# East Lothian Council



#### CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

# APPLICATION FOR GRANT / RENEWAL OF SHORT-TERM LET LICENCE

PART 1: ABOUT YOU		Caclors Confoca
Are you applying as an individua	Il or corporate entity?	22 SEP _ 3
Individual	Corporate Entity 🗸	RECEIVED
Fill in if you are applying as an in	dividual:	2a
Your full name NA		
Date of birth		
Place of birth		
Home Address		
	Postcode	11500
Tel. No.	Email address	

Please provide your **home address history for the last 5 years** with no gaps or overlaps, starting with the most recent. Please confirm the dates you resided at these properties (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Addresses (last 5 years)	Postcode	Date from (mm/yy)	Date to (mm/yy)
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Agent(s) & Day to Day Manager(s)	'		
Do you have or intend to appoint an	agent or day-to	day manager?	

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Yes 🗍	No 🗌	
lf you answered yes	s, please provide d	etails for your agent(s) or day to day manager(s)
Full name	NA	
Date of birth	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Tel. No.		Email address

Addresses (last 5 years)	Postcode	Date from (mm/yy)	Date to (mm/yy)
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Joint Ownership
Is your property jointly owned? Yes No
If you answered yes, please provide details for all joint owners.
Joint owner(s) (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):
Full Date of Addresses Email Tel. No.
r/A
Individuals, please go to Part 2. Corporate entities
Corporate entities, please complete the relevant sections on the following pages. Fill in if you are applying as a corporate entity (e.g. company, partnership, trust or charity)
Corporate entity name MONTGOMERY EMPIRE LTD
imited company number (if applicable) SC 732724
First name and surname ALAN MONTGOMERY
Registered or principal office address

Short-term Lets Application Form

Email address

Tel. No.

Names and private addresses and dates and places of birth of its directors, partners or other persons responsible for its management, including trustees in the case of charities (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Fuji name	Personal address	Place of birth	Date of birth
ALAN MONTGOMERY			
LEANNE AMANDA MONTGOMERY			

Please complete for all other named persons on the licence (e.g. any agent or day-to-day manager) (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Full name	Date of birth	Addresses (last 5 years)	Email	Tel. No.
n)A				
i.e.				

## PART 2: APPLICATION AND LICENCE TYPE

## (to be completed by all applicants)

Please select the application type:	
First application (existing operator*)	
First application (new operator)	
New application (where property has been used as licensed STL previously)	
Renewal	
Change to existing licence	
*This option is only available for applications made on or before 1 April 2023 by exist operators (ie those operating the premises in which a licence is being applied for as short-term let on or before 1 October 2022).	
If you are applying to renew or alter your licence, please complete the following fields. If submitting a new application where the property has never been used as a licensed short–term let before, please proceed to 'The Type of Short Term Licence you require' (below).	
Existing licence numberNA	
Existing licence expiry dateA	
If you are submitting a new application where the property has been used as a licensed short-term let before, please complete the following fields.	
Previous licence number NA	_
Previous licence expiry dateNA	
Please select the type of short-term let licence you require:	
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Home letting	
Home sharing & home letting	
Secondary letting	

If you do not own the property whyou have proof of permission from	nich is the subject on the owner(s):	ct of this licence application, d	0
Yes No	N/A I		
If you are applying for a change to for your request (e.g. a change of e.g. an extension to increase max	agent, changes	to the property –	son
N A			
PART 3: PREMISES DETAI	_	A. 0.00	
Premises Address 35 E FD	INBURGH ROAD	MOSSELBURGH	
D <del>-1</del>	Postcode	EH21 GEE	
Unique Property Reference Numb	per (if known)	NA	
EPC Rating*			_
* (if applicable – not required for h	ome sharing or	unconventional accommodatio	on)
Please select the type of premise	es:		
Detached House		Semi-detached house	
Terraced House		Flat	$\checkmark$
Unconventional accommodation			
From the following options, pleas short-term let:	e select the des	scription that best describes y	our
Self-catering		B&B	
Guest house		Other form of home sharing	
Home letting			

