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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>The Planning Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>4th January 2012</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Regeneration and Planning</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>11/0005/LB Plan 01/12</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notification of appeal decision: Installation of new front door, external lighting and a satellite dish (all in retrospect) at Upper Flat, 39 Tower Drive, Gourock</b>		

## **INTRODUCTION**

In March 2011 listed building consent was refused for the installation of a new front door, external lighting and a satellite dish (all in retrospect) at Upper Flat, 39 Tower Drive, Gourock for the following reasons:

1. The installed front door, by virtue of its contemporary design, contemporary door furniture and dark stained finish, has an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the listed building and is thus contrary to the guidance and policy contained within policy HR14 of the Inverclyde Local Plan or Historic Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment Guidance Notes.
2. The installed external lighting by virtue of its location and design has an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the listed building and is thus contrary to the guidance and policy contained within policy HR14 of the Inverclyde Local Plan or Historic Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment Guidance Notes.
3. The installed satellite dish by virtue of its location and resultant cabling has an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the listed building and is thus contrary to the guidance and policy contained within policy HR14 of the Inverclyde Local Plan or Historic Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment Guidance Notes.

An appeal against the refusal of listed building consent was lodged with the Scottish Government and considered by written submissions.

A parallel application for planning permission was refused under delegated powers. A review of this decision was considered by the Local Review Body on 5 October 2011. The decision to refuse planning permission was upheld.

## **NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL DECISION**

The Reporter considered that the impact of what he describes as minor alterations have no significant impact on the listed building, either singly or collectively.

He found that neither the colour nor the contemporary design of the door and its fittings had an adverse effect on preserving the listed building or its features of special or architectural features.

He came to a similar conclusion with regard to the external light fittings. The satellite dish was considered not to alter the historic profile or skyline of the building.

The appeal was sustained, but should be noted that this does not change the position regarding the planning permission, which remains refused.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

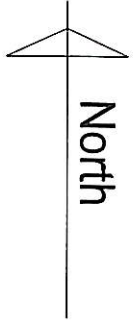
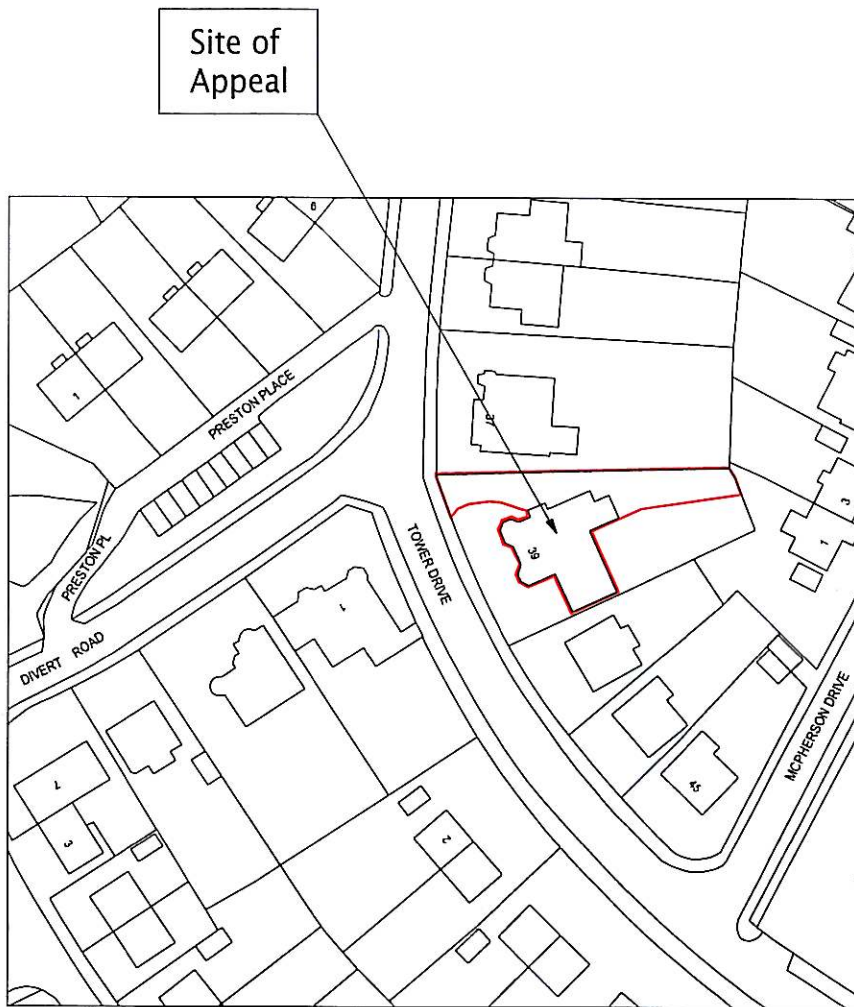
The Board notes the position.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Planning application 11/005/LB

# Upper Flat, 39a Tower Drive, Gourock PA19 1LG



1:1250 Scale Plan

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