfall. They are climate-appropriate and require less maintenance and irrigation. Landscaping with native vegetation also provides ecological benefits by creating habitat and food for native fauna such as birds and butterflies, promoting biodiversity and providing valuable ecosystem services. Stormwater management, flooding and drainage could all be greatly improved by retaining as much of the original wetland vegetation as possible.

We recommend that wherever possible, sustainable design and energy efficiency features are included in projects such as this one. We especially encourage renewable energy installations given that the Cayman Islands has a target of 70% of energy generation being renewably sourced by the year 2037 (Cayman Islands National Energy Policy 2017-2037). Photovoltaic solar panels in particular could be installed on suitable roof space or over proposed parking spaces.

Best management practices should be adhered to during construction to reduce impacts on the environment. In particular, control measures should be put in place to address pollution from expanded polystyrene (EPS) beads on construction sites, for example those used in insulating concrete forms (ICF). Polystyrene is not biodegradable, and the EPS beads can be consumed by wildlife when it enters the food chain. These beads are very difficult to remove once they enter the environment and they do not naturally break down.

If the Central Planning Authority or Planning Department is minded to grant planning permission for the proposed development, the DoE recommends the inclusion of the following condition in any planning permission:

1. If the construction uses insulating concrete forms (ICF) or other polystyrene materials, measures (such as screens or other enclosures along with vacuuming) shall be put in place to ensure that any shavings, foam waste or polystyrene debris are completely captured on-site and does not impact the surrounding areas.

Water Authority Cayman

The Water Authority's requirements for the proposed development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment and Disposal

The developer, or their agent, is required to submit an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Proposal, per the attached Form, which meets the following requirements. Water Authority review and approval of the proposed system is a condition for obtaining a Building Permit.

• The proposed development requires Aerobic Treatment Unit(s) with NSF/ANSI Standard 40 (or equivalent) certification that, when operated and maintained per manufacturer's guidelines, the system achieves effluent quality of 30 mg/L Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 30 mg/L Total Suspended Solids. The proposed system shall have a treatment capacity of at least 16,050 US gallons per day (gpd), based on the following calculations.

BUILDING	UNITS/BLDG	GPD/UNIT	GPD/BLDG	GPD
Duilding 1	5 x 1-Bed Units	150gpd/1-Bed	750	750
Building 1	2 x 2-Bed Units	225gpd/2-Bed	450	450
Duilding 2 12	66 x 1-Bed Units	150gpd/1-Bed	900	9,900
Building 2-12	22 x 2-Bed Units	225gpd/2-Bed	450	4,950
TOTAL				16,050

- Treated effluent from the ATU shall discharge to an effluent disposal well constructed by a licensed driller in strict accordance with the Authority's standards. The minimum well casing diameter for this development shall be 8". Licensed drillers are required to obtain the site-specific minimum borehole and grouted casing depths from the Authority prior to pricing or constructing an effluent disposal well.
- To achieve gravity flow, treated effluent from the ATU must enter the disposal well at a minimum invert level of 4'5" above MSL. The minimum invert level is that required to maintain an air gap between the invert level and the water level in the well, which fluctuates with tides and perching of non-saline effluent over saline groundwater.

Water Supply

Please be advised that the proposed development site is located within the Cayman Water Company's (CWC) piped water supply area.

- The developer is required to notify the Cayman Water Company without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection.
- The developer shall provide water supply infrastructure per CWC's specification and under CWC's supervision.

National Roads Authority

As per your memo dated October 11th 2023 the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

General Issues

The NRA request that the CPA have the applicant provide and consider,

- 1. The overall intensity of the site and provide a comprehensive phasing plan;
- 2. The area is prone to flood and if this application is approved as is it will cause major flooding issues for homes etc. around it, therefore, the applicant needs to think more holistically. The applicant needs to keep in mind the intensity of the site as well as the use of fill and how it will affect the surrounding parcels; simply stated the SWMP will guide how the site is designed;

Therefore, the NRA requests that the CPA have the applicant develop a strategic SWMP not just for the site but for the area as a whole considering the most recent development on Block 5C Parcel 442;

It is noted that the applicant put a six(6) ft drainage swale around the site, this will be inadequate, a swale if used needs to be a minimum of ten (10) ft with a proper outflow; and

3. How will access be provided for a variety of parcels (specifically Block 5C Parcels 183, 66, and 65) in the area, who at the moment only have access off of a six (6) ft. public road. It is noted that the applicant has noted Genevieve Bodden Drive as an alternate access, however, Genevieve Bodden Drive is not built to minimal standards and will not be able to handle any additional traffic. The applicant will need to find an alternate route.

Road Capacity Issues

The traffic demand to be generated by a residential development of ninety-five (95) multi-family units has been assessed in accordance with ITE Code 220. Thus, the assumed average trip rates per dwelling unit provided by ITE for estimating the daily, and PM peak hour trips are 6.65, 0.51 0.51 and 0.62 respectively. The anticipated traffic to be added onto Willie Farrington Drive is as follows:

Expected Daily Trip	AM Peak Hour Total Traffic	AM Peak 20% In	AM Peak 80% Out			PM Peak 35% Out
631	48	10	38	59	38	21

Based on these estimates, the impact of the proposed development onto Willie Farrington Drive is considered to be moderate.

Access and Traffic Management Issues

Two-way driveway aisles shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) ft. wide.

A six (6) foot sidewalk shall be constructed on Willie Farrington Drive, within the property boundary, to NRA standards.

Entrance and exit curves shall have no less than fifteen (15) feet radius curves, and have a width of twenty-four (24) ft.

Tire stops (if used) shall be placed in parking spaces such that the length of the parking space is not reduced below the sixteen (16) feet minimum.

Stormwater Management Issues

The applicant is encouraged to implement state-of-the-art techniques that manage stormwater runoff within the subject parcel and retain existing drainage characteristics of the site as much as is feasible through innovative design and the use of alternative construction techniques. However, it is critical that the development be designed so that post-development stormwater runoff is no worse than pre-development runoff. To that effect, the following requirements should be observed:

- The applicant shall demonstrate, <u>prior to the issuance of any Building Permits</u>, that the Stormwater Management system is designed to embrace storm water runoff produced from a rainfall intensity of 2 inches per hour for one hour of duration and ensure that surrounding properties and/or nearby roads are not subject to stormwater runoff from the subject site.
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- <u>Sidewalk detail needs to be provided as per NRA specifications. See https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/3/Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%20Detail s.p d</u>

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Failure in meeting these requirements will require immediate remedial measures from the applicant.

Fire Department

The Fire Department has stamp approved the drawings.

OBJECTION LETTERS

Please see Appendix A.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Further to the application submitted in relation to the above referenced Project, we hereby request for a Lot Width Variance which requires a minimum 100' in a Low-Density Residential Zone.

We would appreciate your consideration for this variance request on the following basis:

- (1) <u>Under Regulation 8 (13)(d)</u>, the adjoining property owners have been notified of the application.
- (2) Under Regulation 8 (13)(b), the characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of surrounding area and the proposal will not be materially detrimental to persons residing to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to the adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare. We'd like to present the following points for consideration:

- a. While the lot width adjacent to the main public road is at 87'-1" and below the required 100' minimum width wide, due to the irregular shape of the property.
- b. In consideration of the irregular shape of the property, the width of the general concentration of the development is approximately 418' wide and the entire lot size is more than sufficient to sustain the full capacity of the development.
- c. The design of the entire development does not intrude, obstruct, or disturb the existing community and neighborhood.

We look forward to the CPA board's favorable consideration to this request for variance.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The subject property is located on Willie Farrington Drive in West Bay.

The proposal is for 95 apartments with 119 bedrooms and parking for 177 vehicles.

Adjacent landowners were notified by Registered Mail and a total of 4 objections have been received. One of the objectors also provided photos of some existing flooding in the area. Another objection was received but was determined to be located beyond the notification radius.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Suitability for Apartments

Regulation 9(8) states that apartments are permitted in suitable locations in a Low Density Residential Zone.

The Department has reviewed the GIS mapping for the area and would note that there appears to be apartments and townhouses existing to the east and south of the subject property.

The Authority should discuss whether the area is suitable for the proposed number of apartments. It should be noted that the previous application for 95 apartments was refused because the applicant failed to demonstrate that the site is suitable for apartments.

2) Proposed Lot Width (87' vs 100')

Regulation 9(8)(g) states that the minimum lot width for townhouses shall be 100 feet.

The subject parcel has a minimum width at the road of 87 feet and it is noted that the property flares out to a greater width where the majority of development is proposed.

The applicant has submitted a variance letter and the Authority should discuss whether the request is justified in this instance.

2.0 APPLICATIONS (Items 2.7 to 2.26)

2.7 YARL TOWERS LTD. (Trio Design) Block 12C Parcels 438 (P23-1060) (\$20,000,000) (MW)

Application for a mixed use building (20 apartments and 10 retail units), 1 pool, 6 hot tubs and a generator.

FACTS

Location Earth Cl., West Bay

Zoning Neighbourhood Commercial

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.6381 ac. (27,795.636 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 20,000 sq. ft.

Current use Vacant

Proposed building size 64,403 sq. ft.

Total site coverage 87.11%
Allowable site coverage 75%

Allowable units CPA Discretion

Proposed units 20

Allowable bedrooms CPA Discretion

Proposed bedrooms 20 (plus 20 dens with bathrooms and closets)

Required parking 58
Proposed parking 78

BACKGROUND

July 16, 2008 – Commercial building (CPA/24/08; Item 2.14)— the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

July 16, 2008 – Sign (CPA/24/08; Item 2.14) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

October 22, 2008 – Modification to commercial building (CPA/34/08; Item 2.19) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

Recommendation: Discuss the application for the following reasons:

- 1) Building height
- 2) Site coverage (87.11% vs. 75%)

- 3) Roadside setback (11'-4" (steps) vs. 20'-0")
- 4) Density (20 bedrooms / 20 dens vs. CPA Discretion)

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health and Department of Environment.

Water Authority

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment:

The development shall be connected to the West Bay Beach Sewerage System (WBBSS) as per Section 42 (1) of the Water Authority Act (2022 Revision).

- The developer shall notify the Water Authority's Engineering Department at 949-2837 EXT: 3000, as soon as possible to ensure that:
- the site-specific connection requirements are relayed to the developer,
- any existing sewerage appurtenances on the property can be clearly marked to prevent damage (for which the developer would be held responsible), and
- the Authority can make necessary arrangements for connection.
- The developer shall be responsible for providing the site-specific sewerage infrastructure required for connection to the WBBSS. The site's wastewater infrastructure shall be designed and installed to the Authority's specifications. Copies of the Authority's specifications are available at the Water Authority's office on Red Gate Road, or the web: https://www.waterauthority.ky/upimages/pagebox/Guidelines-SewerMar2006_1634241055.pdf
- The developer shall submit plans for the infrastructure to the Authority for approval.
- The Authority shall make the final connection to the WBBSS, the cost of which shall be borne by the developer.

The Authority will not be responsible for delays due to insufficient notice from the developer.

Elevator Installation

Hydraulic elevators are required to have an approved pump with oil-sensing shut off installed in the sump pit. Specifications of the proposed pump shall be sent to the Water Authority at development.control@waterauthority.ky for review and approval.

Generator and Fuel Storage Tank(s) Installation

In the event underground fuel storage tanks (USTs) are used the Authority requires the developer to install monitoring wells for the USTs. The exact number and location(s) of the monitoring wells will be determined by the Authority upon receipt of a detailed site plan showing location of the UST(s) and associated piping. The monitoring wells shall comply with the standard detail of the Water Authority linked below. All monitoring wells shall be accessible for inspection by the Authority. In the event above ground fuel storage tanks (ASTs) are used, monitoring wells will not be required.

https://www.waterauthority.ky/upimages/download/USTMonitoringWellFeb2013_144563 2994.pdf

Potential High-Water Use

The plans submitted do not indicate the types of tenants to be included. Therefore, the above requirements are based on low-water-use tenants; i.e., those where wastewater generation is limited to employee restrooms/breakrooms. Should high-water-use tenants; e.g., food service, laundry, etc., be anticipated at this stage, details should be provided to the Water Authority thereby allowing requirements to be adjusted accordingly. Any future change-of-use applications which indicate an increase in water use will require an upgrade of wastewater treatment infrastructure which may include in-the-ground interceptors (for grease or oil-grit or lint) and/or an upgrade to an Aerobic Treatment Unit.

The developer is advised to contact <u>development.control@waterauthority.ky</u> to discuss requirements to accommodate potential high-water use tenants.

Water Supply:

Please be advised that the proposed development site is located within the Cayman Water Company's (CWC) piped water supply area.

- The developer is required to notify the Cayman Water Company without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection.
- The developer shall provide water supply infrastructure per CWC's specification and under CWC's supervision.

If there are questions or concerns regarding the above, please email them to: development.control@waterauthority.ky

Department of Environment (9-Feb-24)

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). This review is provided in accordance with Section 41(3) of the National Conservation Act and the Section 41 Guidance Notes issued by the National Conservation Council.

Advice to the Applicant

As seen in Figure 1 below, the application site is man-modified and of limited ecological value.



Figure 1. The application site with the parcel boundary highlighted in blue (Aerial Imagery Source: Cayman Land Info, 2023).

The DoE recommends that native vegetation is incorporated into the proposed landscaping scheme. Native species are best suited for the conditions of the site, including the temperature and amount of rainfall. They are climate-appropriate and require less maintenance and irrigation. Landscaping with native vegetation also provides habitat and food for native fauna such as birds and butterflies, promoting biodiversity and providing valuable ecosystem services. In particular, any remaining wetland vegetation along the northern boundary of the site should be retained as it will assist in on-site drainage.

Advice to the Central Planning Authority/Planning Department

Best management practices should be adhered to during construction to reduce impacts on the environment. In particular control measures should be put in place to address pollution from expanded polystyrene (EPS) beads on construction sites, for example those used in insulating concrete forms (ICF). Polystyrene is not biodegradable, and the EPS beads can be consumed by wildlife when it enters the food chain. These beads are very difficult to remove once they enter the environment and they do not naturally break down.

