

## Firrhill Community Council

*'Nec Aspera Terrent'*

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25 August 2014

At Lochan View Community Business Centre, 12 Firrhill Neuk

### Attendance and Apologies:

**Members:** L Linn; S Duffy; J Burt; G Duncan; P Wright; H Levy; J Napier.

**Resident Visitors:** P Valentine, OCRA; R Kelk; N Peachey; G Brown; L McGurk; and E Munro.

**Other Visitors:** Cllr Aitken; Cllr Rust; Cllr R Lewis; PC A MacFarlane, Oxfangs Police.

**Apologies:** F Gosney.

H Levy in the Chair. Agenda re-arranged to facilitate people who had to leave the meeting early.

### Presentation on "Diversity Day"

Sheila Watson, an art teacher at Firrhill High School, and school chaplain Gayle Taylor, gave a presentation to raise funds for a planned "Diversity Day" to be held in the school as a follow-up to previous events on the Holocaust and the Anne Frank's story. Its aim is to raise awareness in the school community of different groups of people who might experience negative stereotyping and bullying and show what can happen when prejudices go unchecked. By relating these issues to the Holocaust, I want to show the importance of that historic event to the education of our students and the lessons we can all learn from it today.

It is aimed at all S3 students at Firrhill High School but the school are also seeking to invite a wide variety of organisations and providers to the 'Day' which will be on Tuesday 18th November. The highlight will be the afternoon session when Harry Bibring will share his personal testimony of the holocaust.

The learning outcomes from this event will cover understanding, tolerance, empathy, inclusion and the harm caused by prejudice and discrimination. The underlying message for Diversity Day is that individuals should not be stigmatised for any reason whether it is their faith, culture, mental health or colour of their skin.

In addition to assistance from other members of staff and a small working group from S6, it is envisaged that representatives from the Anne Frank Trust; Anne Frank ambassadors, Anne Frank tour guides, Holocaust Educational Trust will also be involved. Firrhill HS are working in corporation with two other high schools to make it affordable to bring these representatives and Harry Bibring to Edinburgh to tell their stories but are still in need of funds or donations in kind to hold the event.

A discussion followed with a number of questions put to the presenters. The Community Council is not allowed to use its grant money for funding projects and thus is not able to give direct financial support but has access to other sources of funding and could assist in this task once a suitable financial plan for the event was drawn up.

## Ward Councillors' and MSP Reports:

### Councillors Aitken & Rust

Cockmylane: funding has been agreed between the Council's *Services for Communities* and *Parks and Greenspace Services* to enable this historic path to be upgraded.

Oxgangs Road North: the pavements between Redford Road and Colinton Mains Place are in the process of being resurfaced and new lighting standards installed.

**Action: EA to chase up on the identification of new recycling points for Firrhill area.**

### Councillor Richard Lewis

I received a couple of housing maintenance enquiries, which are being dealt with through the appropriate channels.

Enquiry received about a family of foxes being seen in gardens in The Gallolee. Looking to hear the Council views on this. Foxes are not classed as vermin, do not fall within the term of "pest" and are protected from cruelty by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. They are not considered vectors of disease like rats or mice and do not cause structural damage. The Local Authority has no statutory obligation to control fox populations. Fox attacks are extremely rare with no confirmed cases having ever been confirmed in the Edinburgh area.

Planning enquiry/advice was requested in respect of a live application for a proposed Indian takeaway on Colinton Mains Drive. Application is currently pending consideration. Target date for decision is 5th September and this will be a delegated decision.

Had discussion with Mike Avery re funding options for a skate park at Colinton Mains Park.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The draft minutes for meeting held on 28 July 2014 were reviewed. There being no corrections the minutes were moved for approval by SD, seconded by GD and agreed.

### Matters Arising:

#### **Oxgangs Path & ALDI Development**

Secretary received update from James Harbison on the progress of Aldi's plans for Oxgangs and reported that the missives are now concluded with City of Edinburgh Council - the missives with Church of Scotland were concluded some time ago.

The planning application is set to be lodged on Friday 29th August. This will show detailed plans for the store including the linkages with the library to the Broadway shops and the pedestrian route through the Aldi car park. A Traffic Impact Assessment to demonstrate that traffic associated with the Aldi store will have a minimal impact on the operation of the surrounding road network, will form part of the application.

