

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

OBJECTION 11 – THOMAS H TAYLOR

I strongly object to the whole bill (above).

The Council have been wholly incompetent over the issue of a replacement school, & now wish to change the law to suit themselves. A replacement school should have been up & running by now, but by their intransigence, time & money has been squandered.

The current school was built on the old playing fields, which were lost forever, & here we go again! There are alternative brownfield sites available, which are better suited than our precious Park.

I played football there, & I play golf there, & I, like so many others, love the open spaces, & the view of Arthur's Seat. All of this would be lost, should this abuse of Common Good land get the go ahead. This would also have the effect of putting at risk any green space anywhere in Scotland.

Already the football pitches have gone, while the sham of "consultation" has gone on, & the same Council have already made moves to relocate the golf course, with a plan to build houses on that part of the Park not set aside for their school plan.

Were the plan for a school on the Park go ahead, then I would demand that someone behind this plan for another concrete jungle, to stand surety for the first fatality of a child, which would only be a matter of time, given the appalling situation right on a busy main road.

There is much more to be said, but not now.

This proposed Bill must not be allowed to go ahead, simply to appease the incompetents on the Council.

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