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Thank you for completing this application form:

ONLINE REFERENCE 100721897-001

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.

Site Address Details

Planning Authority: City of Edinburgh Council

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

Address 1: MANSION HOUSE

Address 2: EDINBURGH ZOO

Address 3: 134 CORSTORPHINE ROAD

Address 4:

Address 5:

Town/City/Settlement: MURRAYFIELD

Post Code: EDINBURGH

Please identify/describe the location of the site or sites

[Empty text box for site location description]

Northing 673090

Easting 320751

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

Applicant Details

Please enter Applicant details

Title:	<input type="text" value="Miss"/>	You must enter a Building Name or Number, or both: *
Other Title:	<input type="text"/>	Building Name: <input type="text" value="Edinburgh Zoo"/>
First Name: *	<input type="text" value="Lindsay"/>	Building Number: <input type="text" value="134"/>
Last Name: *	<input type="text" value="Ross"/>	Address 1 (Street): * <input type="text" value="Corstorphine Road"/>
Company/Organisation	<input type="text" value="Royal Zoological Society of Scotland"/>	Address 2: <input type="text"/>
Telephone Number: *	<input type="text"/>	Town/City: * <input type="text" value="Edinburgh"/>
Extension Number:	<input type="text"/>	Country: * <input type="text" value="Scotland"/>
Mobile Number:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode: * <input type="text" value="EH126TS"/>
Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>	
Email Address: *	<input type="text"/>	

Type of Application

This application is to ascertain whether one or both of the following would be lawful: *

- Proposed use of buildings or other land.
- Proposed operations to be carried out in, on, over or under land (building operation or development).

Please describe in detail the use or development/operations for which you are seeking the certificate: * (Max 500 characters)

Permission is being sought for an event to be hosted within the grounds of Edinburgh Zoo called 'Edinburgh Zoo's Giant Lanterns', which will be in-situ over winter from 14 November 2025 - 22 February 2026. This is a lights trail event with lantern structures of varying size made from steel with painted silks covering lights within. The structures are situated along a 1km route of the lower zoo to form a route guests walk round, with stops for catering opportunities.

Description of Proposed Use of Buildings or Other Land and/or Proposed Operations

Existing Use Class

Please state the existing Use Class as described in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997. Where building or land is vacant, state last known use: *

Description of Proposal

Please describe in detail the proposed use of buildings or other land for which the Certificate is sought and/or proposed operations to be carried out in, on, over or under land: * (Max 500 characters)

Permission is being sought for an event being hosted within the grounds of Edinburgh Zoo called 'Edinburgh Zoo's Giant Lanterns', which will be in-situ and operational over winter for 60 nights from 14 November 2025 - 22 February 2026. This is a lights trail event with lantern structures of varying size made from steel with painted silks covering lights within. The structures are situated along a 1km route of the lower zoo to form a route guests walk round, with stops for catering opportunities.

Is the proposed use: * Temporary Permanent

Please give details, including the dates on which the temporary use will begin and terminate: * (Max 500 characters)

Event install Install beings on Tuesday 23 September 2025. ZGL crew from China will be working at Edinburgh Zoo with temporary marquee being erected in zoo car park to store lanterns as they go out onto site. ZGL crew return to China by 7 November. Event The event will run across 60 select evenings from 14 November 2025 - 22 February 2026, starting at 4.45pm and finishing at 9pm. De-rig This will take 3-4 weeks - no marquee required.

Date of start: *

14/11/2025

Date of Termination: *

22/02/2026

Pre-Application Discussion

Have you discussed your proposal with the planning authority? *

Yes No

Pre-Application Discussion Details Cont.

In what format was the feedback given? *

Meeting Telephone Letter Email

Please provide a description of the feedback you were given and the name of the officer who provided this feedback. If a processing agreement [note 1] is currently in place or if you are currently discussing a processing agreement with the planning authority, please provide details of this. (This will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently.) * (max 500 characters)

Email with Helpdesk Planner advising applying for a certificate of lawfulness on formal decision regarding planning permission.

Title:

Mr

Other title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Correspondence Reference Number:

Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

15/07/2025

Note 1. A Processing agreement involves setting out the key stages involved in determining a planning application, identifying what information is required and from whom and setting timescales for the delivery of various stages of the process.

Any other Particulars or Supplementary Information

Please provide any other particulars or information here which you consider may be relevant: * (Max 500 characters)

We have been advised by Paul Dance (Public Safety at CEC) who signs off on our annual Public Entertainment License to seek clarity on permission required for this event as the artistic structures will be out in the grounds of Edinburgh Zoo beyond 28 days but are not a permanent feature.

List of Documents, Drawings or Plans which accompany this Application

Please provide a full list of documentation, drawings or plans which accompany this application which you are submitting as supporting information and evidence: * (Max 500 characters)

Edinburgh Zoo's Giant Lanterns Final - Plan of the lantern installations

Please provide a full list of documentation, drawings or plans which accompany this application which you are submitting as supporting information and evidence: * (Max 500 characters)

Site Plan - Areas where the lanterns will be situated on route

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Giant Lanterns Lost Words: Images of a previous lantern event held at the zoo in 2019/20 and how the lanterns looked in-situ for context.

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Edinburgh Zoo Giant Lantern Plan: Digital mock ups of lanterns proposed for 2025 event

Interest in Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land: *

Owner Lessee Tenant Occupier Other

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

Checklist – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use or Development

The provision of sufficient proof in a Certificate of Lawfulness is firmly with the applicant and therefore sufficient and precise information should be provided.

Please complete the following checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary information in support of your application. Failure to submit all this information may result in your application being deemed invalid. The Planning Authority will not start processing your application until it is valid.

A copy of a plan, showing the boundary of the site. The plan should identify the land to which the application relates and should be drawn to an identified scale. Where such an application specifies two or more uses, operations or other matters, the plan which accompanies the application is to indicate to which part of the land each such use, operation or other matter relates. * Yes No

All the evidence provided in support of your application, as detailed in your answers. * Yes No

A statement setting out the applicant's interest in the land, the name and address of any other person known to the applicant to have an interest in the land and whether any such other person has been notified of the application. * Yes No

You must submit a fee with your application. Your application will not be able to be validated until the appropriate fee has need received by the planning authority.

Declare – Certificate of Lawfulness – Proposed Use or Development

I, the applicant/agent certify that this is an application for a certificate of Lawfulness as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

Declaration Name: Miss Lindsay Ross

Declaration Date: 11/08/2025

WARNING

Section 153 of the 1997 Act provides that it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information or to withhold material information with intent to deceive.

Section 152(7) enables the planning authority to revoke, at any time, a certificate they may have issued as a result of such false or misleading information or if material information has been withheld.

Payment Details

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