

54950 Green Space - North Park, Greendykes, EH16

We would like to request the following information regarding the green space located at North Park, Greendykes EH16:

Ownership status:

Is this land currently owned, adopted, or managed by the City of Edinburgh Council?

The land is owned by the City of Edinburgh Council. It is not adopted for maintenance. It is managed by Residential Management Group Scotland Limited (RMG) under a deed of conditions which the Council and surrounding owners are jointly bound by.

Adoption records:

Has this green space ever been formally adopted by the Council for public maintenance?

If not, are there any recorded decisions or correspondences stating why the Council has chosen not to adopt it?

The park in its current form has never been adopted by the Council.

“Adoption” relates to a private road becoming a public road in line with the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Section 16. As the North Park is not a road, it would not be possible for it to be adopted.

The deed of conditions covering Greendykes sets out a mechanism for factoring the North Park and other assets in the area. The inaugural factor, RMG, was appointed by PARC Craigmillar Limited on the basis of a competitive tender exercise. Given these existing arrangements, there was no requirement for the Council to take on the maintenance of the North Park.

Service coverage:

Are any Council services (e.g., landscaping, grounds maintenance, waste collection) currently being provided in or around this space?

The roads and footways surrounding this park (Capella Gardens, Stobbie Place and Princess Mary Road) are adopted and therefore will be maintained as appropriate by the Council.

Council Tax budgeting:

What portion of the Council Tax collected in the EH16 area is allocated to the maintenance of green spaces or parks?

Does the Council hold records differentiating between public parks and private open spaces that are still funded through Council Tax revenue?

Not applicable. Council Tax is a tax on domestic property collected by the Local Authority to pay for a range of local services such as schools, rubbish collection, roads and street lighting. As such this is a general contribution from households to fund services across the city, including those that some households do not necessarily receive (schools for example). As service provision is not itemised based on the circumstance of a household in the Council Tax charge, a rebate cannot be offered if a resident is unhappy with the standard, or lack of, service provided.

It is not possible to identify which services are funded across the city from Council Tax collected in the EH16 area as all Council Tax is collected centrally to cover all services across the city.

Future plans:

Are there any current or proposed plans to adopt or maintain this green space under Council responsibility?

No.