

Liberton Association Newsletter September 2019

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the Liberton Association since the new Committee Members were elected in June 2019.

Committee News

Following on from the Public meeting in June 2019 the Committee has been meeting monthly and discussing the way forward in regard of the preservation of the local Greenbelt land, Planning Applications, Local amenities and local history. We have had meetings with local Politicians Ian Murray and Daniel Johnston from the Labour party and Alison Johnstone and Andy Wightman from the Green party and will soon be meeting with Miles Briggs from the Conservative Party. We thank them for their ongoing support in helping to preserve our local Greenbelt.

We check the weekly planning applications and will notify members of any Applications which may have an impact of the residents of Liberton. In addition, we have a list of issues in the local amenity and will raise these with the local Councilors and Authorities in an attempt to have them resolved. Please keep notifying us through the website if you have any concerns in the local area www.libertonassociation.co.uk

It is planned to hold another Public Meeting in November 2019, we ask for your comments, views and concerns. We plan to invite speakers and will invite you to give us some questions prior to the Q&A part of the meeting

Changes in the Committee and a call for help

We have to report two resignations from the Committee, Norman Lyon and Donald Murray. We thank them both for their hard work and support and wish them well. Norman and Donald were involved with the Planning group, consequently we are looking for volunteers to come forward to help with this important aspect of the Association. If you feel you can help please notify us through the email liberton.association@gmail.com or through the comments page on the website. You do not have to be an expert but some knowledge of the planning system would be beneficial.

Networking

The Committee have been working hard to build up connections with local groups and organisations who share our goal of preserving the local Greenbelt. We are in contact via the website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Follow us and have your say.

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Current Planning Applications Update

19/04204/FUL proposed family dwelling house, Land 33 metres Northwest of 18 Liberton Brae Edinburgh.

Please visit the Edinburgh City Council Portal for detailed information using the link and add in the application number

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idxpa-web/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>



Visualisation of the proposed property and location off the foot of Liberton Brae in front of the original farmhouse.

This planning application is on Greenbelt fields. The status is pending, and you can observe progress on the website. We will also keep you updated. This site is next to the lower end of Field 32 in the map below which goes along the lower end of Alnwickhill Road and wraps around the farmhouse site.

19/03609/FUL Application Braefoot & Mayfield Road Student Accommodation

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PVG8EUEWFNG00>



The above shows the site and street view. This application has since been withdrawn, the reason is unclear, but we felt residents would wish to know about this application for reference.

Potential Planning Applications Update

Field 30 at Stanedykehead (Greenbelt land)

The Association has been made aware that Mactaggart and Mickel are currently considering development of this site (opposite the houses 1-6 Stanedykehead). The proposal is to build approximately 60 houses. We will keep you informed of any progress we become aware of.



Field 31 Liberton Drive and Alnwickhill (Greenbelt Land)

This field is controlled by Cruden Homes. Cruden homes have recently purchased the detached house on Alnwickhill Road next to the field. Previous plans and applications have been submitted and included creating a roundabout at the junction of Liberton drive and Alnwickhill.

Planning Applications in the Surrounding Area

Frogston Road PAN (Greenbelt land)

This planning application is near to the Liberton area and will have an impact on the area in terms of increased traffic and a further erosion of the local Greenbelt area.

Barratt Homes have submitted a pre-planning application for a: "residential development with associated roads, landscaping and open space" on land they describe as being 200m south of Mortonhall Park Gardens on Frogston Road East. See this link for a more accurate map: <https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/.../applicationDetail...>

There will be a presentation of the plans on the 25th of October at 2pm to 7pm in the Gilmerton Society Hall, 27 Drum Street, EH17 8NQ.



Malbet Estate

The buildings at the back of Liberton Hospital and bordering on to the Malbet Estate are currently being demolished and the ground made safe. Liberton Hospital remains in the ownership of NHS Lothian with the plan to close the hospital and sell the site. The dates and the potential for this plan by NHS Lothian are not clear.

Liberton Amenities

Concerns relating to amenities in the area have been given to the Committee who have followed up with the Council and other relevant bodies. Examples include the overhanging hedge on Liberton Drive opposite the driving range, safe crossing at the foot of Kirk Brae, the state of the crash barrier on Liberton Brae and the changing areas in Liberton Park. If you have any other concerns please let us know.

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