55225 Stone masonry wall Hillhouse Road

Regarding the stone masonry wall located along the north side of Hillhouse Road, adjacent to the communal open space of properties at Nos. 10–20 Marchfield Park Lane, Edinburgh, EH4:

Any records, reports, or correspondence related to the construction history of the retaining wall, including its original construction date and purpose, particularly in relation to the development of Hillhouse Road around 1823.

Any documents specifying the ownership of the retaining wall, including title deeds, land registry records, or agreements related to its transfer or maintenance.

Any records confirming whether the retaining wall forms part of the adopted road and footpath structure of Hillhouse Road, as listed in the Council's List of Adopted Roads.

The City of Edinburgh Council do not have any records regarding the construction of the wall. The Council obtained the relevant deed which ascertained that there is no Council ownership of this wall. Documents also indicate that the wall is privately owned and the responsibly for maintenance lies with the private landowner(s).

Please also note that the deed to this wall can be obtained from the Registers of Scotland.

 Any correspondence, reports, or internal assessments (including those from the Council's Structures department) that informed the conclusion in your letter dated 9 April 2025 (no reference noted from CEC on letter, however our reference was: TMAT/001/001/BDTL) that the wall is not the responsibility of the City of Edinburgh Council.

Please find attached an inspection report undertaken on the wall, prior to establishing the maintenance responsibility of the retaining wall.

Any maintenance records or inspection reports for the retaining wall, including any agreements or policies regarding its upkeep as part of the road infrastructure.

The wall was inspected in February 2020. The report is attached for information. The City of Edinburgh Council does not have a statutory duty to routinely inspect privately owned retaining walls.