If the Central Planning Authority or Planning Department is minded to grant planning permission for the proposed development, we recommend the inclusion of the following condition in the approval:

1. If the construction uses insulating concrete forms (ICFs) or other polystyrene materials, measures (such as screens or other enclosures along with vacuuming) shall be put in place to ensure that any shavings, foam waste or polystyrene debris is completely captured on-site and does not impact the surrounding areas or pollute the environment.

Fire Department

Please note, this development requires a fire hydrant/Fire well. Location of same needs to be depicted on the site drawings. Chapter 6 of the 1994 Standard Fire Prevention Code: 603.1.3 Fire Hydrants; 603.1.3.1 Water Supply. Approved fire hydrants shall be provided for buildings to meet the necessary fire flow requirements as determined by the fire official.

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- 1) Minimum distance from generator and propane must be 20ft.
- 2) Minimum number of fire extinguishers is one and must be within 30ft of both tanks.
- 3) No combustible materials must be within 10ft of either tank. Take into consideration with landscaping.
- 4) Capacity of the tank for the generator was not stated, however the minimum setback distances for the tanks are: Propane tank once bury must be 10ft away from boundary line and building and diesel tank 276 to 750 gallons: 10ft away from boundary line and 5ft away from building, 751 12,000ft: 15ft from the boundary line and 5ft away from building.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for a mixed-use building; (20 apartments, 10 retail units) to be located on Earth Cl., West Bay.

Zoning

The property is zoned Neighbourhood Commercial.

Specific Issues

1) Zoning

Neighbourhood Commercial zones are zones in which the primary use is a less intense form of development of that permitted in a General Commercial zone and which caters principally for the needs of persons resident in, or in the vicinity of, the zone (Regulation 13(1)(b) 2022 Revision)

The proposal includes 8,334 sq. ft. of retail, 38,492 sq. ft. of residential space and the remaining 17,577 sq. ft. split between common areas & parking. The layout and floor area

of the commercial component is in similar scale to other commercial centres on Earth Cl. (Park Place & Landmark Square).

Also, residential development may be permitted in this zone provided it is not on the ground floor. In this instance all of the residential units are on the second & third level.

2) Building height

Regulation 13(7)(a) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "The maximum building height of any building in a Neighbourhood Commercial zone shall be 40'-0" or 3 storeys, whichever is the greater." The proposed development includes a roof top gym, storage and lobby with a height of **59'-8**" and it would also be considered a 4th storey. While Regulation 8(4A) would appear to now allow the roof-top uses, it does not apply to the Neighbourhood Commercial zone. Regulation 8(13) allows the Authority to grant a variance for the building height in terms of the number of feet, but it does not allow the Authority to grant a variance to the number of storeys.

3) Roadside Setback

Regulation 8(8)(b) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum road setbacks shall be 20", unless otherwise specified by the Authority."

The proposed building meets the required 20' roadside setback, however the proposed steps encroach the fronting road side setback at 11'-4" a difference of 8'-8".

4) Density

Regulation 8(8)(a) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the maximum density and minimum setbacks shall be at the discretion of the Authority." The applicant has proposed a total of 20 units with a total of 20 bedrooms, however each of the proposed units have dens which can be easily converted to bedrooms which would put the bedroom count to 40 bedrooms. Should the board consider the proposed dens as bedrooms this would put the proposed density at **31.3** apartments per acre and a bedroom density of **62.7** bedrooms per acre. The proposed density is greater than what is permitted in the Hotel/Tourism zone which allows up to 25 apartments per acre and more than double what is permitted in the Low density residential zone of 15 units per acre.

5) Site coverage

Regulation 13(10)(11) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "Site coverage, parking areas, driveways and service areas in any Neighbourhood Commercial or Marine Commercial zone shall not exceed 75% of the lot concerned." The proposed development (building & parking) would cover a maximum of 87.11% a difference of 12.11%.

2.8 CRESWELL POWERY (Garden City Designs) Block 4C Parcel 472 (P24-0051) (\$20,000) (MW)

Application for 2 ATF houses.

FACTS

Location

Boreal St., West Bay

Zoning Medium Density Residential

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.3121 ac. (13,595.076 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 22,500 sq. ft.

Current use Existing duplex, shed & ATF homes

Proposed building size 493.8 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 23.6%

Required parking 4
Proposed parking 4

BACKGROUND

April 2, 2017 – Duplex – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Lot size (13,595.076 sq. ft. vs. 22,500 sq. ft.)
- 2) Rear setback (7'-5" / 8'-6" vs. 20'-0")
- 3) Side setback (4'-1" / 6'-10" vs. 10'-0")

APPLICANT'S LETTER

We are requesting a variance for the above captioned pursuant to Regulation 13, The Development and Planning Regulation 2022 (R) (DPR), particularly Regulation 13 (b) (iii).

Mr. Powery expresses his sincere apologies for violating the DPR, but he is now retired, bed confined and must maintain two dependents. Therefore, rather than be an extra burden on NAU Mr. Powery is trying to earn the extra income from the two units.

The application contravenes the DPR in two respects, namely setbacks and lot size. In our view the development "...will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to the adjacent property, to the neighbourhood, or to the public welfare;" for the following reason:

1. The side setbacks which are less than the minimum of ten (10) feet have been violated in other instances within the neighbourhood (see attached photographs). Mr. Powery stated that the reason why he constructed the units that close to the boundaries is because if he had maintained the ten-foot setback for Unit #1 it would have been approximately 6-8 ft. from his house whereas Unit #1 is approximately 15' from the adjoining house on 4C471. The rear setback for Unit #2 is somewhat consistent with the developments on 4C468 & 469.

On behalf of our client, we are seeking the CPA's favourable consideration of his application and trust that the foregoing reason for requesting a variance is sufficient, but should you require any other information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.





PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for two ATF houses; 493.8 sq. ft. located on Boreal St., West Bay.

Zoning

The property is zoned Medium Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Lot size

Regulation 9(7)(d) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum lot size for each detached house is 7,500 square feet." The proposed property consists of (2) AFT dwellings in addition to the existing duplex which would require a lot size of 22,500 sq. ft. The current existing lot size is only 13,595.076 sq. ft. a difference of 8,904.924 sq. ft.

2) Rear setback

Regulation 9(7)(i) of the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum rear setbacks are 20'-0". The existing shed is currently 7'-5" from the rear boundary in addition the ATF dwelling #2 is 8'-6" from the rear boundary, a difference of 12'-7" (shed) & 11'-6" (ATF dwelling #2) respectively.

3) Side setback

Regulation 9(7)(j) of the Development & Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum side setbacks is 10 feet for a building of one storey" The (2) ATF dwellings would be 4'-1" (Unit #1) & 6'-10" (Unit #2) from the side boundary a difference of 5'-11"(Unit #1) & 3'-2" (Unit #2) respectively.

2.9 HUEY CRAWFORD (Abernethy & Associates) Block 53A Parcel 111 (P22-0358) (\$4,700) (NP)

Application for a 6 lot subdivision

FACTS

Location Private road, North Side

Zoning MDR

Notification Results No objectors

Proposed Parcel size 12,510 sq ft to 25,970 sq ft

Parcel size required 7,500 sq. ft.

Current use Vacant

BACKGROUND

July 6, 2022 – (**CPA/17/22; Item 2.16**) – The Authority resolved to adjourn the application in order for the road gazette referenced by the NRA in the memo dated July 1, 2022 becoming a fully designated public road prior to further consideration by the Authority.

Recommendation: Discuss the application for the following reasons:

- 1) Ministry comments regarding the road gazette
- 2) Width of access over 53A 110
- 3) Proposed lot width (30' vs 60')

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Department of Environment, National Roads Authority and Water Authority.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

Site Overview

The Department notes that the majority of the subject parcel is primary dry shrubland and dry forest habitat with the northern-most section being previously cleared and man-modified, as shown in Figure 1 below. The subject parcel is also located on an elevated ridge area which reaches heights of approximately 24ft as shown in Figure 2 below. Elevated areas with primary dry forest habitats are known to contain some of the oldest growth native vegetation. These areas are of high ecological value and may contain endemic species.



Figure 1: Aerial imagery showing the subject parcel with primary dry forest and shrubland landcover and the previously cleared area in the northern most area (Source: LIS 2018)

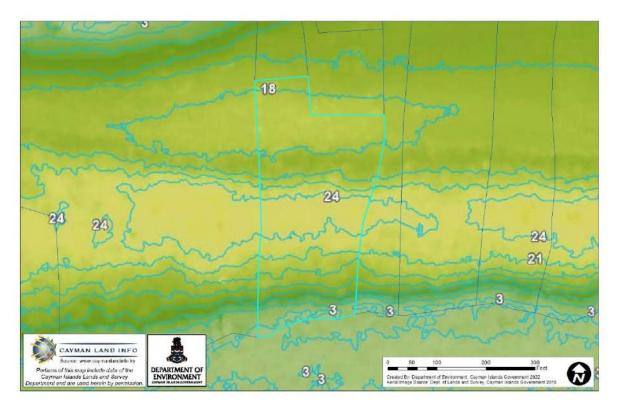


Figure 2: A map showing the elevation of the subject parcel with the elevated ridge shown in yellow reaching approximately 24ft above sea level (Source: LIS 2018)

Importance of Primary Habitat

Primary habitat is mature habitat in its natural state, otherwise uninfluenced by human activity where ecological processes are not significantly disturbed. Primary habitat is in severe decline and becoming a scarce and highly threatened resource as a result of land conversion for human uses. For this reason, the DoE does not support speculative or wholescale clearing of subdivision sites. In principle, land clearing should be reserved until the development of individual lots is imminent (through the granting of planning permission for development on those particular lots). This allows the opportunity for the individual lot owners to retain as much native vegetation as possible. Native vegetation is best suited for the habitat conditions of the site and requires less maintenance which makes it a very cost-effective choice.

Primary habitat can be retained and incorporated into subdivision plans to be utilised in a variety of ways. For example:

- It can be retained along parcel boundaries and between buildings to serve as privacy buffers/screening.
- It can be incorporated into the landscaping schemes for low-maintenance low-cost landscaping.
- It can serve as an amenity, providing green space and shade for those who live nearby/on the property.
- It can assist with on-site stormwater management and drainage.

- It can remain as a habitat for endemic wildlife (helping contribute to the conservation of our local species).
- It can help cut back on carbon emissions by leaving the habitat to act as a carbon sink by avoiding its destruction and allowing natural processes to occur which assist with the removal of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- When located in an area of wider primary habitat, wildlife corridors can be created connecting areas of a habitat that would have otherwise been isolated through development, allowing for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations.

DOE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Should the Central Planning Authority or Planning Department be minded to grant planning permission for the proposed subdivision, the DoE recommends the inclusion of the following conditions in any Planning Approval:

- 1. There shall be no land clearing, excavation, filling or further development of the resultant subdivided parcels without planning permission for such works being granted.
- 2. Any future land clearing, excavation, filling or development of the resulting subdivided parcels shall be the subject of a separate consultation with the Central Planning Authority and National Conservation Council.

Water Authority Cayman

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Water Supply

- Please be advised that connection of the proposed development to the Water Authority's piped water supply system will require an extension. It is the policy of the Water Authority Cayman to extend water distribution lines in public roads for the first 100 feet from the main road at no cost to the owner. Extensions exceeding 100ft from the main road on public roads and extensions in non-public areas are done at the owner's expense. The timing of any pipeline extension is at the sole discretion of the Water Authority.
- The developer is required to notify the Water Authority's Engineering Department at 949-2837, without delay, to be advised of the timing of the extension and the site-specific requirements for connection.

The Authority shall not be held responsible for delays and/or additional costs incurred by the developer due to the developer's failure to provide sufficient notice to the Authority.

Stormwater Management

This development is located over the North Side fresh water lens or within the 500m buffer zone of the lens. In order to protect the fresh water lens, the Water Authority requests that

stormwater drainage wells are drilled to a maximum depth of 80ft. instead of the standard depth of 100ft as required by the NRA.

Wastewater Treatment

• The developer is advised that wastewater treatment and disposal requirements for built development are subject to review and approval by the Water Authority.

National Roads Authority

As per your memo dated May 9" 2022 the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below out comments and Recommendations based on the site plan provided.

Proposed Gazette

The NRA and the Ministry of Works are working on a potential gazette scheme to provide the above site and adjacent parcels adequate access from North Side Road, thereby, also providing a more reliable means for both refuse and Ge truck access. Mr. Crawford's subdivision makes provision for 3 multi—faintly lots plus 2 house lots plus load — the land is zoned Medium Density Residential. The Rationale for a wider load width is that the combined area of 53A110 combined with 53A111 will make 2.83 acres of land available for development either for houses or for apartments. Please see schematic below.



Stormwater Management Issues

A comprehensive drainage plan needs to be provided by the applicant for the entire project.

The applicant shall demonstrate that the Stormwater Management system can be designed to include storm water runoff produced from a rainfall intensity of 2 inches pet hour for

one hour of duration and ensure that surrounding properties that are lower, and nearby public roadways are not subject to stormwater runoff from this site.

The applicant is encouraged to consider stormwater management techniques other than deep wells, and to contact the NRA for advice on these alternative control measures.

Infrastructure Issues

The NRA advises the CPA to require the developer to provide for signage (stop signs, etc.), street lighting and any other traffic calming measures on the proposed loads of the subdivision. Once the roadway has been taken over as a public toad, the NRA can then assume that responsibility.

A thirty (30) ft. wide toad parcel needs to be provided in order to have adequate access as the NRA does not endorse the use of vehicular ROWs.

The subdivision's road base shall be constructed to NRA minimum design and construction specifications for subdivision loads — this includes elevations, minimum longitudinal slopes and minimum cross fall of minus 2 percent from the centre line to the shoulder.

