

## **CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL**

### **OBJECTION 2 – MR J MADDEN**

I am writing to object against the whole of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill.

The reasons that I am objecting are as follows:

1. I was brought up nearby the park (Southfield Place) and my friends and I enjoyed using the park for playing as teenagers. Because of its expansive size there were no limitations to what we did, whether it be football, running or kite flying. If this facility is built on, other youngsters will not be privy to that great experience. As an adult I still use the park on occasion to go with my friends and their children and the children enjoy the park as much as I once did.
2. This is green space which is a premium anywhere nowadays and to lose it would be a travesty for future generations of all ages.
3. The law has already made a decision on this matter, advising that it would be unlawful if the City of Edinburgh Council were to build on it.
4. There are other alternative brownfield sites already identified by the Council that would not involve the loss of green space.
5. Yet another fear I have is that if the Portobello Park is lost because a school is to be built on it, we will be setting a dangerous precedent for similar issues in the future.
6. Finally what happens in 40 or 50 years time when the school needs to be replaced, what will we move onto destroying then?

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