

Ravelston Park – Representation 057

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Subject: Objection - Community Asset Transfer Request Ravelston Park Pavilion and Surrounding Parkland

Can I strongly object to this CAT request please, as this green space should not be sold or built on.

The surrounding parkland is continuously used by the local community, for the purpose it was gifted for.

It is NOT some unused wasteland that needs a new owner to revitalise it.

A dangerous precedent will be set, if this CAT allows well used protected green space to be built on.

The Park is held in the Common Good, having been gifted to the whole community (by Ravelston House) in 1921 with the following conditions in the title deeds:

"be used in all time coming as a public Recreation Park"

"not be in the power ... to sell"

"and not to build on same"

The Park is also protected by Fields in Trust, who have stated:

"If our Trustees give their consent to a disposal the landowner will have to protect an alternative green space for the same community, of at least the same size and quality as the piece being disposed of."

A condition I cannot see how CEC can fulfil.

CEC should not be accepting CAT requests, for well used pieces of public land that have these protections in place.

It is possible to acknowledge receipt of this objection please.

Thanks

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