

31st July 2025

City of Edinburgh Council

4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG

1 Bar Lane
York
YO1 6JU
+44 (0)1904 629258

27 Old Gloucester Street
London
WC1N 3AX
+44 (0)207 419 5113

admin@aahplanning.com
www.aahplanning.com

Erection of an AI Data Centre Campus with a 200MW demand utility capacity with car parking, landscaping, roads, access and associated works (Proposal of Application Notice).

Site Address: LAND WEST OF HERMISTON HOUSE ROAD, CURRIE, EH14 4AG | Grid Reference: X 316900, Y 670000

Dear Sir / Madam,

We write on behalf of Apatura DC Project 11 Ltd, the client, to submit a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) in relation to the following planning application: Erection of an AI Data Centre Campus with a 200MW demand utility capacity with car parking, landscaping, roads, access and associated works.

Site Description:

The subject site is located to the north of the Heriott-Watt University Riccarton Campus and to the west of Hermiston. The site comprises approximately 24 hectares in total. The proposed plot of land is located within the administrative area of City of Edinburgh Council.

Consulation:

The submitted Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) sets out the proposed consultation events which the applicant intends to carry out with the local community. There will be two public events held at: The National Robotarium, Heriott-Watt University, Boundary Road North, Third Gait, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS, on the following dates:

Thursday 28th August 2025 15:00 – 20:00

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 15:00 – 20:00

A public notice for each meeting will be posted in the Edinburgh Evening News, local newspaper, no later than 7 days prior to the event in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment regulations 2021.

There is a requirement to consult with every community council whose area is within or adjoins the land where the proposed development is situated. We have accordingly sent a copy of the PoAN to the Currie Community Council by email. Letters will be sent to local Councillors and MPs, allowing them an opportunity to attend and providing details of the proposals. The list of notified parties has been appended to this letter.

A letter drop will be carried out to all addresses within 1km of the proposal. This will detail the proposal and provide details of the proposed events. The neighbourhood letter has also been appended to this letter.

A Consultation Website will also be set up featuring application material, <https://consult.apatura.energy/westerhermiston>. This will provide further opportunity for local residents to learn about and consult on the proposal, and the address will be included in the newspaper advertisement. A question and answer facility will be featured on the website.

Post Consultation:

A full pre-application consultation (PAC) report outlining what has been done during the pre-application phase and any requirements set out in City of Edinburgh Council's response to the proposal of application notice will be submitted as part of the planning application.

It should also be noted that AAH Consultants are committed to not submitting any related planning application until the 12 week period elapses, therefore, we trust that you find the PoAN to be in order and that you confirm that the statutory 12 week pre-application consultation period has commenced. We look forward to your further confirmation that the proposed consultation programme is in order.

Yours Sincerely,

AAH Consultants.

Attachments

- Site Location Plan
- Notified Parties
- Draft Neighbourhood Consultation Letter

Site Location Plan



Notified Parties

	Name	Email	Ward
Community Councils	Currie Community Council	curriecouncil@gmail.com	
Ward Councillors	Graeme Bruce	graeme.bruce@edinburgh.gov.uk	Pentland Hills
	Neil Gardiner	neil.gardiner@edinburgh.gov.uk	Pentland Hills
	Fiona Glasgow	Cllr.Fiona.Glasgow@edinburgh.gov.uk	Pentland Hills
	Stephen Jenkinson	cllr.stephen.jenkinson@edinburgh.gov.uk	Pentland Hills
MSP	Gordon MacDonald	Gordon.MacDonald.msp@parliament.scot	Edinburgh Pentlands
MP	Dr Scott Arthur	scott.arthur.mp@parliament.uk	Edinburgh South West

[SEND DATE HERE]

Subject: Invitation to public consultation on Wester Hermiston AI Data Centre Campus

Dear resident,

We're writing to let you know about early plans for a new development in your area and invite you to attend one of our upcoming consultation events.

About the proposal

We're exploring plans for a proposed data centre campus – to be called Wester Hermiston AI Data Centre Campus, on land at West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. Grid Reference: X 316900, Y 670000.

If approved the development will comprise an AI Data Centre Campus. A data centre is a secure, specialist building that stores, and processes, the digital information we all rely on – from everyday internet use and online services to healthcare, education and transport systems. These facilities run continuously and play a growing role in supporting the UK and energy infrastructure.

Supporting local benefits

We're still in the early stages, but we are committed to ensuring this project brings meaningful local benefits. This will include new jobs during construction and operation, support for local education and skills, opportunities for local businesses, and improvements to local infrastructure. We're also exploring how the project could support wider community priorities – such as heat reuse, green energy connections, and long-term investment in the area.

We're keen to understand what matters most to you and your community, and we'll use your feedback to help shape our approach as we develop the plans.

Public consultation events

We understand that new developments can raise questions and concerns. That's why we're sharing these plans early and encouraging feedback from local residents. Your views matter to us and will help shape how we take this project forward.

At this early pre-application stage, you're warmly invited to attend our consultation events to find out more about the project, ask questions, and speak directly to the project team.

Event 1

Date: 28 August 2025

Time: 3.00pm – 8.00pm

Location: The National Robotarium, Heriot-Watt University, Boundary Road North, Third Gait, Edinburgh EH14 4AS

Event 2

Date: 02 October 2025

Time: 3.00pm – 8.00pm


Location: The National Robotarium, Heriot-Watt University, Boundary Road North, Third Gait, Edinburgh EH14 4AS

If you are unable to attend but would like to find out more or share your thoughts, please visit <https://consult.apatura.energy/westerhermiston> or email us at Westerhermiston@apatura.energy. Please note all feedback should be submitted by Thursday 25 September 2025.



We hope to see you there and look forward to hearing your views.

Best regards,


Principal Commercial Project Manager
Apatura

www.apatura.energy | <https://consult.apatura.energy/westerhermiston>