The roadway shall be HSE. The NRA shall inspect and certify the road base construction prior to HMA surfacing activities.

411 internal roadway curves (horizontal alignment) shall be no less than 46 feet centreline radius. This requirement ensures that the minimum vehicle sweeps for a standard garbage and/or fire truck can be accommodated by the site layout.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Enclosed please find the relevant documents relating to a 6-lot subdivision. The purpose of the subdivision is to partition the parcel among the family members in relation to their shareholdings. Although lot C meets the width and area requirements of the zoning, it has a 30' access point.

We are asking for a variance on the width under the Planning Regulation 8(13) (b) (iii) to accommodate this.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The subject property is located on a private road that runs south from North Side Road, just west of Dysa Lane.

The property is currently vacant and the proposal is to create 5 residential lots and one road parcel.

Adjacent properties were notified by Registered Mail and no objections have been received.

Zoning

The property is zoned Medium Density Residential.

Planning Issues

1) Width of right of way over 53A 110

The land register for the subject parcel indicates that the parcel has a vehicular right-of-way over the parcel to the north, which is 53A 110. However, it is noted a width of right-of-way is not indicated. In these instances, the Authority typically assumes that it is a maximum 12' wide right-of-way.

A 12' wide right-of-way may not be wide enough for an additional 5 residential lots, especially where there is the potential for apartments to be built on proposed lots B, E and F.

2) Proposed lot width

Proposed lot C has 30 feet of lot width on the proposed road parcel.

Regulation 9(7)(g) requires a minimum lot width of 60 feet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The applicant's agent has submitted the following correspondence for the attention of the Authority:

We have received an email from the Ministry of Planning stating that they are in the process of gazetting the road and have asked the CPA to consider approving the application while they work through the process. The subdivision will not be registered with Lands and Survey until the completion of the gazette, but we can start working on the project in the meantime. Please see the attached email.

The email referenced in the applicant's correspondence is copied below:

As per our conversation, Ministry is in the process of gazetting a number of roads island wide, in order to provide public access to lands in the area/s. As such, we'd appreciate if the CPA could take this into consideration when considering planning applications in these areas, with the understanding that the road will provide public access to these lands once the road/s are gazetted. We understand that the gazette process will need be complete prior to any project/s along the named road being complete; however, we feel that this could ease the process as planning application could be sought in the meantime.

At this time, Fairlawn Rd is now being treated as a priority, and Ministry has now begun the process of gazette. The David Foster Dr is also being finalised as a public road. From time to time, Ministry will update the CPA/DOP on other road projects as we undertake.

2.10 GEORGE TAYLOR (Craftman's Touch) Block 28C Parcel 476 (P23-1189) (\$1,927,200) (MW)

Application for 2 duplexes.

FACTS

Location Greenall St., Bodden Town
Zoning Low Density Residential

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.4410 ac. (19,209.96 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 25,000 sq. ft.

Current use vacant

Proposed building size 6,791.14 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 17.68%

Required parking 4
Proposed parking 7

BACKGROUND

March 4, 2015 – Two Bedroom House – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

July 29, 2021 – Three Bedroom House with Attached Double Garage; 3,374.65 sq. ft. – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

June 21, 2023 – 6 Unit Apartment Development; 9,378 sq. ft. with swimming pool – the application was considered and it was resolved to adjourn the application.

October 11, 2023 - 6 apartments and swimming pool (CPA/24/23; Item 2.6) – the application was considered and it was resolved to refuse planning permission.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Lot size (19,209.96 sq. ft. vs. 25,000 sq. ft.)
- 2) Side setback (14'-9" vs. 15')

APPLICANT'S LETTER

With respect to our submission for two duplexes, on block 28C parcel 476, Grand Cayman, we hereby request variance as follows:

1. Land Size and side setback variance is requested. Where the present regulation requires a minimum of 12,500 sqft, the proposed is 19,161 sqft. For building number two where the side setback is 15ft, 14"-9" is proposed on the right.

In making the application for such a variance, our client is mindful of provisions of Regulation 8 (13) of the Development and Planning Regulations, and would submit that there is sufficient reason and exceptional circumstances that would permit such setback allowances in that:

- (i) The characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area.
- (ii) The proposed structures will not be materially detrimental to persons residing in the vicinity, to the adjacent properties, or to the neighboring public welfare.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter and look forward to a favourable decision on this application in due course.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for two (2) duplexes; 6,791.14 sq. ft located on Greenall St., Bodden Town.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Lot size

Regulation 9(8)(e) of the Development & Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "
the minimum lot size for each duplex is 12,500 sq. ft." As the applicant is proposing two
duplexes a minimum lot size of 25,000 sq. ft. would be required. The subject lot is currently
19,209.96 sq. ft. a difference of 5,790.04 sq. ft.

2) Side setback

Regulation 9(8)(j) of the Development & Planning Regulations (2022 Revision) states "the minimum side setback for a building of more than one story is 15'-0" The proposed building #2 would be approximately 14'-9" from the eastern boundary a difference of 3"

2.11 R&R EXPEDITERS LTD. (AD Architecture Ltd.) Block 19A Parcel 57 & 58 (P21-0115) (\$2,500,000) (EJ)

Application for warehouses.

FACTS

Location Blue Lagoon Drive, North-West of Progressive

Distribution

Zoning LI

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.92 ac. (40,075 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 20,000 sq. ft.

Current use Buildings, containers and vehicles.

Proposed building size 13,672.2 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 34.1% (Bldg) & 43.1% (Parking) 77.2%

Required parking 14
Proposed parking 49

BACKGROUND

May 16, 2007 (**CPA/13/07; Item 2.17**) - The Authority granted permission for twelve warehouses and six retail units.

March 15, 2017 (**CPA/06/17; Item 2.9**) - The Authority granted permission for a 6' high chain link fence.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Site coverage (77.2% vs 75%)

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, Department of Environmental Health, Department of Environment and the Fire Department.

Water Authority

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment & Disposal

- The developer shall provide a **septic tank** with a capacity of at least (2,500) **US gallons** for the proposed warehouses.
- The septic tank shall be constructed in strict accordance with the Authority's standards. Each compartment shall have a manhole to allow for inspection and service. Manholes shall extend to or above grade and be fitted with covers that provide a water-tight seal and that can be opened and closed by one person with standard tools. Where septic tanks are located in traffic areas, specifications for a traffic-rated tank and covers are required.
 - Treated effluent from the septic tank shall discharge to an effluent disposal well constructed by a licenced driller in strict accordance with the Authority's standards. Licenced drillers are required to obtain the site-specific minimum borehole and grouted casing depths from the Authority prior to pricing or constructing an effluent disposal well.
 - To achieve gravity flow, treated effluent from the septic tank shall enter the disposal well at a minimum invert level of 4'5" above MSL. The minimum invert level is that required to maintain an air gap between the invert level and the water level in the well, which fluctuates with tides and perching of non-saline effluent over saline groundwater.

For Water Authority approval at BCU stage, a detailed profile drawing of the proposed wastewater treatment system is required. The drawing shall indicate:

- 1. If the proposed septic tank will be site-built or precast. (You may use the Water Authority drawing for site-built tanks available from the Authorities website or a Precast septic tank drawing if you intend to use a Precast Tank).
- 2. All dimensions and materials shall be provided for any site-built tanks.
- 3. Manhole extensions are permitted up to a maximum of 24" below finished grade.
- 4. Detailed specifications including make and model for (H-20) traffic-rated covers for septic tanks proposed to be located within traffic areas.
- 5. A detailed profile cross-section of the wastewater system clearly showing the plumbing from building stub out to the effluent disposal well achieving the minimum invert connection specified above. (Alternatively details of proposed lift station shall be required)
- 6. The Water Authorities updated 2020 effluent disposal well specifications.
- 7. A 30ft horizontal separation between the effluent disposal well and any stormwater drainage wells.

Water Supply

The proposed development site is located within the Water Authority's piped water supply area.

- The developer shall contact Water Authority's Engineering Services Department at 949-2837, without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection to the public water supply.
- The developer shall submit plans for the water supply infrastructure for the development to the Water Authority for review and approval.
- The developer shall install the water supply infrastructure within the site, under the Water Authority's supervision, and in strict compliance with the approved plans and Water Authority Guidelines for Constructing Potable Water Mains. The Guidelines and Standard Detail Drawings for meter installations are available via the following link to the Water Authority's web page: http://www.waterauthority.ky/water-infrastructure.

The Authority shall not be held responsible for delays and/or additional costs incurred by the developer due to the developer's failure to provide sufficient notice to the Authority.

National Roads Authority

No comments received at the time of this writeup.

Department of Environmental Health

- 1. DEH has no objections to the proposed in principle.
- 2. This development will require (1) 8 cubic yard container serviced twice per week.
- 3. The applicant is advised that any change of use from the warehouses must be submitted to DEH for review and approval.

Department of Environment (February 22, 2024)

Under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Law, 2013), the Department of Environment (DoE) confirms that there are no comments at this time, as the site is man-modified with limited ecological value

Fire Department

Fire Department approved.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed three (3) warehouse buildings are located on Blue Lagoon Drive, off Sparky Drive.

Zoning

The property is zoned Light Industrial.

Specific Issues

1) Site coverage

Regulation 8(1) states that the building and car parking area cannot exceed 75%. In this instance, the total site coverage would be 77.2%. In this regard, it should be noted that 14 parking spaces are required for the development and the applicant is proposing 49 which contributes to an excessive amount of asphalt leading to the excessive site coverage. Also, the proposed number of parking spaces raises a question as to the intended use of the warehouse buildings as 49 parking spaces does not seem necessary for warehouse use.

2.12 MARILIN EBANKS (Ernesto Carter) Block 5B Parcel 129 (P24-0059) (\$10,000) (NP)

Application for food truck & storage container

FACTS

Location West Church Street in West Bay

Zoning Neighbourhood Commercial

Notification Results No Objections

Parcel size 0.1 acre

Parcel size required CPA discretion

Current use Vacant

Proposed use Food Truck & Container

Building Footprint 233 square feet

Parking Required 2 spaces
Parking Provided 3 spaces

BACKGROUND

October 26, 2022 (**CPA/26/22**; **item 2.5**) – application for same food truck and storage container was adjourned to invite the objector to appear before the Authority.

November 23, 2022 (**CPA/28/22; Item 2.7**) - The Authority resolved to grant planning permission for the same food truck and storage container for one year only. That permission has lapsed.

Recommendation: Discuss the application for the following reason:

1) Gravel parking area

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the National Roads Authority, Department of Environment, Water Authority and Fire Department.

National Roads Authority

The NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

The NRA has no objections or concerns regarding the above proposed development.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

The application site is man-modified, however, it is noted that there is a mature mahogany tree on site. It is recommended that the mahogany tree is retained and incorporated into the site design.

Water Authority Cayman

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Mobile food service providers shall provide details on the following:

1. Potable Water:

- a. Source:
- b. Storage tank: type, volume and location within mobile unit.

2. Wastewater generated during preparation and clean-up of food:

- a. Plumbing fixtures: list number and type, include dimensions of sinks.
- b. Storage tank: type, volume and location within mobile unit.

c. Discharge: describe method and location of where contents are transferred for treatment and disposal.

3. Wastewater generated from sanitary fixtures:

- a. Restroom facilities: list number and type of facilities provided.
- b. Storage tank or treatment system: type, volume and location within or outside mobile unit.
- c. Discharge: describe method and location for treatment and disposal.

4. Type of food service:

a. Sells only pre-packaged items or items prepared at a permanent site (indicate location of permanent site of preparation kitchen).

Water Supply

Please be advised that the proposed development site is located within the Cayman Water Company's (CWC) piped water supply area.

- The developer is required to notify the Cayman Water Company without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection.
- The developer shall provide water supply infrastructure per CWC's specification and under CWC's supervision.

Fire Department

The Fire Department has stamp approved the drawings.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The subject property is located on West Church Street in West Bay, at the corner of Elizabeth Street.

The proposal is for a food truck (73 Sq ft) and storage container with 3 parking spaces in an existing gravel area. There would be outdoor seating and a portable toilet on site.

The applicant is seeking planning permission for five years.

Zoning

The property is zoned Neighbourhood Commercial.

Specific Issues

1) Gravel Parking

The applicant is proposing to utilize the existing gravel parking area.

The Authority should discuss whether this is suitable in this instance.

2.13 CELICIA MARIA ALLEY (IWB Architecture) Block 27E Parcel 209 (P23-0451) (\$25,000) (EJ)

Application for after-the-fact one-bedroom addition to a duplex creating 3 apartments.

FACTS

Location Brookstone Close, Savannah

Zoning LDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.3099 ac. (13,499 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 25,000 sq. ft.

Current use Three apartments

Proposed building size 475 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 22.85%

Allowable units 4

Proposed units 3

Allowable bedrooms 7

Proposed bedrooms 7

Required parking 3

Proposed parking 3

BACKGROUND

November 30, 2022 (CE22-0186) – the department issued an enforcement notice.

August 31, 2009 – The Department granted planning permission for a duplex (P09-0896).

January 4, 2023 (**CPA/01/23**; **Item 2.2**) – The Authority granted permission for the addition of a study, half bath and multi-purpose room to one unit of an existing duplex (P22-0828). At that time, it was noted that the owner of the other unit of the duplex had already constructed an addition, but there was no record that it was approved. Accordingly, the Department investigated and an enforcement notice was issued which resulted in the current application for the after-the-fact addition.

December 6, 2023 (**CPA/29/23**; **Item 2.7**) – The Authority adjourned the application in order for the department to undertake an electrical assessment of the building within 30 days.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Lot size variance (13,499 sq. ft. vs 25,000 sq. ft.)
- 2) Rear setback variance (10'.8" vs 20' house)

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health, Department of Environment and Fire Department.

Water Authority

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment & Disposal

Addition with Existing Septic Tank

If the developer proposes to utilize the existing septic tank and/or disposal well, the system shall be inspected and serviced per the Water Authority's Septic Tank Inspection Form.

