

## 64282 West Craigs Development Area

Within the Council's Housing Emergency Action Plan, it is stated that some of these off the shelf purchases are to be used for temporary accommodation. In light of this, can you confirm if any of the Council's off the shelf purchases in West Craigs will be used as temporary accommodation to address the Housing Emergency?

Yes.

If temporary accommodation is proposed in West Craigs, is the Council satisfied that the planning use class of conventional residential development ('Class 9' for houses and 'Sui Generis' for flats) remains unchanged once the council takes ownership of these properties and converts them for use as temporary accommodation?

Yes.

Has the council received legal/professional advice confirming that the proposed use of these properties (if temporary accommodation) is lawful in planning terms?

Yes.

If yes, please provide all copies of relevant correspondence with the Council where this advice is set out. In relation to the above - Planning application 26/01503/FUL is for the conversion of student accommodation (planning use class Sui Generis) to temporary accommodation (defined in the application as planning use class 8(a)).

Please also explain why the temporary accommodation proposed by application 26/01503/FUL is treated as 'Class 8(a)' whereas any temporary accommodation within West Craigs currently appears to be treated as mainstream housing ('class 9' for houses and 'Sui Generis' for flats).

The information requested forms legal advice provided by the Council's Legal Services team. That correspondence forms part of confidential communications between solicitors and the council officers that have requested the advice and is protected in terms of legal professional privilege.

This application was approved at the Development Management Sub Committee meeting on 24th June 2026. As part of this development, the Council has a dedicated FAQ webpage which demonstrates how the accommodation will be managed, how residents will be selected etc.

Have any similar management plans been put in place for the Council's properties in West Craigs, where they are to be used for temporary accommodation?

No.

If yes, please share copies of all relevant information.

Not applicable.

If no, please explain why.

Information not held.