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Applications cannot be validated until all the necessary documentation has been submitted and the required fee has been paid.

Thank you for completing this application form:

ONLINE REFERENCE 100719532-001

The online reference is the unique reference for your online form only. The Planning Authority will allocate an Application Number when your form is validated. Please quote this reference if you need to contact the planning Authority about this application.

Type of Application

What is this application for? Please select one of the following: *

- ☒ Application for planning permission (including changes of use and surface mineral working).
- ☐ Application for planning permission in principle.
- ☐ Further application, (including renewal of planning permission, modification, variation or removal of a planning condition etc)
- ☐ Application for Approval of Matters specified in conditions.

Description of Proposal

Please describe the proposal including any change of use: * (Max 500 characters)

Proposal to form new laboratory and cleanroom facilities within the flat and pitched roof 20th century addition to the Villas Building at the Royal Observatory. The existing facilities have reached the end of their useful life and fail to meet today's standards for energy efficiency and environmental performance. The new facilities are essential in order to meet the changing needs of science and technology and support the continued operation of the site as a place of world-class experimentation.

Is this a temporary permission? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

If a change of use is to be included in the proposal has it already taken place?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(Answer 'No' if there is no change of use.) *

Has the work already been started and/or completed? *

☒ No ☐ Yes – Started ☐ Yes - Completed

Applicant or Agent Details

Are you an applicant or an agent? * (An agent is an architect, consultant or someone else acting on behalf of the applicant in connection with this application)

☐ Applicant ☒ Agent

Agent Details

Please enter Agent details

Company/Organisation:	LDN Architects		
Ref. Number:		You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: *	
First Name: *	Connor	Building Name:	Gordon Lamb House
Last Name: *	Downie	Building Number:	3
Telephone Number: *	01312222923	Address 1 (Street): *	Jackson's Entry
Extension Number:		Address 2:	
Mobile Number:		Town/City: *	Edinburgh
Fax Number:		Country: *	United Kingdom
		Postcode: *	EH8 8PJ
Email Address: *	c.downie@ldn.co.uk		
Is the applicant an individual or an organisation/corporate entity? *			
☐ Individual ☒ Organisation/Corporate entity			

Applicant Details

Please enter Applicant details

Title:	Mr	You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: *	
Other Title:		Building Name:	Copeland House
First Name: *	Richard	Building Number:	
Last Name: *	Corrigan	Address 1 (Street): *	Royal Observatory
Company/Organisation	Science & Technology Facilities	Address 2:	Observatory Road
Telephone Number: *		Town/City: *	Edinburgh
Extension Number:		Country: *	United Kingdom
Mobile Number:		Postcode: *	EH9 3HJ
Fax Number:			
Email Address: *			

Site Address Details

Planning Authority:

City of Edinburgh Council

Full postal address of the site (including postcode where available):

Address 1:

VILLAS

Address 2:

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

Address 3:

21 OBSERVATORY ROAD

Address 4:

Address 5:

Town/City/Settlement:

BLACKFORD

Post Code:

EDINBURGH

Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites

Northing

670587

Easting

325863

Pre-Application Discussion

Have you discussed your proposal with the planning authority? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Site Area

Please state the site area:

240.00

Please state the measurement type used:

☐ Hectares (ha) ☒ Square Metres (sq.m)

Existing Use

Please describe the current or most recent use: * (Max 500 characters)

The building currently accommodates offices and ancillary administration spaces in the Villas Building with cleanroom and workshop facilities within the flat and pitched roof 20th century extension.

Access and Parking

Are you proposing a new altered vehicle access to or from a public road? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes please describe and show on your drawings the position of any existing. Altered or new access points, highlighting the changes you propose to make. You should also show existing footpaths and note if there will be any impact on these.

Are you proposing any change to public paths, public rights of way or affecting any public right of access? * ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes please show on your drawings the position of any affected areas highlighting the changes you propose to make, including arrangements for continuing or alternative public access.	
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) currently exist on the application Site?	0
How many vehicle parking spaces (garaging and open parking) do you propose on the site (i.e. the Total of existing and any new spaces or a reduced number of spaces)? *	0
Please show on your drawings the position of existing and proposed parking spaces and identify if these are for the use of particular types of vehicles (e.g. parking for disabled people, coaches, HGV vehicles, cycles spaces).	
Water Supply and Drainage Arrangements	
Will your proposal require new or altered water supply or drainage arrangements? * ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Do your proposals make provision for sustainable drainage of surface water?? * ☐ Yes ☒ No (e.g. SUDS arrangements) * Note:- Please include details of SUDS arrangements on your plans Selecting 'No' to the above question means that you could be in breach of Environmental legislation.	
Are you proposing to connect to the public water supply network? * ☒ Yes ☐ No, using a private water supply ☐ No connection required If No, using a private water supply, please show on plans the supply and all works needed to provide it (on or off site).	
Assessment of Flood Risk	
Is the site within an area of known risk of flooding? * ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know If the site is within an area of known risk of flooding you may need to submit a Flood Risk Assessment before your application can be determined. You may wish to contact your Planning Authority or SEPA for advice on what information may be required. Do you think your proposal may increase the flood risk elsewhere? * ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know	
Trees	
Are there any trees on or adjacent to the application site? * ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, please mark on your drawings any trees, known protected trees and their canopy spread close to the proposal site and indicate if any are to be cut back or felled.	
Waste Storage and Collection	
Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste (including recycling)? * ☐ Yes ☒ No	

If Yes or No, please provide further details: * (Max 500 characters)

The proposals will make use of the existing waste and recycling provision. The proposals do not impact the existing waste strategy and do not require any additional waste and recycling provision.