Septic Tank Inspection Form: https://bit.ly/2RO8MBB

The completed inspection form shall be returned to the Water Authority for review and determination as to whether the existing system meets Water Authority design specifications. Any deficiencies noted will require repair or replacement **prior to** final approval for certificate of occupancy.

Water Supply

The proposed development site is located within the Water Authority's piped water supply area.

- The developer shall contact Water Authority's Engineering Services Department at 949-2837, without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection to the public water supply.
- The developer shall submit plans for the water supply infrastructure for the development to the Water Authority for review and approval.

• The developer shall install the water supply infrastructure within the site, under the Water Authority's supervision, and in strict compliance with the approved plans and Water Authority Guidelines for Constructing Potable Water Mains. The Guidelines and Standard Detail Drawings for meter installations are available via the following link to the Water Authority's web page: http://www.waterauthority.ky/water-infrastructure

The Authority shall not be held responsible for delays and/or additional costs incurred by the developer due to the developer's failure to provide sufficient notice to the Authority.

National Roads Authority

As per your email dated October 10th, 2023, the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

General Issues

- Entrances shall be twenty-four (24) feet wide.
- A six (6) foot sidewalk shall be constructed on Brookstone Close within the property boundary, to NRA specifications (available on our website at: https://www.caymanroads

.com/upload/files/3/Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%20Details.pdf%20).

The NRA requests that the CPA have the applicant revise the site plan to increase the width of the entrance to at least 24 feet wide, and include a sidewalk as noted above.

Road Capacity Issues

The traffic demand to be generated by a residential development of one (1) dwelling unit has been assessed in accordance with ITE Code 220 – Apartments. Thus, the assumed average trip rates per dwelling unit provided by the ITE for estimating the daily, AM and PM peak hour trips are 6.65, 0.51 and 0.62 respectively. The anticipated traffic to be added to Brookstone Close is as follows:

1	Expected Daily Trips	AM Peak Hour Total Traffic	AM Peak 20% In	AM Peak 80% Out	PM Peak Hour Total Traffic	PM Peak 65% In	PM Peak 35% Out
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Based on these estimates, the impact of the proposed development on Brookstone Close is considered to be minimal.

Access and Traffic Management Issues

Entrance and exit curves shall be no less than fifteen (15) feet in radius.

One-way driveway aisles with diagonal parking shall be between twelve (12) to sixteen (16) ft. wide. Two-way driveway aisles shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) ft. wide.

Tire stops (if used) shall be placed in parking spaces such that the length of the parking space is <u>not reduced below the sixteen-foot (16') minimum</u>.

Stormwater Management Issues

The applicant is encouraged to implement state-of-the-art techniques that manage stormwater runoff within the subject parcel and retain existing drainage characteristics of the site as much as is feasible through innovative design and the use of alternative construction techniques. However, it is critical that the development be designed so that post-development stormwater runoff is no worse than pre-development runoff. To that effect, the following requirements should be observed:

- The applicant shall demonstrate, <u>prior to the issuance of any Building Permits</u>, that the Stormwater Management system is designed to embrace storm water runoff produced from a rainfall intensity of 2 inches per hour for one hour of duration and ensure that surrounding properties and/or nearby roads are not subject to stormwater runoff from the subject site.
- The stormwater management plan shall include spot levels (existing and finished levels) with details of the overall runoff scheme. Please have the applicant provide this information prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- Construct a gentle 'hump' at the entrance/exit (along the entire width of each driveway) in order to prevent stormwater runoff from and onto Brookstone Close. Suggested dimensions of the 'hump' would be a width of 6 feet and a height of 2-4 inches. Trench drains often are not desirable.
- *Curbing is required for the parking areas to control stormwater runoff.*
- Roof water runoff should not drain freely over the parking area or onto the surrounding property. Note that unconnected downspouts are not acceptable. We recommend piped connection to catch basins or alternative stormwater detention devices. Catch basins (Per NRA specifications (available at: https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/4/628e65 99be2c9.pdf) are to be networked, please have the applicant provide locations of such wells along with details of depth and diameter prior to the issuance of any Building Permits.
- <u>Sidewalk details need to be provided per NRA specifications (available on our website at: https://www.caymanroads.com/upload/files/3/Sidewalk%20&%20Curbing%20Det ails.pdf%20).</u>

At the inspection stage for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant shall demonstrate that the installed system will perform to the standard given. The National Roads Authority wishes to bring to the attention of the Planning Department that non-compliance with the above-noted stormwater requirements would cause a road encroachment under Section 16 (g) of The Roads Act (2005 Revision). For the purpose of this Act, Section 16(g) defines encroachment on a road as

"any artificial canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure from which any water or other liquid escapes on to any road which would not but for the existence of such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure have done so, whether or not such canal, conduit, pipe or raised structure adjoins the said road;"

Failure in meeting these requirements will require immediate remedial measures by the applicant.

Department of Environmental Health

Solid Waste Facility: 1. This development require 3 (33) gallon bins and an enclosure built to the department's requirements. a. The enclosure should be located as closed to the curb as possible without impeding the flow of traffic. b. The enclosure should be provided with a gate to allow removal of the bins without having to lift it over the enclosure.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). The Department of Environment confirms that we have no comments at this time.

Fire Department

Fire Department approved.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

We have applied on behalf of Ms. Celicia M. Alley for approval after the fact of a **One Bedroom Unit Addition to Existing Duplex to Create Apartment** on the above-mentioned block and parcel number,

Not with standing regulation 8(13)(b)(i) the characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area;

And notwithstanding regulation 8 (13) (b) (iii) the proposal will not be materially detrimental to parsons residing or working in the vicinity, to the adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare;

Also, notwithstanding regulation 8 (13) (d) in the case of an application where lesser setbacks are proposed for a development or a lesser lot size is proposed for a development, the adjoining property owners have been notified of the application.

With the registered area of this parcel being Area (13,495 Sq. Ft.). Which the proposed development falls short of the required minimum area required for the development of additional unit in the low density residential zoning, the area which the parcel falls short as mentioned above we would like to request the lot size and setback variance be granted to allow the after the fact one bedroom unit to be approved as submitted.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The after-the-fact one-bedroom addition to duplex creating apartments is located on Brookstone Close in Newlands.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Lot size

The after-the-fact one-bedroom unit and porch addition to the existing duplex is on a parcel that is 13,499 sq. ft.; bearing in mind Regulation 9(8)(f) requires a lot size of 25,000 sq. ft. for apartments in this low-density residential zone.

2) Rear setback

The after-the-fact addition is existing at (10'.8" vs 20') from the rear boundary, therefore not meeting regulations 9(8)(i) which requires a 20' rear setback.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS

On December 6, 2023 (**CPA/29/23**; **Item 2.7**) – The Authority adjourned the application in order for the department to undertake an electrical assessment of the building within 30 days.

The Department conducted a site inspection (Current Planning & BCU) on February 20, 2024 and photos was taken with the cooperation of the applicant; where two separate electrical panel boxes was observed and two separate entrances and kitchens; therefore, the Authority is asked to consider if the after-the-fact construction constitutes a third unit.







View from Brookstone Close.

FENCE SIGN: "GUESTS ENTER THE GATE HERE"



View facing East.

TRASH BIN SIGN: "AIR BNB GARBAGE BIN"



View from East Side

View of Back Porch (MainUnit)

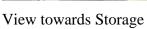




View towards the Road.

View from South Side towards unit







Back of ATF unit



Entrance to ATF unit





Inside entrance to ATF Unit

Kitchen area to immediate right at entrance of ATF Unit





Bathroom inside ATF Unit

View looking back towards entrance of ATF Unit



Electrical Panel Box in Main Unit



Electrical Panel Box in ATF Unit

2.14 VICTOR JENNINGS (TSC Architecture) Block 14D Parcel 179 (P23-1168) (\$700,000) (EJ)

Application to modify planning permission to increase the floor area, add a landing with steps, add a gate to the wall and relocate the septic tank.

FACTS

Location July Street and Oakmill Street

Zoning HDR

Notice Requirements No Objectors

Parcel Size 0.26 ac. (11,325 sq. ft.)

Current Use Apartments under construction

BACKGROUND

March 20, 2019 (**CPA/06/19; Item 2.5**) – The Authority approved an application for apartments subject to a condition seeking revised plans detailing a maximum of six (6) apartments on the site including sign, generator and 8' high perimeter enclosure.

October 9, 2019 (**CPA/21/19; Item 2.10**) – The Authority approved a six (6'ft) high boundary wall and a five (5-ft) wall along the road.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

- 1) Rear steps setback variance (10.1' vs 20'),
- 2) Setback Variance for Septic Tank (13'.11" & 14'.9" vs 20'),
- 3) Proposed Sliding Gate (18' vs 22'),

AGENT'S LETTER

"This letter is written on behalf of Victor Jennings Jr; An approval was granted for 6-2-story apartments on the referenced property. The total square footage is 3,691. As required, notices were sent by registered mail to all owners within an 80 feet radius on February 19th, 2023. He requests a setback variance for the septic as it is located to the front left of the property and would like the board's consideration.

As per section 8(13)(b), (iii), there is sufficient reason to grant a side setback variance as exceptional circumstances exist, which may include the fact; the proposal will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity to the adjacent property or the public welfare."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed 122 sq. ft front addition, increase in rear landing, relocation of septic tank and proposed sliding gate is located on Oakmill Street & July Street in Windsor Park.

Zoning

The land is zoned High Density Residential.

Specific Issue

1) Rear steps setback variance (10.1' vs 20'),

The proposed is to extend the front ground floor wall a total of 122 sq. ft. affecting two apartments and widening of two landing areas with steps to the rear of the building, proposed steps are at 10.1' vs 20' from the east boundary (unless the Authority considers the east boundary as a side).

2) Setback Variance for Septic Tank

Additionally, the application is seeking permission to relocated the approved septic tank from in front of the building to the North East corner, now proposed at 14.9' vs 20' from Oakhill Street and 13.11' from the east boundary.

2.15 GREGORY ROMUNDT (Trio Design) Block 10A Parcel 144 (P23-1185) (EJ)

Application for house addition for double garage and two guestrooms.

FACTS

Location Ironshore Drive, Vista Del Mar

Zoning LDR
Notification result NA

Parcel size proposed 1.10 ac. (47,914 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 22,500 sq. ft.

Current use House

Proposed building size 3,639 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 14.95%

BACKGROUND

July 14, 2010 (**admin approve**) – Permission granted for a four-bedroom house with gazebo and swimming pool.

July 21, 2010 (**CPA/17/10; Item 2.20**) – Permission granted for a five (5-ft) concrete wall.

April 2, 2014 (**CPA/08/14**; **Item 2.3**) – Permission granted for a five-bedroom house, swimming pool, concrete wall and lpg tank.

May 25, 2022 (**CPA/14/22**; **Item 5.3**) – Permission waived the need for a new HWM survey for proposed cabana.

July 20, 2022 (**CPA/18/22**; **Item 2.12**) – Permission granted for a cabana with trellis roof.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Two guest rooms vs duplex.

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Department of Environment.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). This review is provided in accordance with Section 41(3) of the National Conservation Act and the Section 41 Guidance Notes issued by the National Conservation Council.

Environmental Overview

As seen in Figure 1 below, the application site is man-modified and of limited ecological value. The DoE note that the proposed additions will be landward of the existing residence.



Figure 1. The application site with the parcel boundary highlighted in blue (Aerial Imagery Source: UKHO, 2021).

Advice to the Planning Department/Central Planning Authority

Best management practices should also be adhered to during construction to reduce impacts on the environment and the adjacent marine environment, including impacts to water quality. Materials should be stockpiled away from the water to avoid run-off into the adjacent marine environment. Control measures should be put in place to address pollution from expanded polystyrene (EPS) beads on construction sites, for example those used in insulating concrete forms (ICF). Polystyrene is not biodegradable, and the EPS beads can be consumed by wildlife when it enters the food chain. These beads are very difficult to remove once they enter the environment and they do not naturally break down.

If the Central Planning Authority or Planning Department is minded to grant planning permission for the proposed additions, we recommend the inclusion of the following conditions in the approval:

- 1. All construction materials shall be stockpiled at a minimum of 20 feet from the water's edge to reduce the possibility of run-off washing material and debris into the adjacent marine environment causing turbidity and impacting water quality.
- 2. If the construction uses insulating concrete forms (ICFs) or other polystyrene materials, measures (such as screens or other enclosures along with vacuuming) shall

be put in place to ensure that any shavings, foam waste or polystyrene debris is completely captured on-site and does not impact the surrounding areas or pollute the adjacent marine environment.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed 3,639 sq. ft. two-storey addition to home spa, theatre, double garage and two guestrooms is located on Ironshore Drive in Vista Del Mar.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Guest rooms vs duplex

The second floor over the garage has two guest rooms with each having a kitchen and bathroom and could be considered a duplex. The Authority is asked to determine the category of the building to ensure proper review under the Building Code. If it is determined to be a duplex the lot size of 1.10 ac is large enough to accommodate the existing house and the duplex.

2.16 HERFA HENRY ROBINSON (Ernesto Carter) Block 14E Parcel 760 (P23-0654) (\$6,500) (EJ)

Application for an after-the-fact house addition (kitchenette).

FACTS

Location Windsor Hill Crescent

Zoning HDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.1099 ac. (4,787 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 5,000 sq. ft.

Current use House
Proposed building size 64 sq. ft.
Total building site coverage 28.18%

BACKGROUND

December 20, 2013 (admin approve) – Permission granted for 177 sq. ft. house addition.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Side setback variance (4'.3" vs 20')

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Please accept this letter for your boards humbly review and consideration as a formal request for a site setback variance of my property as per the Development and Planning regulations 8. (13) (b) (ii) unusual terrain characteristics limit the site's development potential; and 8 (13) (b) (i) the characteristics of the propose development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area;

I purchase the property and house from the Government National Housing Trust for my children and I needing space for our family to expand and wanting my children when adults to be nearby to assist me with the house and to help them save for themselves; and, thereafter built on a little kitchen dedicated to me and mv husband because of needing to make special meals due to the life chancing sickness I obtained on previous job of mv former employer where I was retired on permanent sick leave & cannot work the required time and hours; and now requires expensive medical and special prepared foods for life.

