

**Subject:**Notice of Asset Transfer Request - Ravelston Park

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I would like to formally object the asset transfer of this area of Ravelston Park.

This land is protected not only by Common Good status but also Fields in Trust. This amount of protection is there for good reason and should not be overturned.

Any loss of this land, no matter how small, sets a precedent that the protection of any green space in Edinburgh is not of importance.

The amount of green space in Blackhall has reduced significantly in the last 80 years and this small piece of land needs to stay protected for residents now but also for future generations.

This is the only flat green space within Blackhall. It is land that is used by children too young to attend nursery and all ages. It is land used by sporting groups, Scouting Association Groups, Blackhall Primary School and has been the land used by the Blackhall Sport Committee for over 100 years for their annual Sports Day. It is also an area that people outwith this community come to walk in due to the flat nature of the land.

The argument that there is plenty green space within Blackhall due to Ravelston Woods and Corstorphine Hill does not cater for children in prams, children learning to scooter or cycle their bike, people in wheelchairs, people with mobility issues.

Scotland has problems of increasing levels of obesity as well as poor mental and physical health. Taking away any green space goes against many public health messages which the Council has a moral requirement to uphold.

I also feel that there is a huge conflict of interest for Edinburgh Council with this matter. There is no Council nursery in Blackhall, so by selling off this land, it solves a Council educational issue, by allowing a local group to fill the void.

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