Specify the	number of rooms with	in the premises used as:	
Bedrooms	3	Bed/Sitting rooms	0
Bathrooms	Ĩ.	Kitchens	1
Lounges			
Other (pleas	e specify)	0	
	maximum number of g nildren under 2 years c		
Advise if you	operated this premise	e as a short-term let prior	to 1 October 2022
Yes 🗸	No 🗌		

#### **PART 4: CONVICTIONS**

Has anybody named on the application been convicted of any offence? Please include details of any unspent convictions in the table below:

NAME	DATE	COURT	OFFENCE	SENTENCE
NA				
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# **PART 5: APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Note – this check list must be fully completed in order to submit your application

I have enclosed the following (please tick to confirm (or enter N/A)	
Correct application fee	See East Lothian Council website — Civic Licence Fees
Annual gas certificate (for premises with a gas supply)	Valid to:
Electrical Installation Condition Report	Valid to: 31-8-27
Portable Appliance Testing Report	Valid to: 19-09 - 24
Fire Risk Assessment	DONE
Fire Service Safety Checklist	DONE
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Legionella Risk Assessment  Planning permission (for premises within a control area or where requested by the licensing authority)	Planning application reference number:
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Planning permission (for premises within a control area or where requested by the licensing authority)  Floor plan  EPC Certificate (for premises which are dwellinghouses)	Planning application reference number:  INPROSESS  Valid to:  Valid to:  Valid to:

I have: (please tick to confirm (or enter N/A)	
Identified the owners and those involved in the day-to-day management of my premises	Yes
Ensured that to the best of my knowledge all those named on my application are fit and proper persons	Yes
Prepared information that will be available to guests at the premises including:	
(a) a certified copy of the licence and the licence conditions,	
(b) fire, gas and electrical safety information,	
(c) details of how to summon the assistance of emergency	
services,	
(d) a copy of the gas safety report,	
(e) a copy of the Electrical Installation Condition Report, and	
(f) a copy of the Portable Appliance Testing Report.	YES
Applied for planning permission (if required),	125
Noted the requirement to display my licence number and EPC rating on listings for my premises	YES
Proof that furniture and furnishings/the furniture and furnishings guests have access to, comply with fire safety regulations	YES
Read and understood the mandatory conditions that will apply to my licence	YES
Read and understood the additional conditions that will apply to my licence	AER

My premises (please tick to confirm (or enter N/A)	
Meets current statutory guidance for provision of fire, smoke and heat detection	Yes
Meets statutory guidance for carbon monoxide alarms	les
Meets the required regulations for private water supplies (for premises with a private water supply i.e not provided by Scottish Water)	185
Meets obligations with regard to the Tolerable and Repairing standard (applicable to dwellinghouses)	YES

#### **PART 6: DECLARATION**

East Lothian Council, as licensing authority, will use information it holds about you to determine whether you are a fit and proper person to operate a short-term let. In addition, licensing authorities to which you apply may share relevant information they hold about you with one another to help those authorities determine whether you are a fit and proper person to act as a landlord, or to act for a landlord. They may also share and seek relevant information with Police Scotland and, if appropriate, other relevant authorities.

Anyone who gives false information on this form, or fails to provide the information required by this form, is committing an offence which could lead to prosecution.

I declare that I have read and understood the mandatory conditions that apply to short-term let licences and East Lothian Council's additional conditions

I will comply with the requirement to display a site notice in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

I declare that	the information given ir	this application is correct to the best of my
knowledge		
Signed		
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Print name	ALAN MONTGOMER	4
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Date	20-09-2023	
Date	TO - 1 COT)	

#### **DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

Please note that the information given on this form may be stored electronically by this Authority for the purpose of licensing.

The Identity of the Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 2018 ("the Act").

East Lothian Council, John Muir House, Haddington, East Lothian EH41 3HA ("the Council")

The purpose or purposes for which the data are intended to be processed.

