

36967 Lochend Park

The dates and terms/ conditions of any 'common ground' status given to the Lochend House and grounds and any known information relating to this. Copies of original documents would be preferred.

My responses are based on the assumption that 'Common Good' and 'Common Ground' are one and the same.

The building and grounds were originally acquired through a Compulsory Purchase Order for a statutory purpose, and therefore are not considered to form part of the Common Good.

Why the building and land were sold if any 'common ground' status was in place and what consultations were undertaken with the local community.

As above, there is no evidence held by the Council that indicated common good status was in place in relation to this building and grounds.

There is no record of a consultation held on file. Local councillors were notified of the building being marketed for sale in May 2017.

Any ongoing burdens on private owners of the land when it was sold which look to preserve the grounds for common good, preserve the listed monument, protect against future developments.

There are no such burdens recorded by the Council.

The purchaser has registered the transaction with Registers of Scotland and the title sheet and title plan are available to download from Scotland's Land Information Service (ScotLis) for a fee of £3.00 (plus VAT):

<https://scotlis.ros.gov.uk/property-summary/MID208445>

Provide a boundary map of the existing 'common ground' that is listed as Lochend Park on the CEC website (pre and post-sale if the ground once included Lochend House and grounds) Include a review date on any maps provided.

The 2015 Community Empowerment Act only requires local authorities which have Common Good assets to list these in a publicly available register. The Council do not hold red line boundary plans of assets as entered in the Common Good Register.

However, we can confirm that, prior to the sale of Lochend House, the House and the Park formed two separate assets.

It would be helpful to see any recent Environmental Impact Assessments, particularly if they refer to preserving any common grounds into the future or have any clauses that would help our group work with any private owner to improve biodiversity.

There is no such recent Environmental Impact Assessment held in relation to the building or grounds however, in relation to the Lochend Park Local Biodiversity Site, Planning have provided a Site Statement dated 21/01/2019 which may be of use.