The Company has offered to discuss any of the application detail, where we consider it necessary, otherwise hope to complete the application process before the end of the year.

In discussion it was stated that the monies raised from the sale of land to Aldi would be split 80% Church of Scotland and 20% to City of Edinburgh Council. Members did not think this could be correct as the council land seemed to occupy much more than 20% of the overall site. Councillor Rust agreed to make enquiries on this point.

**Action: Cllr Rust**

## **Planning Application 14/02760/FUL**

This concerns the re-submission of a planning application applicable to No. 76 Colinton Mains Drive. Members advised that the matter is expected to go to the Planning Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> September for a decision. The policy is that where a planning application attracts 6 or more comments a report goes to the Planning Committee.

A resident visitor advised that a neighbour had located a copy of the deeds for his/her property and it did include a clause restricting the use of any of the shop premises for the preparation of hot food. Visitor was advised by Councillors at our meeting that, even though the period for comments had closed, that such information could be sent in as it was factual information and not a comment.

In regard to concerns about alteration being carried out to the premises without a building warrant being applied for, members advised there were no outstanding warrants. Residents asked for assurances that the separating wall dividing the back and front shop and has since been demolished, was not a load-bearing wall. Cllr Rust to investigate.

*Action: Cllr Rust*

## **Flooding at Colinton Mains Drive**

This relates to complaints about flooding in the area of the pedestrian crossing near its junction with Colinton Mains Terrace. The foundations of the houses in the immediate area suffer from constant dampness. Problem was caused by two drain pipes feeding into one of the same diameter but this was supposed to have been resolved by some of the works done for the flood prevention in the area. Cllr Aitken reported she has raised the matter to the appropriate department and it is currently under discussion. Will keep us informed of the discussions.

*Action: Cllr Aitken*

## **Police Report**

The Chair welcomed PC MacFarlane to our meeting and invited her to give a police report for the Oxfangs area. PC MacFarlane reported that during the period between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> August, they received 188 calls from the Firrhill/Oxfangs area. There were 28 calls regarding nuisance / loud music and neighbour disputes. There were also 13 domestic incidents. Below is a summary of more noteworthy crimes over the last four weeks:

### **Thefts or attempted thefts of motorcycles in area**

- 18<sup>th</sup> August – Oxfangs Drive – theft of OLP MV and power tools.

### **Vandalism**

- 17<sup>th</sup> August – Firrhill Crescent – a vehicle door was scratched
- 18<sup>th</sup> August – Oxfangs Drive – a vehicle front window was smashed

### **Housebreaking**

- 4<sup>th</sup> August – Colinton Mains Grove – 3 garden sheds were broken into – nothing stolen.
- 4<sup>th</sup> August – Colinton Mains Grove – garden shed broken into and bicycle stolen
- 8<sup>th</sup> August – Colinton Mains Grove – garden shed broken into and 2 bicycles stolen
- 9<sup>th</sup> August – Oxfangs Park – theft of bicycle from common stair storage
- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Colinton Mains Road – garden shed broken into and various items stolen.

## Incidents of Note

- 5<sup>th</sup> August – Oxbgangs Road North – fire-raising outside residential building
- 6<sup>th</sup> August – Firrhill Medical Centre – petty cash stolen from office

## Road Traffic Matters

Three reports regarding minor RTC (one involving a motorcycle striking a pedestrian. Motorcycle rider received a very minor injury.)

Several complaints were received regarding vehicles causing obstruction in the area. Generally these are inconsiderate and bad parking rather than actual obstructions.

## Community Policing Team

Should you wish to contact the Community Policing Team, you can do so by email at [EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by telephoning the new national non-emergency number **101**. You can also follow them on twitter @PentlandsPolice .

If there is anything in particular that you wish to bring to their attention, please get in touch. Partnership working requires participation.

## In discussion

It was noted that antisocial behaviour had increased in this area. A lot of residents in Oxbgangs Gardens were complaining about noise. Noted that in an area where a skate park had been provided, the amount of anti-social behaviour had decreased.

