

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (PORTOBELLO PARK) BILL

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I wish to provide the following comments on the general principles of the Portobello Park Private Bill.

Edinburgh is a beautiful City and we should have an objective for future generations to protect Common Good land that provides Open Spaces and Green Fields for all to enjoy.

I am concerned that there has been a Legal Ruling that building a school on the Park at Portobello is illegal and therefore this Ruling should be respected.

Where is the Democracy here and why is the Scottish Parliament getting involved in local issues such as the provision of a new school?

Planet Earth is already overpopulated and we should be working to protect open Spaces such as Parklands.

It is of little wonder that the Electorate have lost faith in their Local Councils and the Scottish Parliament when they aspire to violate a legal ruling and not only go against the Court Ruling but have failed miserably to listen to local people.

The present Government and Research tell us that it is important that people exercise to aid better health and save the N.H.S. resources in the longer term so why is this factor being ignored which deprives local people of the chance to use the Park?

I sincerely hope that this private Bill gets defeated and that the Politicians concerned are ashamed of their actions.

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