

## **REPORT ON CONSULTATION FOR COMMON GOOD DISPOSAL**

### **RAVELSTON PARK, BLACKHALL, EDINBURGH**

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 7th March 2019, The City of Edinburgh Council approved a community asset transfer request under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 by Blackhall Community Trust for an area of land, including the existing Ravelston Park Pavilion, to create a new fit for purpose nursery and a new community facility.

Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that if a local authority wishes to dispose of an area of Common Good land, they must consult local communities before taking any decision.

It will be necessary to seek the consent of the Court of Session to any proposed disposal. Any application to the Court will include information about this consultation and the responses received. It will also have an impact on any likely timescales involved with selling the property should a decision be made to proceed with the proposal.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

An eight week consultation period was set from 19 August 2019 to 11 October 2019. The following documentation was prepared to assist the public with understanding of the proposal:

Site Notice

Explanatory Note

Notice for other public buildings

The documentation prepared is included in Appendix 1

#### **ADVERTISING THE PROPOSALS**

The consultation was primarily undertaken online, through the City of Edinburgh Consultation Hub website. In order to make the public aware of the consultation, information, including the link to the site and other ways the public could access the consultation were advertised through social media (twitter and facebook), notices placed on site, notices in Blackhall library and intimation to the Community Council. The proposals were advertised for the duration of the consultation period.

## RESULTS

At the conclusion of the consultation period, 316 responses were received with the results as shown in the following table:

Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	179	56.65%
Agree	22	6.96%
Neither agree nor disagree	5	1.58%
Disagree	20	6.33%
Strongly disagree	86	27.22%
Not Answered	4	1.27%