## Domestic Abuse: Provision of Information

The community council asked for information to be provided on the level of domestic abuse in the area and is provided by the police. The term used in their report is 'domestic incidents' and we sought to have this defined. Confirmed the term does refer to reported incidents of domestic abuse.

In discussion it was noted that the police report itself does not highlight this information as only statistical information is provided, whereas the theft of a bike, for example, is recorded as a noteworthy crime. In view of the nature of such incidents, the police will not provide more detailed information. The community council, having requested the information, need to give thought as to how it can be used to increase its value.

### *Action: by all members*

*Warning about doorstep callers: don't sign up with, or give money to, anyone who cold-calls, i.e., anyone you haven't arranged to call. Say NO and report them to Police Scotland Tel: 101 or the City Council's Trading Standards Tel: 0131-529 3030.*

*To pass on information about crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out their secure, encrypted online [Giving Information Form](#).*

## PNP Reports

### South West Area Board – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Report of the meeting was read out by JN, a copy is attached as [appendix 1](#).

## Members Reports

### Planning Report:

The Planning Report was circulated at the meeting and is attached as [appendix 2](#).

### Treasurer's Report

Confirmation of receipt of grant in the sum of £623.60.

### Correspondence

A list of correspondence received during this reporting period is attached as [appendix 3](#). For more detail on any of the correspondence listed contact the Secretary, Peggy Wright; Tel: 531 9796; email: [peggy.wright@live.co.uk](mailto:peggy.wright@live.co.uk).

### AOCB:

#### **Domestic Abuse : Provision of Information**

See under Police Report.

#### **Colinton Mains Park: Skate Park**

Members agreed to adopt this as an objective of the Community Council as stated in the minutes of the previous meeting. See also under Councillor Lewis's report

#### **Oxgangs Gala**

Members agreed to adopt this as an objective of the Community Council as stated in the minutes of the previous meeting. Chair reported on the meetings she had attended, indicating there was a positive attitude by those attending to resurrect the Oxgangs Gala, to learn from previous mistakes and make it a fun day for the community. The Group meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month..

Chair indicated the Group are looking at drawing up a constitution and asked that in the interim it be agreed they come under the umbrella of the Community Council for this year. Initial contact has been made to the local authority for permission to hold the Gala in Colinton Mains Park and they have advised that public liability insurance and a completed risk assessment form will be required for the event.

### Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:

Monday **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014** in the Lochan View Community Business Centre at **7.00pm**.

Note: the Community Council previously agreed meetings held during the winter period would be brought forward to the afternoon. This will commence in October when the time of meeting will change to 2.30pm.

## South West Area Board: 14 August 2014

Report to Firrhill Community Council meeting held 25 August 2014.

The meeting was held Gate 55 which is a fairly new multi hub community venue. First time I have been in it and would have liked to have seen more. Previously a primary school, the building now facilitates a number of organisations. I imagine classrooms make an ideal size for many community meetings/activities whilst the sports hall would facilitate larger events, although I have to admit there was not much activity there on the 14th. Hopefully it is well used.

### NEP Presentations

Andy Wallace gave a slide presentation on the projects being carried out during this financial year giving the before and after scenes. I have to say that whilst all the areas were improved, it is meaningless if the work does not stand the test of time. Any neglected area will look better immediately after a make-over but that is not to say it will last. This was borne out by one of the other community representatives who spoke on the policy of replacing bin stores in the Wester Hailes tenements by street based collection points for waste and recycling. The mess that was once in a bin store is now out in the street.

The Ward 8 NEPs 2014/15 projects consist of:

#### **Project 1024: Oxgangs Crescent: footpath**

The footpath has been re-surfaced with asphalt and a pin kerb installed. The dilapidated fencing has been repaired.

#### **Project 1054: 2 Firrhill Drive: fencing**

New metal bow top fencing was installed which requires no maintenance. Still to be done.

#### **Project 1057: Oxgangs Brae: security lighting**

New security lighting to entrance door areas installed to improve safety and security of residents. Need to confirm if work has been carried out.

#### **Project 1061: 32-34 Oxgangs Avenue: drying area/gardens**

Footpath to the drying area re-laid and the drying area and gardens cut and cleared. Tenants now have improved access to their gardens and drying areas.

