

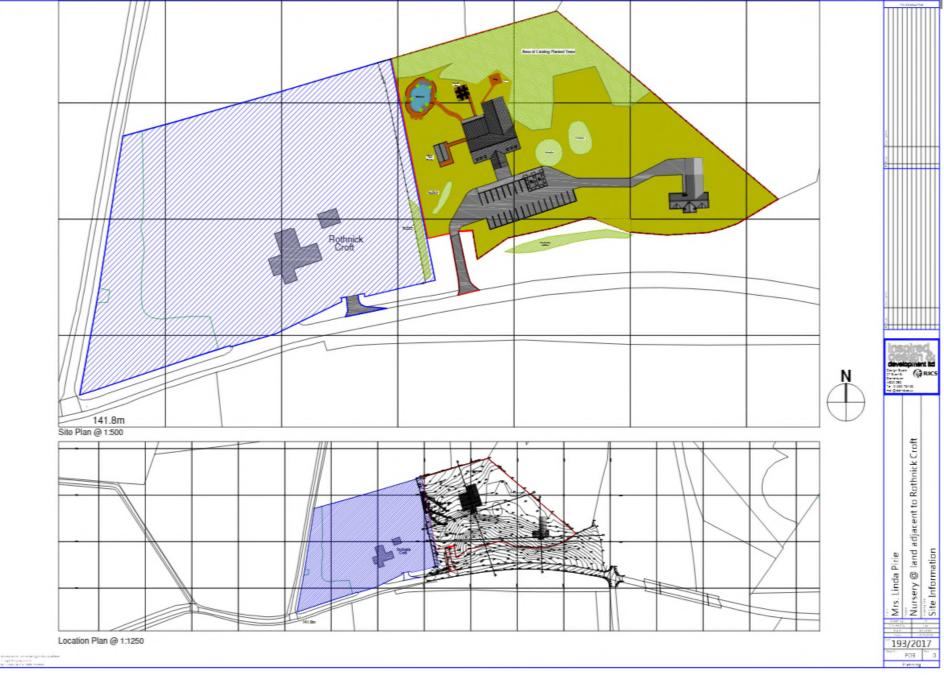


#### From mountain to sea LRB 604 - APP/2022/1845 Erection of Children's Day Care Nursery (Class 10 Non-Residential Institutions), Erection of Children's Workshop, Formation of Wildlife Pond and Erection of Dwellinghouse (Renewal of Planning Permission APP/2018/1279) at Land Adjacent To Rothnick Croft Netherley, Stonehaven



