

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

This document provides information on proposed amendments that are considered to be admissible.

The wordings below are as submitted by the named person. Should a Committee member decide to formally lodge a proposed amendment it would be redrafted into proper form and may be subject to further refinement. A final decision on admissibility would be taken on the basis of the final wording.

As set out in the ["information on amendments"](#) document on the Committee's web page, comments on amendments should be submitted by no later than 4.30 pm on Friday 6 June.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Given that CEC have publicly stated that PHS can only rebuild on the current site if they get the whole site, then instead of appropriating the entire Portobello park, I propose the bill is amended to allow only appropriating 1.3 hectares for St John's, leaving 5 hectares at Portobello Park. (Traffic issues and safety are significantly reduced, especially as primary children do not leave the premises at lunchtime, and most are accompanied to school by an adult, and a lollipop person could be provided at Park Avenue. The building would only be 2 storeys, and the footprint much smaller so the visual and environmental impact would be less, and of course 80% of Portobello park would remain. This would allow PHS to be rebuilt on the existing site without decant because the area at St John's and the disused tennis courts and artificial pitches could be used either for the new build or for temporary space to accommodate classes from the tower while it was demolished and replaced. The recently built games hall could be saved and incorporated, saving money and improving sustainability).

Submitted 3 June 2014 by Jennifer Peters

2. I propose that the bill is amended to reflect that it is subject to confirmation of a satisfactory full Road Safety Audit before commencement of any construction.

Submitted 3 June 2014 by Jennifer Peters

3. I propose the Bill is amended to reflect that any car parking spaces are provided below ground as they are with many other public buildings, to preserve as much of the remaining Portobello Park as possible and ensure that only land required for educational purposes is permitted to be appropriated.

Submitted 3 June 2014 by Jennifer Peters

4. There will be 3 areas of open space remaining according to the details provided by council officials at the evidence session:

- (1) the area of park in the south east corner;
- (2) the paths and wooded areas surrounding the building;
- (3) the artificial pitches.

I would like to ask you, as committee member, to propose an amendment to redefine the co-ordinates of the area covered by the bill to exclude these 3 areas, allowing only the area required for the school building and the car park to be appropriated. If it is correct that other than for these structures, our existing common good amenity is to be maintained/improved, then I can see no reason for these area identified by the council to be appropriated, and it seems wrong to do so.

Submitted 3 June 2014 by Jean Douglas

5. The council should only appropriate the footprint of the building. As the ongoing common good status of the land is not assured this would ensure at least that the remaining area of the park remains as common good land.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of Portobello Park Action Group (PPAG)

6. Free access in perpetuity for local residents to all school facilities, such as swimming pool, should be included in the bill, not just pitches.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of PPAG

7. The area of eligibility of residents for free access to school facilities should be clearly defined in the bill.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of PPAG

8. It should be confirmed in the bill that it is only necessary for one person who lives in the area to secure a booking of school facilities.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of PPAG

9. The provision of the "new park" to be included in the bill, with the specified area of the park to be situated within the current boundary of the combined Portobello High School and St John's RC primary school site.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of PPAG

10. Floodlighting on sports pitches to be switched off at 9 pm to protect residential amenity.

Submitted 3 June by Diana Cairns on behalf of PPAG

11. That the car park be built underground and that the remaining green space be retained for the community.

Submitted 3 June by Gillian Dunn

12. That the car park is reduced hugely in size and that the left over green space be given over to the community.

Submitted 3 June by Gillian Dunn

13. That the promised new park be part of the Bill to ensure that CEC do not renege on their promise to provide it.

Submitted 3 June by Gillian Dunn

14. That the pitches be left as grass and free to use out of school hours by the whole community.

Submitted 3 June by Gillian Dunn