The Data will be processed in order for East Lothian Council to fulfil its statutory duty under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in receiving, registering, determining and granting applications for licenses under the said Act. The Data will be shared with public bodies who require to be consulted about the application, such as the Police. It will also be shared with internal East Lothian Council services, particularly within the Environment Department who give advice to the Council as Licensing Authority, in respect of the application.

East Lothian Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

#### Further information can be obtained from:

Data Protection Officer Licensing, Administration and Democratic Services John Muir House Haddington dpo@eastlothian.gov.uk

# East Lothian Council



The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

## SHORT-TERM LETS LICENCE - CONFIRMATION OF **DISPLAY OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **Confirmation Of Display Of Notice**

This section must be completed by the applicant and the whole notice returned

to the East Lothian Council, Licensing, John Muir Horor licensing@eastlothian.gov.uk at the end of the 2	
1 (Full name of applicant) HAN MONTGOMERY	MONTGOMERY EMPIRE LTD
Certify that the notice of application has been displayed	ed as prescribed above for a
period of not less than 21 days	
From ending on _	3-11-23
Applicant's signature	
Date 4 - 11-23	
	East Lothian Council Licensing
	2 0 NOV 2023
	Received
* Original notice 1 stuck to Lampost attached	d

#### **Consultation Responses**

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – No objection (13 October 2023)

Police Scotland – No objection (12 October 2023)

Antisocial Behaviour team – Noise complaint 2021. No objection to STL application (5 October 2023)

Parking team - No objection (6 October 2023)

Environmental Services – No response

#### Planning Authority:

Reference 23/00554/CLU withdrawn 10 August 2023 due to 'you had not responded to an invalid schedule sent out on 23 May 2023 giving 28 days to reply'.

Reference 24/00068/CLU – currently considered invalid due to more information required from applicant.

East Lothian Council Licensing 1 0 OCT 2023 Keceived Maxine Wood Received 1 0 OCL 5053 Licensing East Lothian Council East Lothian Council Short-term Lets Department PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL Air B&B Application: 35E Edinburgh Road, Musselburgh, EH21 6EE. Owner: Mr Alan Henderson. I am writing on behalf of the owners and tenants resident within the stair 35 Edinburgh Road to object to the application for an Air B&B licence for 35E. Mr Alan Henderson bought the property over a year ago and gave no indication of its intended purpose. He did not engage with residents of the stair or provide any contact details and it was only when his first guests arrived that we became aware that the flat was now being used for commercial purposes. Wevhave owned the floor property since 2012 and it is the family home of my partner. is also a long-standing property owner and this is My neighbour in the flat her family home. She is a lone parent with two teenage children at \_\_\_\_\_\_High School. spends most of her time in her home and is particularly affected by this situation which at times affects her sleep patterns and results in panic attacks: the problems relating to the Air B&B and Mr Henderson's attitude has significantly impacted on her well being. are East Lothian Council tenants and have lived in for around 5 years. was forced to take early retirement a couple of years back due to a neurological condition that affects her mobility and periodically she requires mobility aids. She has grandchildren who visit her home on a regular basis. my neighbour opposite in see is also a home owner and has lived in the property for many years. My neighbour in salso a Council tenant and has been a resident for over 25 years.

Essentially it is a family stair which extends to the other 6 flats adjoining to the property where there are another two Council tenants, one of whom has lived there and raised his family for over 30 years. In general we all get on very well, are respectful and helpful towards each other and live peacefully in our community. We also have good connections with our neighbours on the opposite side of the road.

The utilisation of 35E has been a huge disrupter to our living environment from the onset and we have captured a catalogue of issues, all of which have been raised with Mr Henderson. The medium used for this has been what's app but in the months running up to the requirement to apply for a

licence Mr Henderson attached a timer to remove messages and so the vast majority of mine and communication with him has been lost. He gave no indication of his intention to do this.

