

## 35708 Edinburgh Slavery Consultation

The recent Consultation regarding Edinburgh Slavery closed on 19 January.

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No option was available to keep personal information confidential. Answers and comments with identifying details could be made available through information access requests.

Do you agree that the consultation process failed in its legal requirements to comply with the GDP Regulations?

No.

If not, why not?

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The Consultation included the following –

Edinburgh Council are seeking views on "...monuments, buildings, street names and other features ..." stating "...We would like to know your view on whether features known to be linked with slavery or colonialism should be considered for removal..."

The Consultation goes on to list "...James Buchanan Memorial, Dean Cemetery..." and also "... Grave of Agnes Maclehose (1759-1841), Canongate Kirk..."

Were views being sought on whether to take any action within graveyards or gravesites?

If not, what was the purpose of seeking views on specified graves?

The process, remit and aims of the independent review are detailed on the Council's webpages at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghslaverycolonialism>