

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

### **OBJECTION 63 – KAREN MACLEAN**

First of all: I object to the whole Bill which is being promoted by the City of Edinburgh Council.

I object to this bill for various reasons; the primary reason being the loss of green open space and the precedent this Bill will, if successful, set for other local authorities nationally.

Scottish law has made the legal decision that any building on Portobello Park is deemed to be illegal. Given that there are alternative, suitable Brownfield sites available identified by Edinburgh Council, why is Edinburgh Council not spending their time and money on accessing and building for our children's future without ruining our green open spaces.

Personal

Although I no longer live in the Portobello area, I meet with friends and enjoy many a lovely walk with my dog around Portobello Park. This freely accessible space is now being threatened and I strongly feel that this availability of our local amenity provides access to green space in an urban environment. To remove that would affect people's quality of life. Therefore, my interests and those of the citizens of Edinburgh will be adversely affected. Again, this would set a precedent whereby other common ground land and open space across Scotland will be adversely affected.

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