Collectively as residents however we can provide an overview of the issues as follows:

#### 1. Smoking.

- Although it is a non-smoking property guests frequently open the windows and hang out of them to have a cigarette. The smell permeates mine and flat in particular.
- Fire risk. I assume Mr Henderson has the necessary smoke alarms and ideally has asked for a HFSV however the risk is significantly increased when multiple guests disregard that smoking is prohibited and especially so when quite often guests are consuming alcohol.
- Fag ends out of the window. Some of the guests have chosen to throw their fag ends out the window as a way of avoiding the restrictions into my front garden which is privately owned. This is particularly unpleasant and I have to remove them.
- Where guests do abide by the rules they will often come down to the front door to smoke, again causing the smell to permeate my flat but also then throwing their fag ends down the front door steps. This makes for an unsightly and unpleasant entrance to our homes.
- 2. Drinking alcohol, noise disturbance and threatening behaviours.
  - While Mr Henderson allows a wide variety of guests to rent the flat and not all consume alcohol, some guests have drank to excess causing considerable noise disturbance and a sense of alarm and fear for residents.
  - One particular hen party chose to drink and smoke outside the front door, sitting on
    my boundary wall and essentially heckling my partner, having a bit of 'banter' with
    him as he came into the stairwell. He found this very intimidating but felt unable to
    address their behaviours because they were clearly drunk and female. The noise on
    this occasion lasted well into the early hours.
  - On one occasion three middle aged men were here for the Golf Open. They consumed vast amounts of alcohol and one person was then deliberately locked out of the flat. He decided to throw stones at window in the early hours and when she responded he told her to go upstairs and knock on the flat door to get his mates to let him in.

    Tefused and called the Police who attended the incident but could not locate the individual. He was later let in by his mates.

Later that evening I was giving my dogs their late night walk and spotted two young men with rucksacks in my opposite neighbours' garden. They then turned around and went into our stairwell and up to the flat. I do not know their intended purpose at that time in a morning but again there were unknown people coming in and out of a stair at all times of the night.

- We have also had men urinating in my front garden and spitting on the steps.
- The group of 9 New York students mentioned in 6. below decided to sleep out on the beach during their stay. They were up and down the stairwell at 2-3am in the morning carrying their blankets and kit. The next day they decided to dry their blankets on a clothes line not allocated to their flat which occupied the space for the whole day.
- One couple decided to have sex so vigorously and loudly in the living room of the flat that they caused clock to fall off the wall and was damaged. As a Muslim,

was absolutely mortified by this incident, particularly as her children were disturbed and she asked me to address this with Mr Henderson. is also very perturbed by the use of alcohol and that her children are witness to this.

 The use of alcohol is very common and results in excessive noise and poor behaviours. Frequently there is loud music, people dancing and moving loudly around the flat. Basically people are renting the flat as a holiday let and act accordingly with no regard to the people whose homes they disturb.

#### 3. Noise disturbance.

- Guests come into the flat at all times of the day, including the early hours when flights are delayed or roadworks have held people up. This causes noise disturbance in the stair.
- People are lugging heavy suitcases up the stairwell, banging off each step and/or talking loudly or excitedly to eachother, sometimes trying to get small children up the stair.
- When there are not problems with the use of alcohol it can be problematic when children are in residence. They do what children do: run, shout, cry, scream, play causing a lot of anxiety for At various times some children have decided to run through my front garden and jump down off the wall, damaging flowers and plants but more concerningly running a risk to themselves. I have spoken to parents on a number of occasions about this.
- This weekend, 8th October, there was a family in the flat with <u>four</u> young children which were so noisy asked the mum if they could be calmed down to which she said she would 'try'. was also woken up at 7am on Sunday morning with the noise of the children going down the stair.
- The front door slams shut due to the hinge mechanism, particularly if the back door is open and guests do not take the precaution to close it quietly.

