



## Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

Planning & Economic Development  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**22/0680/PP Residential development of 452 dwellings with associated works including access, parking, landscaping, open-space and SuDS: Treesbank B7038 From Ayr Road To C120 Kilmarnock East Ayrshire KA1 5LP**

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage (SGLH) is grateful to be consulted on the above application which affects Treesbank Estate. Treesbank is not included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland and therefore not assessed by Historic Environment Scotland as being of National significance, however it has been identified as a designed landscape of at least local significance and was included in the Ayrshire Gardens and Designed Landscapes Survey Project in 2009.

Treesbank (Burnbank) is first depicted on Roy's Military Survey of circa 1755 with blocks of planting to the south and west of the principal house and field enclosure to the north and east. This broad structure appears to be that recorded on the First Edition Ordnance Survey of 1857 and although some components of the landscape, such as the lodge buildings have since been lost, the remnant layout survives to the present day. Whilst the earlier house has now been replaced by the current Treesbank House, built in 1926 and Category B-Listed, two other listed structures in the landscape, the doocot and the Stables, Category A and Category C-Listed respectively, are associated with the earlier mansion house originally built around 1672. Both of these structures are included on the Buildings at Risk Register.

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage is an organisation committed to promoting and protecting Scotland's historic garden and designed landscape heritage and we are obviously disappointed that much of this small designed landscape will be lost to development, however we are aware that this area was allocated for housing in the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan (2017) as site 317H.

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We have studied the documents submitted in support of the application and welcome the recognition accorded the designed landscape in the Design and Access Statement. Whilst not wishing to object to the application we would strongly advise that conditions are set to the granting of any planning permission to the application protect the remaining landscape including:-

- Protection of the settings of the three listed structures, Treesbank House, Stables and Doocot in line with advice contained Historic Environment Scotland's 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' - 'Setting' publication.
- As the proposed development site, together with the balance of the designed landscape appear to be in the same ownership, we would advise that sufficient conservation and repair works are carried out to the A-Listed Doocot and C-Listed Stables to allow their removal from the Buildings at Risk Register.
- The protection of all trees to be retained within the development site together with those adjacent in the remaining area of the Treesbank designed landscape, including the areas designated as Ancient Woodland.
- The preparation of Conservation and Woodland Management Plans for the balance of the Treesbank designed landscape to conserve and manage this green space on the southern fringes of Kilmarnock for the future.

Lastly, having studied the wider area, we note the near-by location of Caprington Castle, a designed landscape included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland, but consider any impact from the proposed Treesbank development is likely to be minimal.

We would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of this application in due course and request to remain included in consultations on planning applications affecting Inventory and non-Inventory designed landscapes in East Ayrshire.

Yours sincerely,

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