

Redevelopment of Manderston Bingo Hall – plans released ahead of public consultation event

Plans to redevelop the bingo hall on Manderston Street in Leith have been released for the public to have their say.

The proposal is to preserve the existing building and convert it into student homes. The current operator Club 3000 has said it will move to Ocean Terminal this summer. The developers say that if an alternative scheme to convert the building into homes was progressed then it would fall foul of the planning rules and would result in the building in the Conservation Area being demolished.

Longstone (2) Limited say that the building is in poor condition and no longer energy efficient. Historic Environment Scotland assessed that that building did not meet the criteria as being of special architectural or historic interest.

A public consultation event will take place on 17 January 2024 between 4pm and 7.30pm at McDonald Road Library, EH7 4LU.

Exhibition boards detailing the project will be available at the event, as well as from the project website (www.manderston-street.co.uk) from 9am on the day of the event.

Feedback forms will also be available, and attendees are

encouraged to share their views. The form will also be available on the website and all feedback should be returned by Wednesday 31 January.

A Longstone (2) Limited spokesperson said: “The local community has expressed a strong desire to conserve the former mill building and our plans for the site allow us to do this.

“While enhancing the character of the Conservation Area, the conversion of the building will help to relieve pressure on the local housing market. The proposals will also deliver considerable economic benefits in terms of the construction and operation of the development, and with students spending money in local shops and other outlets.

“We are keen to welcome local residents to our public consultation event and to working with them as we progress the development.”

