

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM DAVID I HARVIE

I wish to submit observations on the general principles of the above bill.

I am not a resident of the area affected, and there will be no impact as a result of this proposal on me personally. However I have an interest in matters concerning the Common Good (including representing a petition on the subject in Parliament), and I believe that this bill, if passed, would damage long-established rights and the basic concept of Scotland's Common Good.

I believe the precedent established would further erode the already extremely fragile abilities of individuals and communities to protect their rights. The entire concept of Common Good protection of land, buildings and moveables would be placed at risk.

The Court of Session has ruled on this specific matter, and the likely precedent would offer a means for local authorities across Scotland unreasonably to require parliament to become involved in inappropriate matters.

I believe this bill would be clearly against the public interest.

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