#### 4. Stair maintenance and wear and tear.

In addition to the impact of increased footfall on the stairwell the steady progression of people through the stair brings with it increased dirt and sand which is not cleaned on a regular basis by Mr Henderson. I raised this with him a couple of months back and he agreed to clean the stair on a monthly basis but has only undertaken this on one occasion in the past year and in doing so only swept the floor and did not mop.

asked me to speak to him about this as she has been trying to keep the stair clean due to the excessive amount of sand in particular that comes through on guests shoes. As residents we are particularly mindful of living so close to the beach and clean our shoes before coming into the stair. Of note is that makes cleaning the stair difficult for her.

- There is an inevitable impact on the fabric of the stairs and doors in the stairwell
  from the increased footfall which is not covered by our insurances and requires
  communal agreement for repair. Mr Henderson is not required to make an
  increased contribution to this cost which means that home owners and East Lothian
  Council are subsidising his business.
- There is increased wear and tear on the path to the beach also. This is already a
  vulnerable and deteriorating walkway which is being considered for improvement as
  part of the flood defences scheme.

#### 5. Waste Management

- On occasions guests have used our recycling bins and out green bins for their rubbish which can be excessive, especially when there is a high turnover within the two week period of the green bins being emptied. In addition, at times Mr Henderson's bin has overflowed causing a risk of vermin and certainly an opportunity for the birds to peck open bags resulting in unsightly rubbish around the bins and towards the sea shore. The last time this happened I called Mr Henderson who was in Turkey and he asked his parents to come over and clean up.
- Quite often guests will go onto the beach and use disposable barbeques.
   Unfortunately we do not have an East Lothian Council recycling bin for people to use (although I asked for this a couple of years back) and so guests (and other beach users) either leave their rubbish on the beach or fill our green bins.

#### 6. Exceeding the maximum numbers

• It has been clear on a number of occasions that guests have exceeded the maximum capacity of the flat. The hen party noted previously was one such occasion but in August 2023 there were at least 9 students from New York City using the flat. This increases the level of risk and noise disturbance.

#### 7. Soundproofing

 As ex-local authority flats the soundproofing is poor especially so when there are bare floorboards as in Mr Henderson's flat which makes for easy cleaning for him but is highly disturbing and disruptive for

has to suffer a multitude of random strangers using the flat above her who she does not know and does not feel able she can speak to and ask them to be more respectful of her living environment which is her home after all, especially when alcohol and potentially drugs have been consumed.

Noise disturbance is far more pronounced when you do not know the people who are staying.

#### 8. Parking

- There is very limited on-street parking in our cul-de-sac which is already used regularly by members of the public visiting the beach. Two of our neighbours have allocated disabled parking spaces and one needs her gateway kept clear to be able to get her car out. There is a private road which is not in use for visitors and only available to the people who live along that road. So, in total the 12 flats in our stair and the row of houses along the main road (8), as well as the houses which are in the inner enclave, already have to compete for very limited parking. When air B&B people arrive they try and park as close to the entrance as possible, often having two cars which stay in situ for the duration of their visit making space very limited for residents.
- Sometimes they will park on the corner by the path to the beach which then is an
  obstruction for the Scottish Water vehicles which need to have access to the private
  lane. Local residents are aware of this and so do not park there.
- Sometimes guests high sided vehicles also block our views when the reason for purchasing these properties was in part for the picturesque views.

Since Mr Henderson bought the property and started to operate the B&B I have tried to maintain positive relationships through verbal and what's app communication. It is very concerning that Mr Henderson has chosen recently to apply a timer to these communications which means the majority have disappeared. Some of these written communication give a sense of Mr Henderson's actual attitude and approach:

He questioned if is 'mental' in one post and that his guests have the right to drink and party until all hours if they want to. Stating that he is minded to put in tenants who have small children to give her something to bother about.

#### I have these posts:

"I have other flats. One for 4 years and not once have I had any issue with the neighbours. That tells me I am doing air bnb right. My suspicions have been confirmed..." is the common denominator".