I do hereby request your kind consideration for a site lot and setback variance of approx. 4ft-6-inches at the left-side of house next to parcel 759 from the access road. This allowing us to utilize our property without removing the few fruit trees onsite and to provided more proper gravel parking and to comply with Planning regulations 8. (13) (b) (ii) and 8 (13) (b) (i).

Plans were submitted for the site lot and proposed ATF House addition variances constructed of reinforced concrete blocks to the Cayman Islands Building Codes standard.

NOT A DUPLEX

The proposed 63.25 SQFT addition to existing house and NOT A DUPLEX is for my personal use as owner Mrs. Herfa Henry (Robinson) ATF Addition Modification.

Registered mail notices were sent to all adjoining lots to notify them of my planning Department Application proposed ATF Addition 4fi-6-inches setback and lot variances request for the side of building from road access Road (which actually 4ft-6-inches on side of the building next to parcel 759). Along with two maps showing where variance is being requested.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The after-the-fact is the result of enforcement action CE22-0226; the 64 sq. ft. addition to the east-side of the house is for a second kitchen located on Winsor Crescent in Winsor Park.

Zoning

The property is zoned High Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Side setbacks

The applicant has added the after-the-fact 64 sq. ft. addition to the existing house, creating a second kitchen, the subject addition is at 4.6' vs 10' from the boundary; therefore, the applicant is seeking ATF permission to keep the second kitchen for personal use and not changing the house to a duplex; therefore, seeking a side setback variance from the Authority.

2.17 ANTONETTE MARQUIS (Craftman's Touch) Block 32B Parcel 438 (P23-0559) (\$203,034) (EJ)

Application for an addition to house to create a duplex.

FACTS

Location Walbridge Drive, Lower Valley.

Zoning LDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 0.2383 ac. (10,380 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 12,500 sq. ft.

Current use House

Proposed building size 1,015.16 sq. ft.

Building site coverage 19.57%

Required parking 2
Proposed parking 2

BACKGROUND

February 27, 2019 (admin approve) – the Department granted permission for a two-bedroom house.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Lot size variance (10,380 sq. ft. vs 12,500 sq. ft.).

APPLICANT'S LETTER

With respect to our submission for a duplex, on block 32B parcel 438 located Savannah Newlands, Bodden Town, Grand Cayman, we hereby request variance as follows:

1. Land Size variance for o Duplex, where the present regulation requires a minimum of 12,500sqft and the proposed is 10,380sqft.

In making the application for such a variance, our client is mindful of provisions of Regulations 8(13) of the Development and Planning Regulations, and would submit that there is sufficient reason and exceptional circumstances that would permit such setback allowance, in that:

- (i) The characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area.
- (ii) The proposed structures will not be materially detrimental to persons residing in the vicinity, to the adjacent properties, or to the neighboring public welfare.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed addition to house to create a duplex is located on Walbridge Drive in Lower Valley.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Minimum lot size

The proposed two-bedroom addition to create a duplex is on a lot existing at 10,380 sq. ft. vs 12,500 sq. ft. which does not meet regulations 9 (8)(e) for this low-density residential zone; therefore, the applicant is seeking a lot size variance of 2,120 sq. ft. from the Authority.

2.18 ROVIDA ESTATES (CI) COMPANY LTD. (BDCL Architects) Block 14BH Parcel 159 (P23-0942) (\$150,000) (MW)

Replacement of damaged chain link fence and increase height with barbed wire topping to 10'-2" and increase existing concrete fence height to 6'-10 1/4".

FACTS

Location Shedden Rd.., George Town

Zoning General Commercial

Notification result No objections

Parcel size proposed 2.943 ac. (128,197.08 sq. ft.)

Current use Existing Commercial Buildings

BACKGROUND

January 17, 2024 (CPA/03/24; item 2.8) – It was resolved to adjourn the application for the following reason:

1) The applicant is required to submit revised plans showing the deletion of the barbed wire from the proposed fence.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Revised plans

APPLICANT'S LETTER

On behalf of our client, we are humbly requesting a variance for adding a 2'-10" extension in height to an existing 6'-1" concrete wall and to replace a damaged 6'-11" chain link fence with a new 10'-2" chain link fence that has the top 2'-0" strung with barbed wire for security measures. This proposed height addition will be in keeping with the adjacent properties, namely the Radio Cayman building and the George Town Police Station.

Due to the recent alarming increase in crime, our client is concerned for the privacy, safety, and security of their staff, tenants, and patrons of this establishment. Elizabethan Square has been targeted with numerous break-ins, theft, and is frequented by miscreants that climb over the existing wall and fence bordering the Scranton area. Raising the height of the wall, and placing barbed wire at the top of the chain link fence, will aid in preventing numerous illegal and dangerous activities from occurring at this location.

Within the Cayman Islands "Development and Planning Regulations (Planning Regulations 2022 Revision)", Planning Regulation 8.13(b)(i): "the characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area"

- The proposed wall and fence are consistent with the character of the surrounding area, as both the Police Station and Radion Cayman for both height and security measures in place. (See Figures 1-5 below.)

Planning Regulations 8.13(b)(iii): "the proposal will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to the adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare"

- The proposed application will not be detrimental as stated above; contrarily it will provide safety and security to the property, staff, tenants, and visitors to the property by keeping out undesired and illegal activity.



Figure 1: Barbed wire and razor wire above the wall and chain link fence at the George Town Police Station.



Figure 2: Barbed wire and razor wire above the wall and chain link fence at the George Town Police Station.



Figure 3: Barbed wire above the chain link fence at Radio Cayman.



Figure 4: The existing concrete wall and damaged chain link fence at Elizabethan Square.



Figure 5: The end of the existing concrete wall at Elizabethan Square.

Additionally, per the Wall & Fence Guidelines document that was published by the Planning Department security features are permitted in Commercial Zones, provided that

if barbed wire is used it may only be on top of a masonry wall or chain link fence and permission will be subject to CPA approval. Based on the circumstances described above, we feel that this application should be approved to provide safety and security to this development.

We thank you very much for your consideration and now look forward to your approval of our request for this variance. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to phone this office or email me at kmandish@bdcl.ky.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for the replacement of damaged chain link fence and increase height with barbed wire topping to 10'-2" and increase existing concrete fence height to 6'-10 1/4" to be located on Shedden Rd., George Town.

Zoning

The property is zoned General Commercial.

Specific Issues

1) Fence/Wall height

The CPA fence guideline 4.41 stipulates that "In commercial, industrial and institutional zones, no part of a solid wall or fence should exceed 48 inches in height except for where provided within these regulations." The proposed extension to the existing concrete fence would put the fence height at 6'-10 1/4" a difference of 2'-10 1/4".

The CPA fence guideline 4.4.2 stipulates that "In commercial, industrial and institutional zones, no part of a semi-transparent wall or fence should exceed 72" in height, except for where provided within these regulations"- The proposed extension to the chain link fence would take the overall fence to 10'-2" in height a difference in height of 4'-2".

In addition, the CPA fence guideline 10.2 states the following regarding security features namely barbed wire.

Barbed Wire

Stand alone barbed wire fencing will generally be permitted only in agricultural applications. Barbed wire as a security feature on top of a masonry wall or chain link fence is permitted subject to CPA approval.

The Authority should assess if there is sufficient reason and an exceptional circumstance that exists to warrant granting planning permission for the proposed fence heights & use of barbed wire as an additional security feature.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS

The applicant has submitted revised drawings showing the deletion of the barbed wire as requested by the Authority.

2.19 PRO-PLUS CONSTRUCTION LTD. (Tropical Architectural Group Ltd.) Block 20D Parcel 472 (P24-0032) (\$10,000) (MW)

Application for a 25 lot land strata subdivision.

FACTS

Location Linford Pierson Hwy., George Town

Zoning Low Density Residential

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 10.79 ac. (470,012.4 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 25,000 sq. ft.

Current use Approved town homes under construction.

BACKGROUND

December 11, 2020 – Land clearing & fill – the application was withdrawn.

December 11, 2020 – Strata subdivision – the application was withdrawn.

September 29, 2021 – Apartments, Town houses, clubhouse/ gym, swimming pool, signs, wall & gate (CPA/20/21; Item 2.3) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Regulation 9(8)(ja)

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Further to the application submitted in relation to the above referenced Project, we hereby request for a lot size variance to a Strata Plan which requires a minimum of 10,000 sq ft per Lot per Planning Regulation 9(8)(d); lot width variance to a Strata Plan which requires a minimum of 80 ft per Lot per Planning Regulation 9(8)(g); setback variance which requires a minimum of 20 ft front & rear setbacks, and 15 ft side setback per Planning Regulation 9(8)(i) & (j).

We would appreciate your consideration for this variance request on the following basis:

1) Under Regulation 8 (13)(b)(i), the characteristics of the proposed development are consistent with the character of the surrounding area: The proposed townhouse development buildings on Block 20D, Parcel 472, complies with the

necessary standards for minimum lot size, width, and setbacks from the property boundary. However, in line with the Building Control Unit's requirements, each townhouse unit must be within a designated Raw Land strata lot, limited to the separation wall of each unit.

If you require additional information or further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers & e-mail below. Thank you and God bless.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for a (25) lot raw land strata subdivision located on Linford Pierson Hwy., George Town.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Regulation 9(8)(ja)

The proposed land strata lots are associated with the previously approved apartments. Regulation 9(8)(ja) states the minimum lot size, lot width, setbacks and site coverage for land strata lots and volumetric parcels which are intended to allow the conveyance of dwelling units in an approved duplex, apartment building or townhouse shall be at the discretion of the Authority.

2.20 HANDEL WHITTAKER (Eric Cronier) Block 53A Parcel 107 (P24-0114) (\$10,000) (EJ)

Application for a four (4) lot subdivision.

FACTS

Location North Side Road

Zoning LDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 20.5 ac. (892,980 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 10,000 sq. ft.

Current use Vacant

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reason:

1) Lot width (61' vs 80')

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, and Department of Environmental Health.

Water Authority

Please be advised that the Water Authority's requirements for this development are as follows:

Wastewater Treatment

• The developer is advised that wastewater treatment and disposal requirements for built development are subject to review and approval by the Water Authority.

Stormwater Management

This development is located over the (North Side) fresh water lens or within the 500m buffer zone of the lens. In order to protect the fresh water lens, the Water Authority requests that stormwater drainage wells are drilled to a <u>maximum depth of 80ft</u> instead of the standard depth of 100ft as required by the NRA.

Water Supply

The proposed development site is located within the Water Authority's piped water supply area, however, please be advised that the connection of a proposed development to the Water Authority's piped water supply <u>may</u> require an extension.

- Extensions in private roads are done at the owner's expense and the timing of any pipeline extension is at the sole discretion of the Water Authority.
 - The developer shall contact The Water Authority's Engineering Services Department at 949-2837, without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection to the piped water supply.
 - The developer shall submit plans for the water supply infrastructure for the development to the Water Authority for review and approval.
 - The developer shall install the water supply infrastructure within the site, under the Water Authority's supervision, and in strict compliance with the approved plans and Water Authority Guidelines for Constructing Potable Water Mains. The Guidelines and Standard Detail Drawings for meter installations are available via the following link to the Water Authority's web page: http://www.waterauthority.ky/water-infrastructure.

The Authority shall not be held responsible for delays and/or additional costs incurred by the developer due to the developer's failure to provide sufficient notice to the Authority.

National Roads Authority

Per your email dated February 19th, 2024, the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

The NRA has no objections or concerns with the above-proposed subdivision.

Department of Environment (March 14, 2024)

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). This review is provided in accordance with Section 41(3) of the National Conservation Act (NCA) and the Section 41 Guidance Notes issued by the National Conservation Council.

Site Overview

The application site consists of a mixture of primary dry forest and primary dry shrubland habitats, some seasonally flooded mangroves and some man-modified areas.

Primary habitat is a mature habitat in its natural state, otherwise uninfluenced by human activity where ecological processes are not significantly disturbed. These habitats are often very old, existing long before humans and may consist of many endemic and ecologically important species. Primary habitat is in severe decline and becoming a scarce and highly threatened resource as a result of land conversion for human activities.

Advice to the Applicant

The applicant is reminded that mangroves are Schedule 1, Part 2 Protected Species under the National Conservation Act (NCA) with an adopted Conservation Plan. It is an offence to remove mangroves unless permission is explicitly sought to remove them either through the granting and implementation of planning permission or a National Conservation Council Section 20 permit. The Mangrove Species Conservation Plan can be downloaded at the following link: https://conservation.ky/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Species-Conservation-Plan-for-Mangroves-FINAL.pdf.

We note that the application is for a subdivision, we would <u>not</u> support the clearing of this site at this time. Land clearing should be reserved until the development of individual lots is imminent (through the granting of planning permission for development on those particular lots). This allows the opportunity for the individual lot owners to retain as much native vegetation as possible. Clearing the entire site prematurely removes the choice from the individual lot owners and removes the value the habitat could provide in the time between the preparation of a subdivision and the development of an individual lot.

Primary habitat and native vegetation can be retained and used in a variety of ways on a property:

- It can be retained along parcel boundaries and between buildings to serve as privacy, noise and sound buffers and screening.
- It can be incorporated into the landscaping schemes for low-maintenance low-cost landscaping. Native plants are best suited for the conditions of the site, including the temperature and amount of rainfall. They are climate-appropriate and require less maintenance and irrigation.
- It can serve as an amenity, providing green space and shade for those who live nearby or on the property.
- Shade provided by retaining mature vegetation can also help to lower cooling demand and utility costs.
- It can remain as a habitat for endemic wildlife such as anoles, birds and butterflies. This habitat helps to contribute to the conservation of our local species.
- It can assist with drainage, directly by breaking the momentum of rain, anchoring soil, and taking up water and indirectly through keeping the existing grade and permeable surfaces.
- It can help reduce carbon emissions by leaving the habitat to act as a carbon sink and allow natural processes to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Destroying native vegetation releases carbon stored in the plant material, soil and peat.
- When located in an area of wider primary habitat, wildlife corridors can be created connecting areas of a habitat that would have otherwise been isolated through development, allowing for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations.

