

16th February 2011

Director of City Development,
City of Edinburgh Council,
Waverley Court,
East Market Street,
Edinburgh EH8 8BG

Dear Sir,

113 Bellevue Road, Edinburgh

This community council has been informed by parents and teachers at Broughton Primary School that they have asked you to consider withdrawing from the market at least a section of the site at which is currently up for sale at 113 Bellevue Road.

The site is immediately adjacent to the rear playground of the school, which has a popular gardening club and eco-committee. At present the club operates with difficulty as the children have access to only planters and tubs in a hard surfaced playground. The north eastern section of the Bellevue Road site is an appropriate size for a school garden. The children have come up with a number of imaginative suggestions for how they would like to use a garden and the staff see benefits for many areas of the curriculum in having access to an outdoor teaching space.

Given contemporary awareness of the importance of encouraging concern for the natural world and the environment, especially in urban children, and the contribution growing fruit and vegetables can make to the adoption of a healthy diet, it is easy to sympathise with the school community in their frustration over seeing a piece of land, to which they could put good use, being sold for development.

The community council would like to express its support for the representations of the school community in this respect and hopes that it may be possible for the City Council to reconsider the sale of this entire plot.

Yours faithfully

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