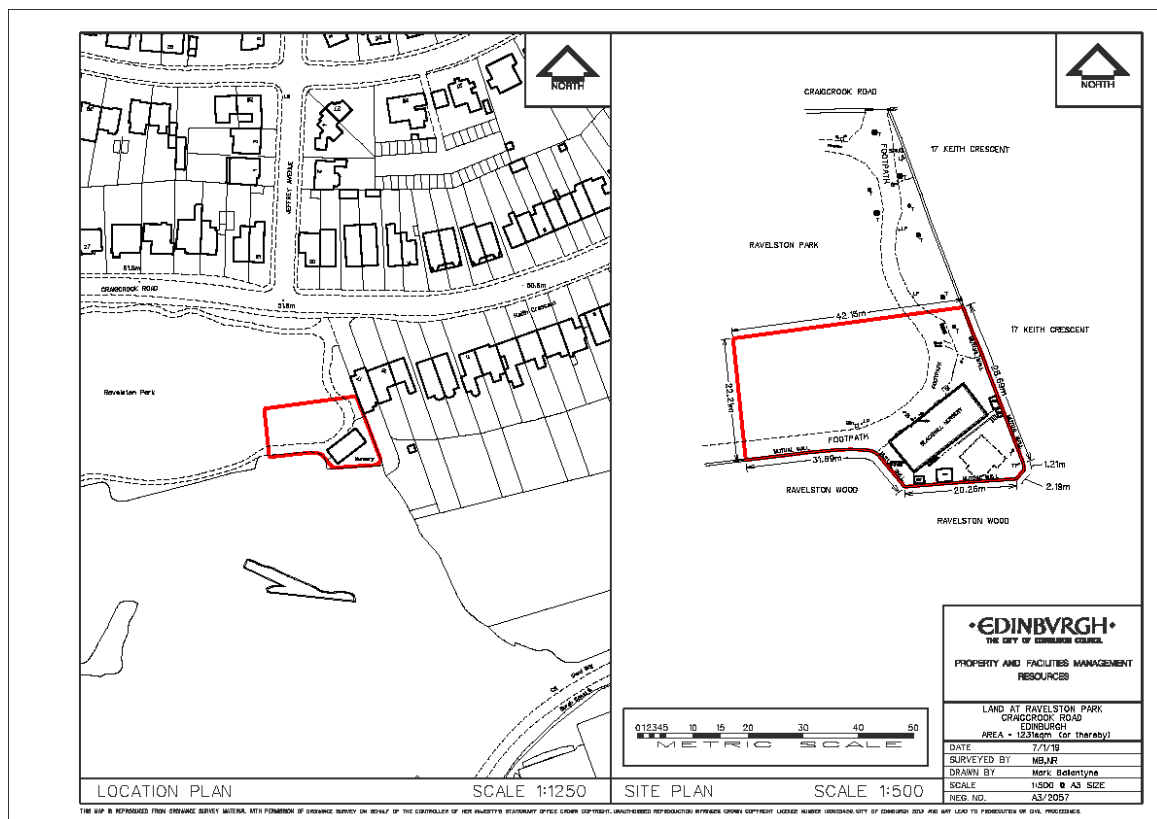


Proposed sale of an area of common good land to Blackhall Community Trust

Blackhall Community Trust wish to buy an area of land, including the existing Ravelston Park Pavilion, to create a new fit for purpose nursery and a new community facility. They plan to do this through a Community Asset Transfer and we have agreed that they can do this.

The area of land they wish to purchase is shown outlined in red in the plan below. This area is approximately 1231 square metres and in the south east corner of Ravelston Park.



This area of land has Common Good status. While we support the Community Asset Transfer, 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.

Give us your Views

We are now keen to hear the views of the local community and, if there is support for the proposal, we would go to Court to seek permission to sell the land.

- What is your view on the proposed disposal of this area of Common Good Land?
- Do you have any views on the potential benefits of this proposal?
- Do you have any issues or concerns arising from the proposal?
- Do you have any additional comments?

You can feedback your views in a number of ways:

By filling in our online questionnaire at xxxxxx

By filling in a paper questionnaire that you can pick up at Blackhall Library

Send comments by email to commongood@edinburgh.gov.uk

In writing to Brian Paton, The City of Edinburgh Council, 1:5 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

All comments must be received by 30 August 2019

Next Steps

We will consider all the comments received and if there is support for the proposals we will then seek Court approval to allow the Community Asset Transfer to go ahead.

If, as a result of the consultation, the proposal is amended significantly, we would carry out a further consultation.

Background information: Common Good Land

There are specific regulations governing the management of Common Good. This is to ensure protection for assets held. This includes property that is considered 'inalienable'. This means that there is a restriction regarding the property, its purpose is clearly stated in the deed or gift to the Common Good Fund (often specifically dedicated for public use) or it has to be used in a certain beneficial way for a lengthy period of time (time immemorial).

The piece of land that is the subject of this proposal was gifted to the City and has been used as public amenity land for time immemorial and therefore, is considered by the Council to be inalienable. 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.