"My guests are paying good money to stay there and are getting made to feel like they are doing something wrong when they are not...Christ they are entitled to play loud music and dance all night if they so wish as long as it's within a certain decibel and not after midnight and within the law.

has got to understand, people live, people do what they want and are not all quiet hermits that don't make a sound"

He has texted in the past to say that his guests object to the smell (he used the word 'stink') of her cooking and in particular her use of garlic, saying they wanted to leave as a result.

Mr Henderson no longer responds to communications and says he cannot be expected to come out to deal with problems all the time. He appears to have abdicated all responsibility for the flat ownership other than to rake in the rental income. I am aware that he has imposed fines for guests but this money has not been used to compensate the residents who were the people actually inconvenienced.

I have asked him if he could not use the drop box for keys and entry and instead personally meet guests to show them around the flat, to explain the expectations etc but he said this is not feasible.

The advert on Air B&B is no indication of how this flat is rented out in practice. We live in a family stair and are having so many strangers (usually big numbers at one time as the flat can accommodate 6) coming by our doors at all hours of the day and this is very unsettling and intimidating. As noted already is a lone parent with two teenage children to protect who have been undertaking their Nat 5s and Highers in the midst of all the disruption. Other than call the Police is powerless to do anything about guests who are behaving badly – as noted Mr Henderson does not answer her calls and it is too risky to knock on the door not knowing what response will be received. has also indicated that she feels physically vulnerable with all the people in the stair.

I hope ELC will look into this matter sensitively and seek to avoid any repercussions for those of us who live in the stair.

Your faithfully,

Maxine Wood

## Rafferty, Alison (Licensing)

From:			
Sent:		13 March 2024 10:12	
To:		Short Term Lets	
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advised continuing intimic the do- and pa	d myself and my neighboulue including the owner of the fating and worrying. There or to the stairwell and just	objection on 10 October 2023 and have received no outcome or updates. I was rs would be invited to give evidence to the committee. Meantime, the disturbanche air bnb sending unnecessary texts to my upstairs neighbour which she is findicontinue to be fag ends in my front garden on a regular basis as people stand at toss their butts, bins regularly overflow, there are often vehicles taking up space liting the parking even further, noise continues, the stair is dirty and not cleaned	ing es
In the	circumstances could you pl	ease provide a prompt response with a timescale for this matter being dealt with	h.
Thank	you.		
Maxine	e Wood		
	Original Message From: To: stl@eastlothian.gov.u Sent: Sunday, December 3 Subject: RE: Objection to	k 31st 2023, 09:36	
	-	dvise on the progress with this please. The air b n b continues to operate wance, overflowing bins. My neighbour once again called the Police earlier th	
	Thankyou.		
	Maxine Wood.		

#### Fitzpatrick, Sheila

From: Fitzpatrick, Sheila
Sent: 28 March 2024 08:15
To: Montgomery Alan

Subject: RE: Invalid Letter Planning reference No 24/00068/CLU

Good morning Mr Montgomery,

Thank you for your email. The attached letter is from Planning.

The hearing on 9 May 2024 will be at the Licensing Sub-committee (LSC). The membership of the LSC is made up of elected members. If you application is to be heard by the LSC, they will determine the outcome of your application (not the Licensing team).

The LSC will take place on 9 May 2024 regardless of whether a Certificate of Lawfulness has been determined although members may take into consideration the invalid applications made for Planning permissions. The members would decide if any supplementary conditions were to be included in any grant of a licence.

I hope this is of assistance.

Regards,

Sheila Fitzpatrick
Team Leader – Licensing and Landlord Registration
East Lothian Council
Democratic & Licensing Services
John Muir House
HADDINGTON, EH41 3HA

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sfitzpatrick1@eastlothian.gov.uk

From: Montgomery Alan

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:42 AM

To: Fitzpatrick, Sheila <sfitzpatrick1@eastlothian.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Invalid Letter Planning reference No 24/00068/CLU

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**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Thanks for taking my call earlier.

I was hoping you can clarify something?

I received the attached. Is this from planning?

If I withdraw the COL application (by not paying the fee), does that have any influence on ELC Licensing's team decision when we have the review meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May?