Section 41(3) Recommendations

If the Central Planning Authority or Planning Department is minded to grant planning permission for the proposed subdivision, the DoE recommends the inclusion of the following condition in any planning permission to minimise impacts on the environment:

1. There shall be no land clearing, excavation, filling or development of the resultant parcels without planning permission for such works being granted.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed four (4) lot subdivision is located on the land side of North Side Road in North Side.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Lot width

Proposed lot 3 (1.16 acre) is a flag shape lot which is 61' wide ate the road instead of the minimum required 80'. The narrower portion of the lot will contain the driveway which leads into the larger portion of the parcel to the rear which exceeds 80' in width and there is an ample developable area.

2.21 CHARMAINE PHILLIPS (Vista Development Co. Ltd.) Block 2C Parcel 165 (P23-1128) (\$7,500) (MW)

Application for land clearing for a temporary parking lot.

FACTS

Location North West Point Rd., West Bay

Zoning Low Density Residential

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 1.72 ac. (74,923.2 sq. ft.)

Current use Vacant

Recommendation: Grant Planning Permission

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health and Department of Environment.

National Roads Authority

Per your email dated March 5th, 2024, the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

The NRA has no objections or concerns with the above-proposed temporary parking.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Department of Environment (12 March 2024)

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). This review is provided in accordance with Section 41(3) of the National Conservation Act and the Section 41 Guidance Notes issued by the National Conservation Council.

Ecological Overview

As seen in Figure 1 below, the site contains some primary dry forest and shrubland. Primary habitat is mature habitat in its natural state, otherwise uninfluenced by human activity where ecological processes are not significantly disturbed. These habitats are often very old, existing long before humans and may consist of many endemic and ecologically important species. Primary habitat is in severe decline and becoming a scarce and highly threatened resource as a result of land conversion for human activities. It is likely that the area proposed to be cleared has been impacted as a result of 'edge effects.'



Figure 1. The application site with the parcel boundary highlighted in blue (Aerial Imagery Source: UKHO, 2021).

Advice to the Applicant

The DoE recommends that the applicant only clears what is necessary and retains any mature trees on-site as they can be utilised for shade. Using minimal fill will also help the area recover following the completion of construction of the Serrana development.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

Letter #1

Kindly find uploaded to the OPS system the following documents (inclusive of this letter)

The registered owner of WBS Block 2C Parcel 165, Mrs. Carla Reid (nee Foster), has permitted us to park vehicles only (no containers) on her parcel of land located across from the Serrana site, owned by Elvis Ltd., on Block 2C Parcel 198.

The reason this became necessary is that in discussions with Mr. Hero Jairam, who is the super-structure contractor for Serrana, it was determined that the erection of a tower crane with 3-phase power would require – 1) a large area for the crane 2) a temporary pole with 3-phase power 3) a temporary power enclosure 4) and a 20' guide wire - all installed on our site. This impacted the area we had designated for container storage to the area we had assumed would be for site vehicles. Therefore, we lost parking areas and we now require additional parking in an off-site area. Mrs. Reid was kind enough to grant us permission for the use of approximately 1/4 acre of her 1-3/4 acre parcel. (See letter from owner providing permission with this application uploaded to OPS.

As per her wishes, we will cut in a roadway through the treed lot, leaving a natural treed buffer between the road and the parking area, as well as the next-door home. Should fill be required, we will provide the same at our cost, although the land appears flat, high, and dry. We also confirm that we will not take down any tree over 8" in diameter.

We trust this is satisfactory and meets the requirements of Planning. We thank you for your attention to this matter as the tower crane will be installed in early to mid-January.

Letter #2

I write to confirm that I am the registered proprietor f the above mentioned parcel of land which is registered in my maiden name Carla Denise Foster.

I here give permission for Elvis Ltd to apply for planning permission to partially clear and fill a portion of the above mentioned parcel for the purpose of temporary parking for their construction work in the development of Serrana on Block 2C Parcel 198.

Should you require anything further, kindly let me know.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for land clearing for a temporary parking lot; 0.35 ac. (15,246 sq. ft.) to be located on North West Point Rd., West Bay. The applicant has proposed the clearing of approximately 0.35 acres (15,246 sq. ft.) of the subject parcel 2C 165 which is currently registered as 1.72 acres. The proposed clearing will be to facilitate a temporary parking lot for approximately 53 vehicles, the purpose of the temporary parking area is to facilitate working parking for the adjacent Serrana development on 2C 198.

There are no concerns with the proposed as this will eliminate the parking of vehicles along the main road. It is suggested that should approval be granted; a condition be included requiring the site to no longer be used for parking once a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the adjacent development.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential.

2.22 HEALTH CITY CAYMAN ISLANDS (APEC Consulting Engineers Ltd.) Block 13C Parcel 36 (P23-1134) (\$22,500,000) (MW)

Application to modify planning permission to increase the parapet wall height & add an ancillary building.

FACTS

Location Minerva Dr., West Bay

Zoning PAD Transect T6 - Urban Centre

Notification result No Objectors

Parcel size proposed 3.440 ac. (149,846.4 sq. ft.)

Current use Approved hospital under construction

Proposed building size 77,482.722 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 17.21%

BACKGROUND

May 12, 2021 - (3) Temporary Real Estate Signs- the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

May 26, 2021 – Land Clearing (3.441 Ac.) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

August 25, 2021 – Hospital, 3 generators & ancillary utility structures- the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

December 14, 2021 – Modification to Site & added amenities – the application was considered ant it was resolved to grant planning permission.

April 19, 2022 – Two Lot Subdivision- the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

August 25, 2021 – Hospital, 3 generators & ancillary utility structures (CPA/17/21; Item 2.7) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

June 7, 2023 – Modification increase floor area of ancillary building #2 & add 6' chain link fence (CPA/13/23; Item 2.14) – the application was considered and it was resolved to grant planning permission.

Recommendation: Modify Planning Permission

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for a modification to hospital parapet wall height & ancillary building; 253.40 sq. ft to be located on Minerva Dr., West Bay.

Zoning

The property is zoned Low Density Residential and is in the T6 – Urban Centre transect of the Camana Bay PAD. This transect allows for 0' side and rear setbacks. In this instance, the proposed rear setback is 6'8".

2.23 FRED WOOD (Caribbean Home Planners) Block 49A Parcel 115 (P24-0143) (\$125,000) (MW)

Application for an addition to a boat house.

FACTS

Location Briardale Ln., North Side
Zoning Agricultural Residential

Notification result No objections

Parcel size proposed 0.46 ac. (20,037.6 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 21,780 sq. ft.

Current use Existing boat house storage

Proposed building size 1,200 sq. ft.

Total building site coverage 29.94%

BACKGROUND

April 26, 2017 (**CPA/09/17; Item 2.16**) – CPA granted planning permission for a boat storage building with conditions.

September 5, 2018 (**CPA/20/18; Item 2.21**) – CPA granted planning permission for a second boat storage building with conditions.

Recommendation: Discuss the application, for the following reasons:

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority, Department of Environmental Health and Department of Environment.

National Roads Authority

As per your memo dated February 19th, 2024 the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

The NRA has no objections or concerns regarding the above addition to boat house.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Department of Environment (4 March 2024)

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013). This review is provided in accordance with Section 41(3) of the National Conservation Act and the Section 41 Guidance Notes issued by the National Conservation Council.

Site Overview

The application site is man-modified with limited ecological value.

Advice to the Applicant

The applicant should plant native vegetation wherever possible and incorporate it into the landscaping scheme. Native species are best suited for the conditions of the site, including the temperature and amount of rainfall. They are climate-appropriate and require less maintenance and irrigation. Landscaping with native vegetation also provides habitat and

food for native fauna such as birds and butterflies, promoting biodiversity and providing valuable ecosystem services.

The applicant may wish to consider the use of porous or permeable paved surfaces in areas of hardstanding, such as the proposed driveway and parking area, to allow rainwater infiltration and help manage the impacts of stormwater run-off.

Advice to the Central Planning Authority/Planning Department

Best management practices should be adhered to during construction to reduce impacts on the environment. In particular control measures should be put in place to address pollution from expanded polystyrene (EPS) beads on construction sites, for example, those used in insulating concrete forms (ICFs). Polystyrene is not biodegradable, and the EPS beads can be consumed by wildlife when they enter the food chain. These beads are very difficult to remove once they enter the environment and they do not naturally break down.

If the Central Planning Authority or Department of Planning is minded to approve the proposed development, we recommend the following condition is included:

If the construction uses insulating concrete forms (ICFs) or other polystyrene materials, measures (such as screens or other enclosures along with vacuuming) shall be put in place to ensure that any shavings, foam waste or polystyrene debris is completely captured onsite and does not impact the surrounding areas or pollute the environment.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The application is for an addition to boat house; 1,200 sq. ft. to be located on Briardale Rd., North Side. The applicant has proposed a 1,200 sq. ft. addition to the existing approved boat storage buildings.

There are no concerns with the proposed as a precedence has already been set by the previous approval granted.

Zoning

The property is zoned Agricultural Residential.

2.24 LOOKOUT HOLDINGS LTD. (Abernethy & Associates Ltd.) Block 43A Parcel 61 (P23-0064) (\$4,400) (EJ)

Application for two (2) lot subdivision.

FACTS

Location Bodden Town Road & Anton Bodden Drive,

opposite Bodden Town Clinic and Police Station

Zoning MDR

Notification result No objectors

Parcel size proposed 4.399 ac. (191,620 sq. ft.)

Parcel size required 7,500 sq. ft.

Current use Shop

BACKGROUND

April 6, 2005 (**CPA/07/05**; **Item 2.20**) – The Authority granted permission commercial plaza.

March 29, 2023 (**CPA/08/23**; **Item 2.4**) – It was resolved to adjourn the application for the following reason:

1) The Department is directed to contact the applicant to explain the Authority's concern with future access points for lot A on two busy public roads and the proximity to the intersection of the two roads and to discuss possible options to mitigate that concern.

December 13, 2023 (**CPA/30/23**; **item 2.23**) – approval granted for a restaurant on what would be proposed lot A

Recommendation: Grant Planning Permission

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Authority received comments from the Water Authority, National Roads Authority and the Department of Environment.

Water Authority

Wastewater Treatment:

• The developer is advised that wastewater treatment and disposal requirements for built development are subject to review and approval by the Water Authority.

Change-of-Use with Existing Septic Tank:

If the developer proposes to utilize the existing septic tank and/or disposal well, the system shall be inspected and serviced per the Water Authority's Septic Tank Inspection Form.

The completed inspection form shall be returned to the Water Authority for review and determination as to whether the existing system meets Water Authority design specifications. Any deficiencies noted will require repair or replacement **prior to** final approval for certificate of occupancy.

Water Supply:

The proposed development site is located within the Water Authority's piped water supply area.

- The developer shall contact Water Authority's Engineering Services Department at 949-2837, without delay, to be advised of the site-specific requirements for connection to the piped water supply.
- The developer shall submit plans for the water supply infrastructure for the development to the Water Authority for review and approval.
- The developer shall install the water supply infrastructure within the site, under the Water Authority's supervision, and in strict compliance with the approved plans and Water Authority Guidelines for Constructing Potable Water Mains. The Guidelines and Standard Detail Drawings for meter installations are available via the following link to the Water Authority's web page: http://www.waterauthority.ky/water-infrastructure.

The Authority shall not be held responsible for delays and/or additional costs incurred by the developer due to the developer's failure to provide sufficient notice to the Authority.

National Roads Authority

As per your email of February 14th, 2023, the NRA has reviewed the above-mentioned planning proposal. Please find below our comments and recommendations based on the site plan provided.

The NRA has no objections or concerns regarding the above proposed subdivision.

Department of Environment

This review is provided by the Director of the Department of Environment under delegated authority from the National Conservation Council (section 3 (13) of the National Conservation Act, 2013).

The site is man-modified and of limited ecological value. The Department of Environment confirms that we have no comments at this time.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The proposed two-lot subdivision is located across from the Bodden Town Clinic on the corner of Bodden Town Road & Anton Bodden Drive.

Zoning

The property is zoned Medium Density Residential.

Specific Issues

1) Access to Parcel A

The proposed meets and exceeds all planning requirements under regulations 9. (7) for this medium density residential zone; however, the proposed 15,050 sq. ft. lot is on a heavy used junction and the Department is concerned with the proposed access to lot A, notwithstanding that the NRA has no concerns as proposed.

Although the proposed is only a two-lot subdivision; the Authority is asked to weigh in and decide on the proposed lot (A) access in order to establish forward planning for this critical junction or if the Authority has any other potential concerns.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS

The applicant has submitted a revised plan together with the following letter:

"It has come to our attention that an architectural application has been made for Lot A of this subdivision. The application number is P23-0260. I have uploaded the documents that were supplied to this application. We have adjusted our subdivision application to match the architectural application. The architectural application should resolve the concerns about the access point for the parcel."

2.25 CAYMAN REHAB SERVICES (CGMJ) Block 14C Parcel 305 (P24-0097) (\$100,000) (NP)

Application for a change of use from office to medical office.

FACTS

Location Eucalyptus Building, Shedden Road

Zoning General Commercial

Office size 837.5 sq. ft.

Current use Office

Proposed use Physio Office

Recommendation: Grant Planning Permission.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The subject application is for a 837.5 square foot change of use at the Eucalyptus Building on Shedden Road.

The present use of the premises is as an office.

The proposed use of the space is as an expansion to the existing physio business. If approved, the total area of the business would be 2,512.4 square feet.

