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Chair West Court Residents Association
Block 3/5
West Court
Edinburgh

Date 02 July 2010

Your ref

Our ref 230610

Dear [REDACTED]

Path: West Court to Ravelston Wood

I write to advise you that following research undertaken by Scotways, Scotland's Rights of Way Society, sufficient local evidence has been compiled on the usage of the path to the rear of West Court (highlighted on the map overleaf) that it is considered a right of way.

Responses to a questionnaire indicated that 32 local people have used the path for 20 years or more and a further 50 confirmed usage of less than 20 years. This level of support, the existence of the gate between West Court and Ravelston Woods and the lack of an alternative path is considered sufficient justification for us to state that in the opinion of both the City of Edinburgh Council and Scotways the path is a right of way.

For your information the conditions for a route to be considered a right of way are as follows:

- It must join two public places (e.g. public roads or other rights of way); and
- It must follow a more or less defined route; and
- It must have been used, openly and peaceably, by the general public, as a matter of right, i.e. not just with the permission of the landowner; and
- It must have been used without substantial interruption for at least 20 years.

I understand that there is agreement amongst West Court residents to deter public access to this path – forming as it does part of a garden area within the property. I would therefore ask that you reconsider this position and in support of the right of way remove any locks and signs which deter public access.

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