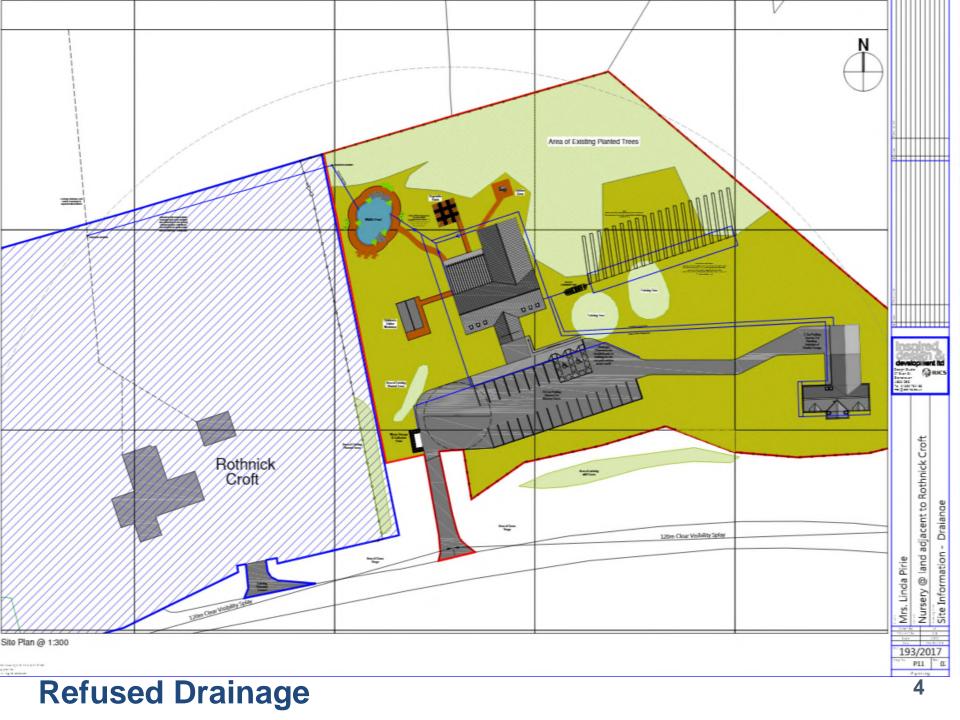


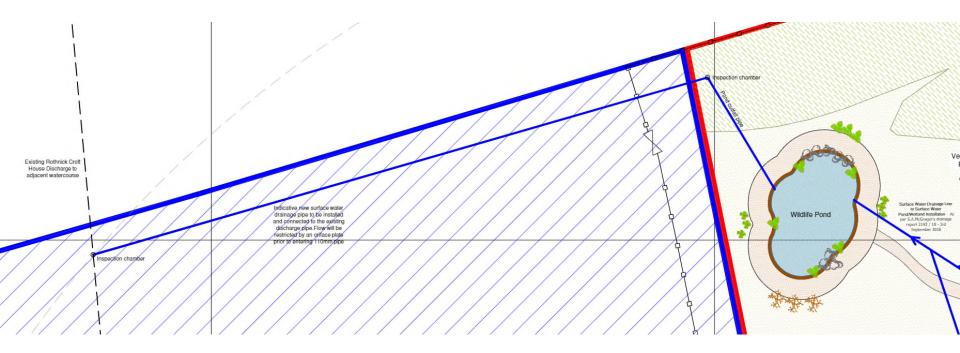
#### **Location**



#### **Refused Site and Location**

A1





## **Refused Drainage (Detail)**



#### **A**1

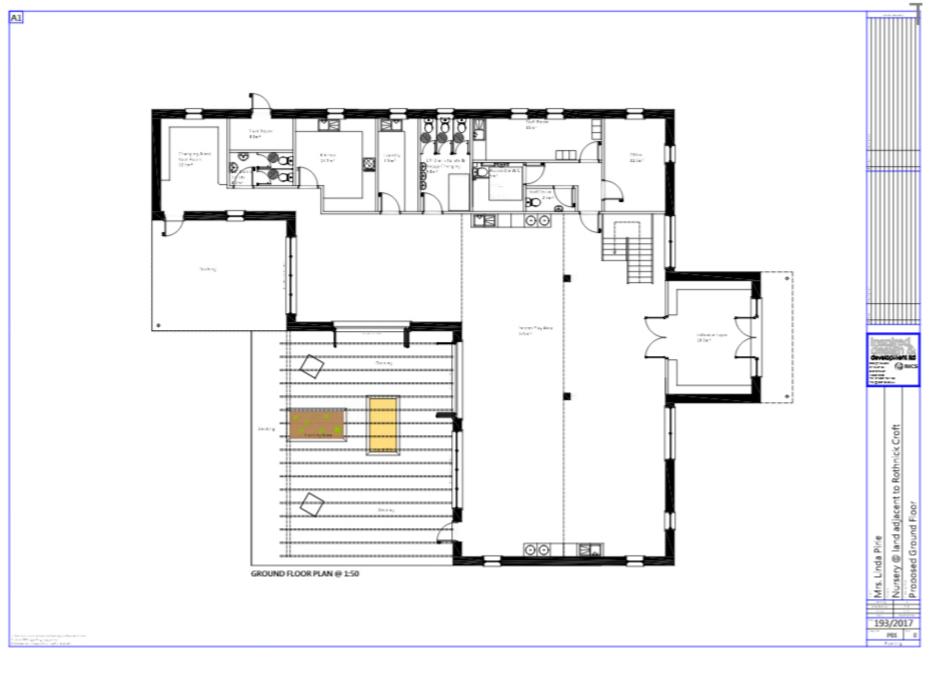
**Refused Site Sections** 



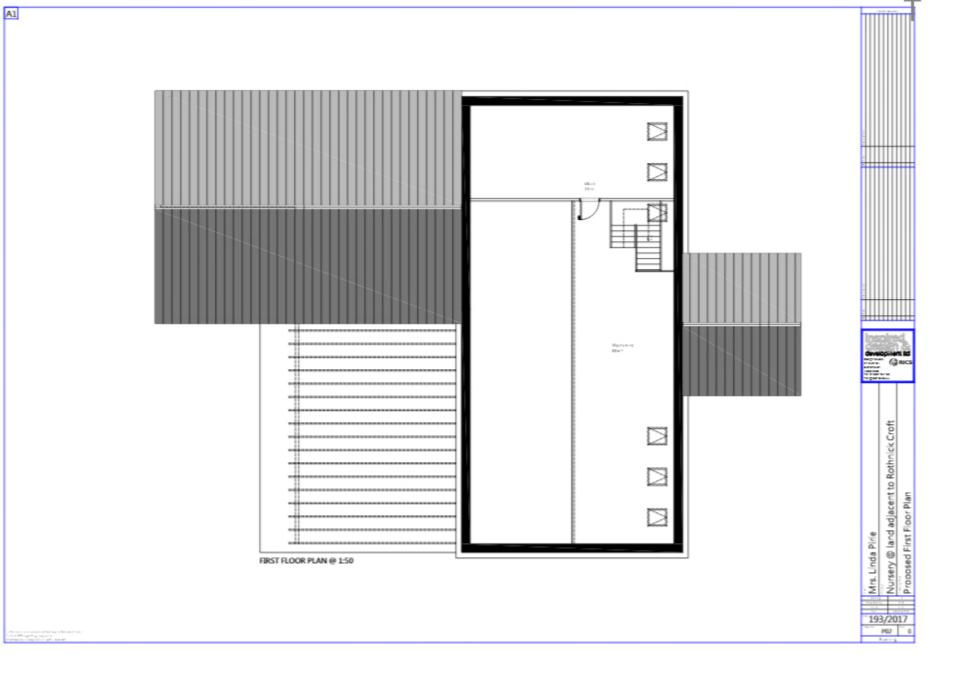
#### **Refused Elevations (Nursery)**



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#### **Refused Ground Floor Plan (Nursery)**



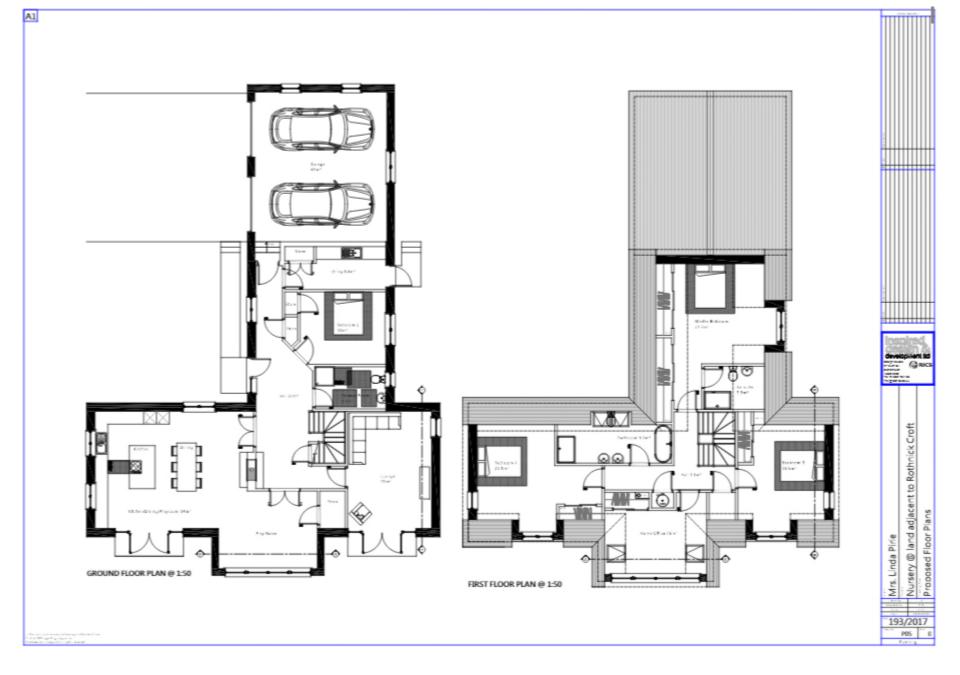
#### **Refused First Floor Plan (Nursery)**



#### **Refused Elevations (House)**



#### **Refused Sections (House)**



#### **Refused Floor Plans (House)**



#### **Aerial View**



#### **Zoomed in Aerial View**



# Access to application site



#### **View west to Rothnick Croft**



## **Existing composting toilets**



## View within site looking east



#### View within site looking north



#### View of adjacent field to north



#### View within site looking south-east





## **Planning History**

- APP/2020/1095 Erection of Two Composting Toilets. Granted 04/08/2020.
- APP/2018/1279 Erection of Nursery, Workshop, Wildlife Pond and Dwellinghouse. Granted by KMAC 04/09/2018, decision issued 06/02/2019. Expired.
- APP/2012/0807 Erection of Nursery and 12 Dwellinghouses (Enabling Development). Refused 30/05/2012, dismissed by LRB 142 on 26/10/2012.





## **Representations (8 objections)**

- No capacity or right to drain through adjoining land.
- Poor ground conditions in field to north from ponding.
- Concerns about contamination from former use.
- Drainage solution must be confirmed up front.
- If granted, the same drainage condition should be applied again.
- Proposal would generate considerable traffic and is not consistent with 20min neighbourhoods or town centre first principles.
- Impact on road safety.
- Not allocated for business and no justification for a separate dwellinghouse.





