

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

CONSIDERATION STAGE – PHASE 2

Any interested party may suggest amendments to the Bill to Committee members. Amendments may be sent to Committee members direct or to the Committee clerks, who will pass them on to Committee members.

At the Consideration Stage meeting scheduled for Thursday 12 June 2014, the Committee will consider only admissible amendments which are formally lodged by a Committee member. It will be for Committee members to decide whether they wish to formally lodge any amendment suggested to them.

Amendments may be formally lodged by members at any time following the Committee's completion of its consideration of evidence (which is expected to happen on Wednesday 21 May 2014), until 2.00 pm on Tuesday 10 June 2014. In order to allow maximum time for Committee members to consider whether to formally lodge amendments suggested to them (and to allow time for issues such as admissibility to be considered), anyone wishing to suggest an amendment is advised to submit the amendment to a Committee member or the Committee clerks **as early as possible and no later than 4.30 pm on Tuesday 3 June 2014**. It cannot be guaranteed that amendments received after this time will be considered for formal lodging by Committee members.

Formally lodged amendments are published on the working day after they are lodged, in **Section G** of the Parliament's Business Bulletin. A running list of formally lodged amendments will also be maintained on the Committee's webpage. Interested parties are welcome to submit comments on such amendments to Committee members (again either directly or via the Committee clerks).

In addition, in order to maximise the time available for interested parties to comment on possible amendments, it is intended to publish (in draft form and as soon as possible after they are received) all admissible amendments which have been suggested to members but which have not been formally lodged. Draft amendments will be published on the Committee webpage. Again, interested parties are welcome to submit comments on such amendments to Committee members (directly or via Committee clerks).

Any comments on either formally lodged amendments published in the Business Bulletin or on draft amendments published on the Committee webpage should be submitted as soon as possible after the amendment is first published. In order for members to have maximum time to consider any comments received on amendments, it would be helpful if comments on amendments received by 4.30 pm on Tuesday 3 June 2014 are submitted to the Committee clerks by **4.30 pm on Friday 6 June 2014**. All comments on amendments submitted to the Committee clerks will be passed on to Committee members.

As stated above, only admissible amendments that have been formally lodged will be considered by the Committee on Thursday 12 June 2014. The Convener has the final decision on admissibility, informed by advice from the Parliament's Legislation

Team. If a suggested amendment is considered inadmissible, the party who suggested the amendment and Committee members will be informed of this.

Further general information on admissibility and the process for formal lodging and consideration of amendments can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/26513.aspx>

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/15709.aspx>

In summary, the timescale for the submission and consideration of amendments at Consideration Stage is as follows:

- Thursday 22 May – subject to consideration of evidence being completed on 21 May, first day on which Committee members may lodge amendments;
- Tuesday 3 June (4.30 pm) – time by which amendments should be suggested to Committee members in order to guarantee consideration for formal lodging;
- Friday 6 June (4.30 pm) – time by which comments on amendments suggested to Committee members by Tuesday 3 June (or any amendments formally lodged by that time) should be submitted;
- Tuesday 10 June (2.00 pm) – deadline by which Committee members must formally lodge amendments;
- Thursday 12 June – Committee meeting at which formally lodged amendments will be debated and decided upon.