

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

### **OBJECTION 17 – PORTOBELLO GOLF COURSE GOLFERS – OULA JONES AND 76 OTHERS**

We the undersigned, golfers who play at Portobello Golf Course on Portobello Park, object to the whole of this Bill on the following grounds:-

1. If Edinburgh Council is allowed to build the new Portobello High School on the ground adjacent to Portobello Golf Course we will be a cause of danger to the pupils both while they cross the course and when stray balls are hit over the school fences.
2. Our play will be interrupted by pupils crossing the course from the north to reach the school, as has been the case with Duddingston Golf Club since Holyrood High School was located beside it. This will result in loss of amenity for us.
3. As the School is planned to be built on the highest point of the site, we fear that it will exacerbate the existing drainage problems and flooding.
4. The school will inevitably attract more cars than its parking facilities can accommodate. Overspill parking and increased car use round the school will result in inconvenience to members reaching the clubhouse.
5. The Council originally planned to build 2 schools and housing on the park and golf course, and we fear that if the Bill succeeds, they may resurrect this plan. The land was provided purely for recreation in 1898 and should remain thus.

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