## **Consultations**

- Contaminated Land has no concerns with the proposal.
- Environmental Health has no objection subject to a condition for connection to the public water supply.
- **Flood Risk** objects due to lack of information and certainty about a suitable surface water drainage solution.
- Roads Development has no objection subject to conditions.
- Waste Management has no objection.
- Education does not object to the proposal.
- **Developer Obligations** confirm no contributions needed.
- Scottish Water advise a water supply exists, but no waste water infrastructure in the vicinity.





## **Report of Handling**

- Site is within the accessible rural area.
- Seeking renewal, but there has been changes in policy with more emphasis on sustainability and town centres.
- The planning history is a material consideration.
- There is no policy support for a nursery in this location, which would be reliant on the private car for access.
- There is no justification for a dwellinghouse and no essential need for an onsite presence.
- Surface water drainage remains an issue and was not resolved following permission being granted in 2019.
- This is largely a civil matter, but the lack of drainage solution and associated flooding is contrary to policy.
- Design and technical matters are acceptable.





## **Reason for Refusal (1)**

1. The application is considered by the Planning Authority to not comply with the Development Plan. The proposed nursery (Class 10 Use) is not well related to the population or in a town centre location, with no sequential justification provided for the siting and the location proposed is remote and not sustainably accessible by foot/cycle/public transport resulting in reliance upon the private car, being detrimental to the overarching sustainability targets and tackling the climate crisis, contrary to Policies 1 Tackling the climate and nature crisis, 2 Climate mitigation and adaptation, 13 Sustainable transport, 15 Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhoods and 29 Rural development of National Planning Framework 4, and Policies B1 Town Centre Development, R2 Development Proposals Elsewhere in the Countryside, P1 Layout, Siting and Design, P6 Community Facilities and Public Amenities and RD1 Providing Suitable Services of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2023.





#### Reasons for Refusal (2 & 3)

- The proposed dwelling is not on a previously developed brownfield site and is not associated with a primary industry or viable rural business, and does not comply with Policy 17 Rural homes and 29 Rural development of National Planning Framework 4, or Policy R2 Development Proposals Elsewhere in the Countryside of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2023.
- 3. Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate a functional and deliverable drainage solution to serve the proposed development, resulting in concerns relating to the potential risk of surface water flooding to others and a failure to adequately manage all rain and surface water through a deliverable sustainable urban drainage system that is within the full control of the applicant, contrary to Policy 22 Flood risk and water management of National Planning Framework 4 and Policy C4 Flooding and RD1 Providing Suitable Services of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2023.





# **Applicant's Supporting Statement**

- Seeking a renewal of the previously approved application.
- Dispute with adjacent landowner has delayed a site start.
- No material change in policy, the original decision regarding the nursery should be taken into account.
- The nursery will meet objectives for outdoor learning and animals are part of that experience.
- The proposed dwellinghouse is required for animal husbandry and would be occupied by the manager.
- The previous condition regarding drainage should be reapplied if permission is granted.
- The applicant is pursuing legal action to gain access to the drainage pipe, which would allow compliance with the condition.





## **Third Party Responses to Review (8)**

- Waste Management has no objection.
- Already outdoor learning at the site, this is a new nursery.
- Location is unsuitable for such a high traffic generating use.
- Nursery cannot be accessed by sustainable travel means.
- Sufficient nursery provision within the local catchment.
- No justification for a house to care for nursery pets.
- A nursery is not a primary industry and there is no essential need to live onsite.
- Existing drainage is failing and the previous drainage proposal was based on incorrect information that is now out of date.
- No technical solution to drainage issue and no right to use or provide new infrastructure in the field to the north.
- The proposed drainage design cannot be fully implemented.





# **Applicant's Response to Third Party Comments**

- The applicant has rights to drain from the site and any civil proceedings should have no bearing on this review.
- Local planning policies do not align with national recommendations regarding rural early learning and childcare.
- Information is provided on five other nurseries in the area.
- Local roads are suitable for travel by families to the facility.
- Nursery building is necessary to operate a quality service in all weathers; with a capacity of no more than 50 children.
- The house is essential to the operation of the business and the care of hens, lambs, other small animals and horticulture.
- The applicant's home next door to the proposed nursery is irrelevant to the proposals.





## **Key Planning Considerations**

- The principle of a nursery and / or dwellinghouse at this location, or if there are any material considerations to justify a departure.
- What weight should be given to the previous approval of the same scheme.
- The applicant is unable to demonstrate a suitable drainage solution can be achieved at this time, partly due to a civil dispute.