

Ravelston Park – Representation 072

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Subject: Sale of Ravelston Park - Community Asset Transfer (CAT) 2022

Hello

I wish to lodge an objection to the renewed attempt of taking away common good land, given to the people of Blackhall/craigleith and selling it to a private interest group.

Common good land should not be sold to private interest groups as it removes the land permanently from the use of the general population. Once one group has been successful then other private interest groups will follow. It will become more and more difficult to avoid more land being transferred until very significant losses have occurred to the common good and green recreational areas.

Edinburgh council should not be shirking it's responsibility for nursery provision by offloading it's actual or perceived responsibility to the not for profit sector.

The present group behind the CAT proposal have more recently tried to indicate that they care for the community as well as their primary personal interest in the nursery. The small area set aside for restricted community use only appeared after it was realised that potential funding could be acquired to supplement the nursery in this way.

The community has requested facts regarding this development but are always told they are unavailable at this time or their plans are under discussion and liable to change.

The present design will cost well in excess of £800,000 to build and fit out.

There is not a coherent or viable funding or maintenance plan for the project. At the recent community council meeting they could not / would not say how much it would cost to build the most recent design, how much it would cost to run, what the expected income from the nursery and renting out the community space would be and therefore how dependent they would be on year on year donations.

Should /when this project fails there is no proven method of returning the land to common good status.

Best regards

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