

The City of Edinburgh Council.
Operational Property/Community Asset Transfer Team
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Dear Sirs

Ravelston Park Pavilion and surrounding parkland / Blackhall Community Trust / Craigcrook Road .,EH4 3RU

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST .

I write as a Craigcrook Road neighbour of nearly 50 years living directly across the road from Ravelston Park .
I wish to object to the transfer of the ground and pavilion on the following grounds .

1 The WHOLE of the Ravelston park grounds were a gift from a benefactor for the use of the community as a whole and was held within the Common Good Fund .

2 It is a Green playing field park and play area with access to the woodland area behind

3 Having lived here for some 50 years we have seen an increased use of the park for recreation purposes .

4 Blackhall Primary further along Craigcrook Road have used their ground for additional classrooms to meet the increased demand in the area and as a result the Ravelston Park is now basically used by the school as it's playing fields both on week days and Saturdays .

5 The area of ground being requested seems to vary every time a plan is produced and in my view whatever plan I have seen the areas of ground being requested is to the detriment of the playing field area .

6 Having read the business plan time has moved on . At its conception the existing Nursery provided places for 40 children (two sessions for 20 for 4 hours) during the day . However with increase in the change in nursery hours the planned building can only provide for one session for 30 Children so 10 less than before !!

7 There was talk of it being made available for community use . It would not be available during 5 daytime days . The rooms would be set out as class rooms and not cleared after each daily session . It was said the toilets would be made available to the public . Nonsense it is a proposed Childrens Nursery with nursery type toilets and nursery class rooms .

There is adequate available community facilities at Blackhall Primary and St Columba's Church Halls Queensferry Road and slightly further afield but within the community Davidsons Mains Primary /Davidsons Mains Parish and Episcopal Church Halls .

8 The full ground area being applied for would never be available to the public as being used by children it would require security safety fencing with lockfast gates round the entire perimeter .

9 In my view this proposal does not have the support of the Community at large nor the Blackhall Community Council members as whole .

10 It is not the responsibility of the private sector to provide Nursery Education this is the responsibility of the Edinburgh Council Education Department under terms set out by the Scottish Government.

11 In my view this vanity project by a few individuals with a vested interest in having a Nursery in Ravelston Park .

I trust those considering this transfer of land will reject it in it entirety to protect this valuable community playing field area for the enjoyment of future generations .

An acknowledgement of my objection would be appreciated .

Robin Jack