

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM JOHN AND JANICE BRUCE

We are writing to express our views on the general principles of the Bill being promoted by City of Edinburgh Council.

Our concern is that if the Bill becomes law it will set a precedent and provide an easy route for other local authorities, which they would undoubtedly use to appropriate common good land for other purposes putting open space and common good land across Scotland at risk.

For example several green space common good assets exist in Burntisland which includes The Links, Haugh Road, and Galahill. The local authority has already acquired and is building upon green space common good land at the Toll Park without challenge and without any independent scrutiny.

There was a large percentage of local residents who objected to this build ourselves included therefore we strongly object to this Bill as the Portobello Bill could pave the way for future Local Authorities sponsored Bills designed to acquire further green space in the town.

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