Residential Units Including Conversion

Does your proposal include new or additional houses and/or flats? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

All Types of Non Housing Development – Proposed New Floorspace

Does your proposal alter or create non-residential floorspace? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Schedule 3 Development

Does the proposal involve a form of development listed in Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013 *

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know

If yes, your proposal will additionally have to be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the area of the development. Your planning authority will do this on your behalf but will charge you a fee. Please check the planning authority's website for advice on the additional fee and add this to your planning fee.

If you are unsure whether your proposal involves a form of development listed in Schedule 3, please check the Help Text and Guidance notes before contacting your planning authority.

Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest

Is the applicant, or the applicant's spouse/partner, either a member of staff within the planning service or an elected member of the planning authority? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Certificates and Notices

CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2013

One Certificate must be completed and submitted along with the application form. This is most usually Certificate A, Form 1, Certificate B, Certificate C or Certificate E.

Are you/the applicant the sole owner of ALL the land? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any of the land part of an agricultural holding? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Certificate Required

The following Land Ownership Certificate is required to complete this section of the proposal:

Certificate A

Land Ownership Certificate

Certificate and Notice under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Certificate A

I hereby certify that –

(1) - No person other than myself/the applicant was an owner (Any person who, in respect of any part of the land, is the owner or is the lessee under a lease thereof of which not less than 7 years remain unexpired.) of any part of the land to which the application relates at the beginning of the period of 21 days ending with the date of the accompanying application.

(2) - None of the land to which the application relates constitutes or forms part of an agricultural holding

Signed: Connor Downie

On behalf of: Science & Technology Facilities Council

Date: 15/07/2025

☒ Please tick here to certify this Certificate. *

Checklist – Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Please take a few moments to complete the following checklist in order to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information in support of your application. Failure to submit sufficient information with your application may result in your application being deemed invalid. The planning authority will not start processing your application until it is valid.

a) If this is a further application where there is a variation of conditions attached to a previous consent, have you provided a statement to that effect? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

b) If this is an application for planning permission or planning permission in principle where there is a crown interest in the land, have you provided a statement to that effect? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

c) If this is an application for planning permission, planning permission in principle or a further application and the application is for development belonging to the categories of national or major development (other than one under Section 42 of the planning Act), have you provided a Pre-Application Consultation Report? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

d) If this is an application for planning permission and the application relates to development belonging to the categories of national or major developments and you do not benefit from exemption under Regulation 13 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, have you provided a Design and Access Statement? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

e) If this is an application for planning permission and relates to development belonging to the category of local developments (subject to regulation 13. (2) and (3) of the Development Management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013) have you provided a Design Statement? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

f) If your application relates to installation of an antenna to be employed in an electronic communication network, have you provided an ICNIRP Declaration? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable to this application

g) If this is an application for planning permission, planning permission in principle, an application for approval of matters specified in conditions or an application for mineral development, have you provided any other plans or drawings as necessary:

- ☒ Site Layout Plan or Block plan.
- ☒ Elevations.
- ☒ Floor plans.
- ☒ Cross sections.
- ☒ Roof plan.
- ☐ Master Plan/Framework Plan.
- ☐ Landscape plan.
- ☐ Photographs and/or photomontages.
- ☐ Other.

If Other, please specify: * (Max 500 characters)

Provide copies of the following documents if applicable:

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| A copy of an Environmental Statement. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| A Design Statement or Design and Access Statement. * | ☒ Yes ☐ N/A |
| A Flood Risk Assessment. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| A Drainage Impact Assessment (including proposals for Sustainable Drainage Systems). * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| Drainage/SUDS layout. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| A Transport Assessment or Travel Plan | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| Contaminated Land Assessment. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| Habitat Survey. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |
| A Processing Agreement. * | ☐ Yes ☒ N/A |

Other Statements (please specify). (Max 500 characters)

Declare – For Application to Planning Authority

I, the applicant/agent certify that this is an application to the planning authority as described in this form. The accompanying Plans/drawings and additional information are provided as a part of this application.

Declaration Name: Mr Connor Downie

Declaration Date: 15/07/2025

Fee Exemption Reason

I have arranged to pay my fee directly to my Authority

Fee to be paid by client to Local Authority using online payment portal. Application fee: £357.00 in accordance with Authority fees charter. "Where no floor area is created or the gross floor space created does not exceed 50 square metres, £357"