Zoning

The property is zoned General Commercial.

2.26 ANDREW VINCENT (Frederick & McRae) Block 20B Parcel 118 (P24-0082) (\$1.5 million) (NP)

Application for a change of use from office to medical office.

FACTS

Location Cayman Centre, Owen Roberts Drive

Zoning Airport zone
Office size 7,890 sq. ft.

Current use Office

Proposed use Medical Office

Recommendation: Grant Planning Permission.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

General

The subject application is for a change of use at the Cayman Centre on Owen Roberts Drive.

The present use of the premises is as an office.

The proposed use of the space is as a medical office.

Zoning

The property is zoned Airport.

3.0 <u>DEVELOPMENT PLAN MATTERS</u>

3.1 CHARLES WATLER

RZ23-0003; Block 32D Parcels 320-322, 339-341 & 355, & Block 38E Parcels 637-638 (RM)

Application for Amendment to Development Plan 1997 from Agricultural/Residential to Medium Density Residential.

FACTS

Location Lower Valley, Bodden Town

Parcels 32D 320-322, 339-341 & 355 38E 637-638

Current Zoning Agricultural/Residential

Proposed Zoning Medium Density Residential

Ownership Private

Total Parcel Size 47.37 Acres **Subject Zoning Area** 47.37 Acres

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING RECOMMENDATION

The Authority is being asked to consider this request for an amendment to the Development Plan in light of the now expired public comment period in which no objections or representations were received and, if so minded, to forward the file onto the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development (PAHITD) for onward transmission to Cabinet and Parliament for consideration.

UPDATE

The Central Planning Authority heard the request (RZ23-0003) during meeting 26 on the 8th of November 2023 (CPA/26/23; Item 3.1) and directed the Department to forward the rezoning application for 60 day notification and advertising per Section 11(2) in the Development and Planning Act (2021 Revision). The notice period commenced on December 22nd 2023 and concluded on February 20th 2024, during which time no letters of objection or representations were received by the Department of Planning.

APPLICANT'S LETTER

The applicant is seeking an amendment to the Development Plan from Agricultural/Residential to Medium Density Residential. This rezone concerns nine (9) adjoining parcels which are located to the west of Beach Bay Road in Lower Valley.

The applicant has submitted two letters explaining the purpose of the application. The agent's letter is as follows:

"Please find the attached application to re-zone the above parcels from Agricultural / Residential to Medium Density Residential. A subdivision for Low Density has already been approved, which met the requirement to prove that the land is not suitable for agriculture. The re-zoning to Medium Density Residential will create smaller parcels that will be more affordable for the general public."

Further explanation is provided within the applicant's letter, which is as follows:

"I refer to the accompanying rezoning application, which sets out the applicable parcels (the "Parcels") of the approved sub division P18-0070, to be changed to medium density residential.

We have recently completed phase 1 of this project comprising of 30 house lots where the minimum lot size is 10,000 sft. We developed this subdivision offering the lots to buyers to develop and construct homes themselves and targeted at mid-income levels. Whilst we have had fair interest in these lots we have received considerable requests for slightly cheaper and smaller lots due to the high costs associated with buying, building and financing housing in Cayman.

We recognise housing is a critically important issue in Cayman with many struggling to find reasonably priced housing, not only at the low income level but throughout the earnings spectrum as well. Unfortunately, housing is out of reach for many, particularly young Caymanians. We are therefore confident there is justification in making this application to seek a moderate increase in density so that lots can be offered at around 8,000 sft in size and therefore at lower prices. This would reduce the initial costs of purchasing the land by around 20% and open up the pool of potential buyers.

Rationale for Higher Density

Most of the potential buyers at the mid-level are interested in a house between 2,000 to 2,800 sft, there is very low demand for larger homes in the 4,000 sft region as in years past, as buyers are now more conscious of costs, ongoing maintenance and insurance. Modern design and building trends have also become more efficient and desirable for efficient and smaller dwellings which directly correlate to smaller house lot sizes. We therefore think a slightly smaller lot size would be beneficial and would utilise the Island's

precious limited land space much more efficiently and give much needed help at reduced costs.

We have also received significant interest in duplex lots as this presents a great opportunity to better utilise the land and also offer some income production for families. The higher density would allow duplex lot sizes to be reduced to around 8,000 -10,000 sft which could easily accommodate a building of 2,800 sft with each unit at 1,400sft., rather than the current 12,500 sft.

Cost Differential

We expect our typical single house lot price would go from \$185,000 to \$145,000, a reduction of \$40,000 which over time would save much more than this with financing and compounding costs.

With regard to a duplex house lot, the potential price would go from \$225,000 to \$160,000, a reduction of \$65,000.

Climate Change Resiliency and Safety

Most of the subject parcels are about 35-40ft above sea level and the terrain is mostly flat rock or cliff rock and very dry. The parcel is situated on an elevated ridge and can therefore be considered some of the best suited land on Grand Cayman for housing. There would be low flooding risk offering much needed safety during heavy rains and hurricanes. As these events are predicted to become more frequent, having more housing located here will be beneficial to home owners and to the Government. Due to its terrain, the land is not well suited to farming as it is primarily rocky and dry. A review of the Hurricane Ivan flood map will illustrate there was no flooding during that storm on these Parcels.

I trust this letter will provide useful information for your review and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information. I do not envision that a moderately higher density, such as medium density, would deteriorate the surrounding area. Furthermore, I think there is genuine need for more medium density land for housing in Bodden Town, particularly in areas which do not need filling such as this parcel, considering our growing population, high costs of housing and climate change risks.

I am aware that only a few hundred feet from this parcel in Beach Bay is property which is zoned Hotel/Tourism, so there is already a precedent established for higher density in this area.

I also, respectfully, request that I be given an opportunity to attend any CPA meeting on this matter."

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ANALYSIS

Background

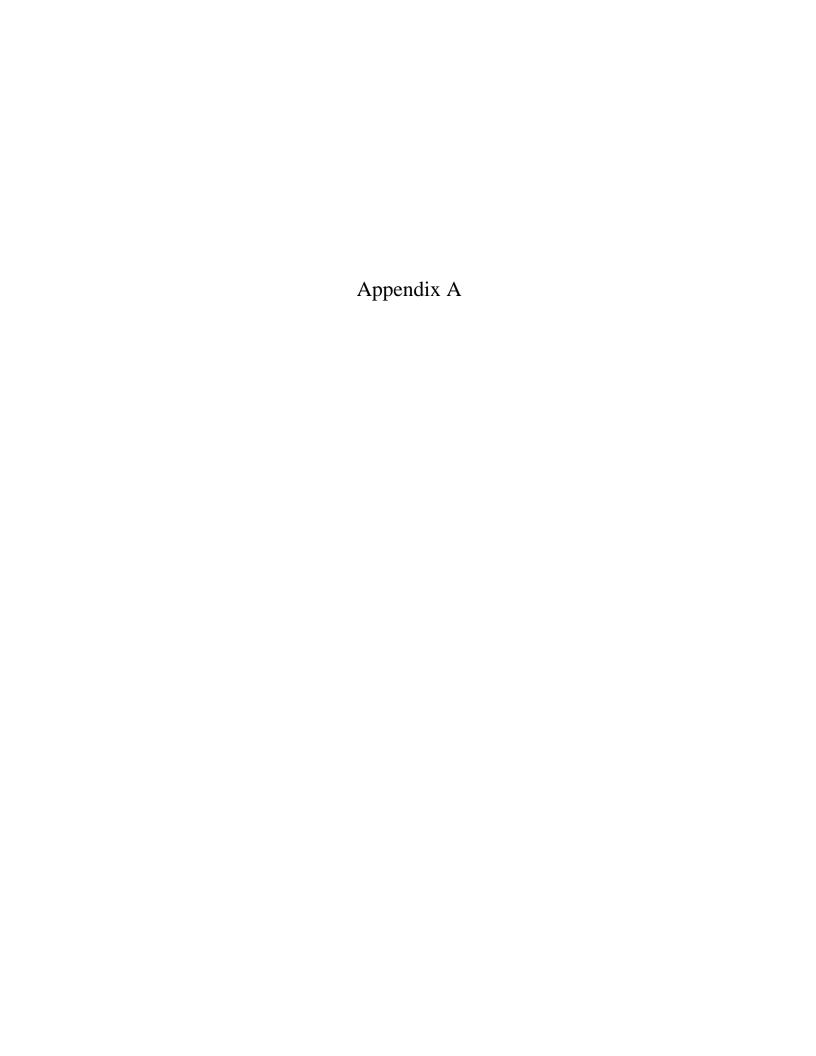
At a meeting of the Central Planning Authority held on June 27, 2018 (CPA/15/18; Item 2.1) the Authority resolved to grant planning permission for a 178 lot residential subdivision with two (2) road parcels and four (4) LPP parcels (P18-0070). The lot sizes in the approved subdivision range from 10,040 sqft to 15,680 sqft.

Site details

The application concerns nine adjoining parcels, amounting to 47.37 acres in total, which are located to the west of Beach Bay Road in Lower Valley, Bodden Town. Block and Parcel 32D355 is by far the largest of the application parcels at 45.4 acres. The remaining 8 parcels included in the rezone application were created as part of the initial phases of the 2018 subdivision, and are typical low density residential parcels (being either 12,500 or 10,000 sqft.).

The subject parcels are undeveloped, consisting of pasture lands and woodland. The parcels benefit from being relatively elevated, at around 16ft above sea level on the west side and sloping up to around 32ft above sea level towards Beach Bay Road on the eastern boundary.

- 4.0 PLANNING APPEAL MATTERS
- 5.0 MATTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
- 6.0 <u>CPA MEMBERS INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</u>



Gwendolyn McLaughlin P.O. Box 645 Grand Cayman KY1-1303 Tel: (345) 916 8055

November 19, 2023

Director of Planning PO Box 113 Grand Cayman KY1-9000

Dear Sirs,

Notice of Application for Planning Permission by Tropical Architectural Group Ltd. on 5C 77

I am writing to lodge an objection to the above referenced application for planning permission. I reside on Block 4D 445 on Willie Farrington Drive. This objection is being made for the following reasons:

1. Previous Applications

I previously objected to another application by Mr. Jonathan Murphy for a similar development which was refused by the CPA citing the following reason: "the authority is of the view that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the subject site is a suitable location for apartments per Regulation 9(8). In this regard, the authority is of the view that the Apartments are not keeping with the Character of the area in terms of mass, scale and intensity of use and this will detract from the ability of surrounding land owners from enjoying the amenity of the properties." It is my understanding that there was no appeal process followed and that the applicant has proceeded to file a new application. There have been no changes to the residential neighborhood or the new proposed application which will change the grounds on which I based my previous objections. I enclose my previous letter for your information most of which is also repeated below. I reserve the right to make further submissions, especially in light of any response that might be issued by the Applicant in relation to any Regulation question that might be posed. I would be grateful if you would place this letter before the Central Planning Authority (CPA).

2 Buffer Zone

I again wish to point out that this development is going to be located in the vicinity of a buffer zone which is an integral area as it has long served as a buffer that protects the neighborhood during hurricanes. It should be noted that during Hurricane Ivan the sea caused damage to homes in the area with this buffer intact. If this buffer is removed, it could be catastrophic for the homes

in this area when faced with another hurricane as intense as Ivan. The area is low lying and even floods easily during regular rains or when there is high tide. There is also a certain amount of wild life in the zoned area and this development will disturb their natural habitat.

3 Low Density Residential Area

This area currently consists of mostly one story private single residences and this development should respect the character of this area. The proposed development should not be significantly higher than those currently in this area. A development of this magnitude will cause an increase in traffic and will completely change the neighborhood increase the noise level and privacy of existing residents. The fact that the CPA refused the previous application on these grounds supports my objection. In addition, the NRA in their review of the previous application confirmed that this development will have a moderate effect on traffic. It is my understanding that the use of moderate implies that it will cause a traffic issue. I am absolutely convinced of this.

I believe that the proposed development is a direct contravention for a Low Density Residential area. It does not respect the local context of the area and if approved would be entirely out of character with the area and detrimental to all residents living on Willie Farrington Drive.

Accordingly, having lived in this neighborhood since 1979, I am respectfully asking that this application is denied.

Yours sincerely

Gwendolyn McLaughlin

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March 28, 2023

Director of Planning PO Box 113 Grand Cayman KY1-9000

Dear Sirs,

Notice of Application for Planning Permission by William Santor on 5C 77

I am writing to lodge an objection to the above referenced application for planning permission. This objection is being made because the property is located in a low density area having a Buffer Zone and because it will alter the character of the neighborhood and have a major impact on the traffic flow. Although the current application is for a 12 unit block of apartments, the longer term plans show a much larger development. I reserve the right to make further submissions, especially in light of any response that might be issued by the Applicant in relation to any Regulation question that might be posed. I would be grateful if you would place this letter before the Central Planning Authority (CPA).

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Objection No. 2 - Low Density Residential Area

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Accordingly, I am respectfully asking that this application is denied or if approved that conditions be put in place to address the above concerns.

Yours sincerely

Gwendolyn McLaughlin

Popovich, Nicholas

From:

Jenny manderson < jen3612@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:43 AM

To:

Popovich, Nicholas; Planning Info

Cc:

Ezmie Smith; Department of Planning; Pandohie, Haroon; Gwen McLaughlin;

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[EXTERNAL] Re: Notice of Planning Application 5C77

Dear Mr. Popovich,

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I confirm that as of yesterday there was no notice of this application in my postal mail or otherwise.

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Re: Notice of Application for Planning Permission by 20 North Development Company on 5C 77 dated

2nd November 2023

This objection is made to the above mentioned Application in relation to a Low Density area having a Buffer Mangrove Zone to ensure that it is not destroyed during the development since such huge developments continue to grow larger in the Cayman Islands. We reserve the right to make further submissions, especially in light of any response that might be issued by the Applicant in relation to any Regulation question that might be posed. We would be grateful if you would place this letter before the Central Planning Authority (CPA).

The Mangroves:

Where the development is going to be located is in the vicinity of a Mangrove Area of an integral area. The buffer of mangroves has long served for protection during hurricanes. It has protected erosion in this area and property value.

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- 2. This application also needs to be looked at in the nature of conservation of the kept flooded mangroves. The proposed development falls close by and would be a harmful precedent if approved for such a low lying area. This is important for the CPA to be minded of as this buffer area offers to the privacy to the neighbours as well. Section 26 of the Development and Planning Act sets out the Mangrove Buffer on the Development shall not be subject of development or clearance other than by the person authorized in that behalf by the authority and to the extent and in the manner, if any, directed by them. There should be no directions to destroy such a protective area taking into consideration hurricanes. Hurricane Ivan certainly proved this.

- 3. It is a well known area that is within a flooded risk area, the proposed drainage as far as one would say is insufficient from the site plan to satisfy us.
- 4. The applicant needs to make clear that the Mangroves must be retained and should be identified on the site plan.
- 5. There is a certain amount of wild life in the zoned area that would be destroyed if such an application is approved.

Low Density Area - Willie Farrington Drive:

- The development should respect the surrounding character area. The area on the proposed east side of Willie Farrington Drive is dominated by low density single storey houses. This development would be less uniform.
- 2. The proposed development should not be significantly higher than those found on this particular east side of Willie Farrington Drive as the homes are all single storey buildings in keeping with that side of Willie Farrington Drive as this is an established residential area.
- 3. The development could have a damaging effect in changing the neighbourhood particularly to that side of Willie Farrington Drive due to the current lay out. If this application is approved in a low density area definitely there will be concerns about possible future development.
- 4. It is also noted that the road side to the east of Willie Farrington Drive of the proposed development the density of the proposed new development is out of keeping with its surroundings and loss of amenity for neighboring houses. The NRA in their review of the previous application confirmed that this development will have a moderate effect on traffic

Previous Application versus current new application:

The previous application by the Applicant was refused by the Authority on the basis that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the subject site is NOT a suitable location for apartments per Regulation 9(8). In this regard, the authority is of the view that the Apartments are not keeping with the Character of the area in terms of mass, scale and intensity of use and this will detract from the ability of surrounding land owners from enjoying the amenity of the properties."

It has only been less than 3 months since that decision was made and certainly the layout of the land and the neighbourhood has certainly not changed in such a short while.

The only change to the application is that the units are reduced to 95 units which is a small one for still a large development in a low density zone.

Notice of Application for Planning Permission

We are now in receipt of being served with notice of the proposed application. This application should be denied on the failure of effecting proper service also according to Section 40 of the current Development and Planning Act.

We submit the foregoing reasons as	outlined as to why	the application should b	e denied again.
Yours respectfully			
James Moore			
Rebecca Moore			
Rannielee Hyde			



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12th November 2023

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Cayman Islands

Dear Sir,

Re: <u>Objection Letter to new Notice of Application for Planning Permission on 5C77 from Tropical</u>

<u>Architectural Group Ltd dated 02, November 2023</u>

This 3rd new application is now for the purpose of "proposed apartments (Building 1-12);proposed clubhouse, gym and 4 cabanas; proposed swimming pool & deck;30 sq. ft development sign attached to a free-standing wall; (2)signs attached to the building less than 30 sq. ft." for an entity on 5C77. We are writing once again to object to the application on the following additional grounds:

Previous Application(s)

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The Applicant in this new application <u>has not taken</u> the steps laid down in The Development and Planning Act (2021 Revision) according to Section 48 of the Act. The Applicant has not exhausted his rights under the Statute. What has happened here the Applicant has by passed the Statute and gone to a fresh application. The Applicant cannot jump over what is laid down in the Statute. Section 48 (i) states:

"where any person who has applied for Planning Permission, or who has objected after being notified of the application in accordance with regulations under this Act, and who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority in respect of the Application, may within 14 days of notification of that decision under Section 40, or within such longer period as the Tribunal may in any particular case allow good cause, appeal that decision to the Tribunal on the ground that it is –

- a) erroneous in law
- b) unreasonable
- c) Contrary to the principles of natural justice."

This is a huge failure on the part of the Applicant and the Courts does not take lightly of an applicant who has failed to exhaust any rights laid down in a Statute and is the same laid down for all quasi bodies. It is outside the scope of the Central Planning Authority to entertain a new application on its final decision where no appeal has been made to the Planning Appeal Tribunal. The Authority now lacks the locus standi for hearing any new application.

New application dated 02 November 2023:

This new application is made under the same sections as the <u>2 previous applications</u>. It appears that there is the lack of any substantial change. (By reducing the units to 95.NB the plan on the planning application site is not that legible). In order for an application to be considered to be a new application, it must be substantially different from the original application. The Courts will not take kindly to subtle inventions to circumvent the purpose of the law.

New Application sections:

The Development and Planning Act Section 15(4), The Development and Planning Regulations, Regulation 8(12A), 8(12B), 8(12C) and 8 (13) (d) gives rise to additional concerns:

Section 15(4) Development and Planning Act:

- Not all parties for 5C13 served as there are other registered owners and not mentioned on the notice of application. So far, a number of owners have to date complained to the planning that they have not received the formal notice of application.
- ii) The Development and Planning Regulations:

Regulation 8 (12A):The new application notice dated 2nd November 2023 proposes apartments (Buildings 1-12) and fails to give account of the number change of units. (Appears to be trying a way through the back door.) This regulation relates to eleven or more apartments or town houses at a radius of four hundred and fifty feet. The size of 5C77 is 6.34 acre according to the land register owned by 20 North Development Co. Ltd. (1-12 building is still a lot for a low density residential area yet the amount of new units reduced for current application and no reduction to the amount of buildings).

Regulation 8 (12B): This regulation relates to minor matters of development to be varied by the Authority such that adjoining owners are required to be notified. Not all owners are notified as of yet. Certainly this development is not of a minor matter from the objections heard on the 16th August 2023 based on the 2 previous notices whereby the application was denied.

Regulation 8 (12C): This requirement also mentions where a good cause exists. There is no justification for this with the size of the development and the number of buildings and parking required therefore it is no further justification for a 21 M\$ project. This regulation gives the right to an adjacent owner of legal capacity to lodge an objection stating the grounds. Therefore service on land owners is of importance not to be excluded.

Regulation 8 (13) (d): (if there is such a regulation). The authority must ensure compliance of the Statute of its refusal to grant an application if the applicant does not avail him or herself to adhere to the due process as to what is laid down. Therefore, this application should not be reheard.

We are not sure as to the position of the authority on this new application but still also maintain the objections below as there is really no significant change in the new application if the Authority is of the mind to discard Section 48 of the Act which should not be the case as per the Statute.

Low Density Residential

The reason why this application should be denied is that it is out of line of the character of the neighborhood which is exclusively single storey family homes. In a residential area the applicant shall ensure that the massing, scale, proportion and design of such development are consistent with the historic architectural tradition of the Islands. (Regulation 9 (1)). This new application simply remains a huge development into a small area that is zoned low density residential. On Willie Farrington Drive itself (not to be confused where the bypass comes out on John Jefferson Snr. Drive) there is no such buildings as those proposed by the Applicant. If a serious count was taken from the north to the south of Willie Farrington Drive (see attached Registry Map Extract) that is from the junction to Batabano and Mount Pleasant then to Fosters Republic junction it would prove that there is less than 40 residential homes. A view of the Aerial photography will definitely prove that this area is a very small community. This is all due to the layout of the land therefore it is for the Authority (CPA) in determining whether the applicant has satisfied the requirement of sub regulation 9 (1) to the compatibility of the buildings proposed with the land form. (Regulation 9 (2) (a)).

It is only recently in over more than 30 years only 4 new single storey homes has been built on Willie Farrington Drive that is because of the layout of the land. The few lots that remain vacant are family owned. This speaks for itself why the area is zoned as low density residential.

Harm to the Area

With the surrounding low density developed area this particular large development will take from the neighbours the enjoyment of the tranquility of the area where residents have long enjoyed. This could have a negative impact of the value of properties in the area. Now to have some development of that magnitude spoil such a nice area that is home to us is a disgrace for such a peaceful area.

Studies have proven that when a development of this size in a low-density residential area how the affects can be in respect of new buildings units whereby rents can decrease. This new development due to the large scale will change the face of the neighbourhood and more.

Willie Farrington Drive development as it stands is of a low density subject to the area requirement in law and should not be superseded by the development. The developer should be told that the development proceed in manner consistent with surrounding properties in order to permit the development. If this development is allowed it will only cause an impact of a high density residential when this area is zoned Low Density Residential and is clearly incompatible with the character of a low-density residential area. This could be a serious breach of the law.

In the circumstances we urge the CPA **not to approve** the project to such an unreasonable development by the 3rd new application having failed to comply with Section 48 of the Statute appeal process. There must be compatibility of any building with the land form.

It would be in the interest of the developer to sell off the land as individual plots to build single storey buildings for sale. This too could cause serious problems as this Mangrove land would be under threat of destruction and flooding to adjoining owners homes.

Mangrove Buffer Zone

The proposed development location will result in loss of mangroves and their ecological function. It should be noted that the Ramsar Convention has been extended to the Cayman Islands to keep our mangroves alive according to the Convention. In considering any matter relating to a Mangrove Zone the CPA <u>shall</u> have regard to the ecological function by the mangroves (Regulation 18(1)).

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Type of Land on which the proposed buildings will sit.

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Traffic

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Loss of Air and Light

The development as to air and light will be an impact to the closest surrounding properties as the project will be detrimental. These surrounding properties are occupied by single store-homes. The development should be consistent with historical architectural and traditions of the islands. (Regulation 9 (1).

Noise

Noise could be a contributing factor from such a large development creating a nuisance such as audible noise. There are 4 cabanas for the proposed development.

Conclusion:

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Cc:

'Jenny manderson'; 'Gwen McLaughlin'; Jrmoore1067@gmail.com

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] RE: Re: Notice of Planning Application 5C77

Sirs

Sorry in error typed 5C113 which should "read 5C13". Apologies.

From: Ezmie Smith [mailto:smithezmie@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 11:43 AM

To: 'Department of Planning' < Planning. Dept@gov.ky>; 'Pandohie, Haroon' < Haroon. Pandohie@gov.ky>; 'Popovich,

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'Jrmoore1067@gmail.com' <Jrmoore1067@gmail.com>

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Dear Sirs,

In respect of the above subject matter kindly see the attachment.

The Notice of application for Planning Permission is only sent to me in respect of SC113 instead of all the registered owners as listed on the land register. The other owners of the property has been excluded and for what reason. It does not work like this as all registered owners must be served. The previous notices in this matter included all the property owners. This is being brought to your attention to ensure that all registered land owners are properly served.

In addition to the above - the two other previous objectors who still fall within the radius of the above subject matter has not yet received notice of this **proposed new application**. Also others in the same tedious are still waiting to receive the required notice of the application. On the Planning application site it states the date line for this matter expires within the next 12 days being 24.11.23.

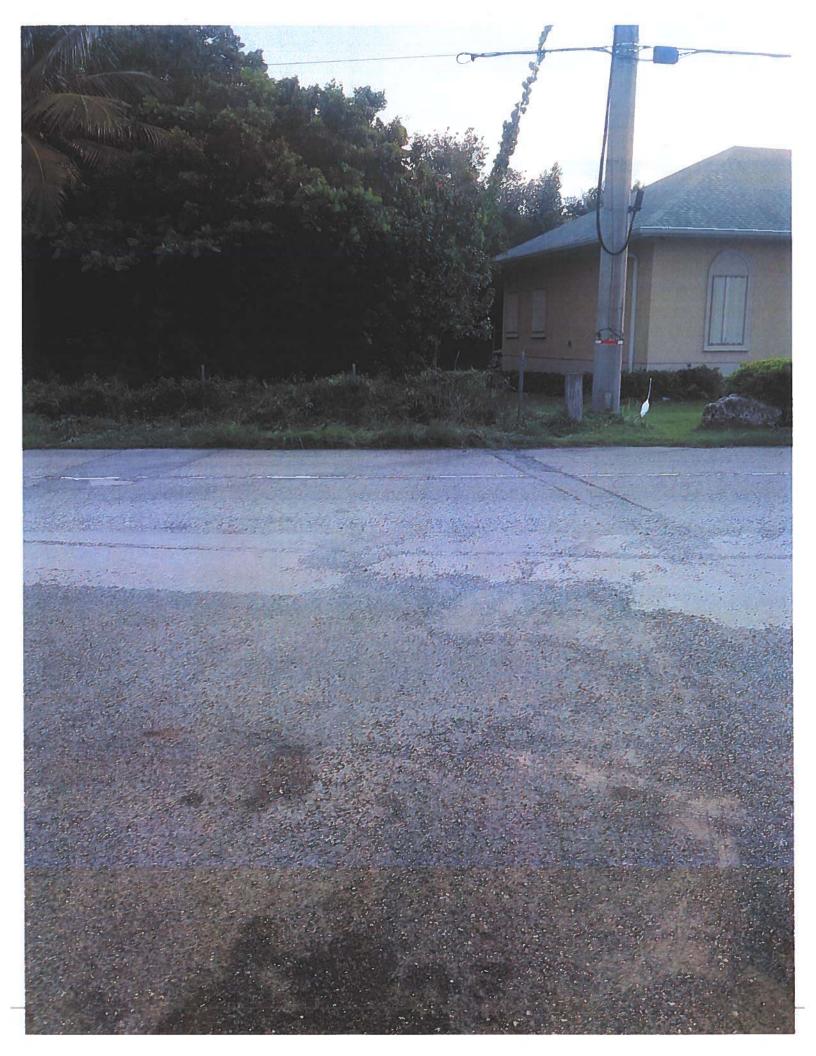
This email is being sent to ensure that the procedure for the planning notification is carried out as laid out in the Statute.

I wait for a response as to why the Applicant has ignored the proper requirement.

Regards.

Ezmie Smith





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