#### **Projects 1065/1066: Firrhill Drive: footpaths 18-20/26-28**

Concrete flags have been lifted and the footpaths resurfaced with asphalt along with new steps and handrails.

An issue came up re an email sent by Maureen Jarvis (OCRA) to the SWNO on concerns with project numbers – 1180; 1182; 1183. As all of these projects are in the Wester Hailes area I normally leave it for representatives of the areas concerned to comment. For two of the projects, Maureen expressed the view that weed killer and paint would be a better value for money. I have expressed the view in the past that the SWNO's aim is to tarmac over all areas that require some form of maintenance and that aim continues to be reiterated by Andrew Wallace every time he gives an update on the projects.

In regard to the third project, she expresses the view that as the area being improved is not exclusively used by council tenants there should be financial contributions from elsewhere, in this case – the general fund. I expressed concern that no effort was made to circulate Maureen's

comments to members of the Area Board despite the officers having received it the week previous. A reason was given but I frankly do not accept it.

It is a failing of these meetings that business papers are rarely issued in advance of the actual meeting. This results in members of the Board not having time to consider or consult on matters arising. The Area Board met infrequently and alternated its business between NEPs and Housing Management. The Board is now only meeting twice during this current financial year (14 Aug 2014 and 19 March 2015). Unless there is a change in format we may end up with each subject area being covered by an annual reporting. Changes are being introduced to the Partnership arrangements without any detailed documentation to support it. Unless the administration of the Partnership improves, community representatives will find themselves marginalised, only there for the purpose of giving credence to the idea of community participation.

Not all the blame can be laid at the door of the SWNO but it does not help if community groups do not receive full information or are given it at the meeting. The administrative support for the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership is minimal. Information that should be in the public domain, available through the PNP website, is not there. All that is available is the policy documents which express the objectives but not the results.

In regard to NEPs, I have raised concerns before about the value of some of the environment/improvement projects being carried out and proposed the Community Council be more proactive in identifying suitable projects. It was suggested this matter might fit into the 'Citizenship' part of Firrhill High School's 'curriculum of excellence' programme. Due to pressures and school holidays, action on this proposal was suspended, are we now in a better position to resurrect it?

### SW Outreach Project (SWOP)

Tracy Kelly, Project Worker gave a presentation this new initiative to assist social landlord and private tenants who are falling into rent arrears. The hand-out circulated with the agenda has been copied here for your information and I have posted the information on our website with a link to the relevant CEC webpage.

### **SWOP Welfare Benefit Advice Sessions**

The South West Outreach Project has been running since November 2013 and has provided welfare benefits advice to over 300 RSL tenants from the South West Edinburgh area. People attend the sessions for all sorts of reasons, from concern over housing benefit and rent arrears issues, to needing help with applying for a crisis grant or seeking advice on Personal Independence Payments.

The SWOP Project is being run by a partnership of agencies: Prospect Community Housing, the City of Edinburgh Council, CHAI and the Cyrenians. It has been funded by the Scottish Legal Aid Board through the Scottish Government's Making Advice Work fund. SWOP offers face to face welfare benefit advice for RSL tenants at local community venues in South West Edinburgh. The weekly sessions are at Clovenstone Community Centre, WHALE Arts Centre, Wester Hailes Health Agency, Wester Hailes Library, and Oxfangs Library. They are a mixture of drop in sessions and appointments provided by a full time advice worker. Approximately a third of those attending the sessions are Prospect tenants and two thirds CEC tenants. Tenants can be referred to the service by housing staff, voluntary sector partners and existing advice services. They can also self-refer.

### **A SWOP Success Story**

A lone parent with an older daughter in full time higher education and a dependent niece was referred by CEC due to the high level of her rent arrears (£1,489). She had no housing benefit in payment.

At the first appointment the client did not know what to pay to her rent arrears as she had a varying income. She was struggling both with the rent arrears and also with council tax debt. The advisor helped her to complete a housing benefit calculation, made an offer to rent arrears which was provisionally accepted by CEC, and gave her a form and information on setting up a standing order. Revenues and Benefits was also contacted and the client was advised on what information was required.

There was an identified housing benefit issue as the client's niece had not been included as a dependant, and there was also an incorrect non-dependant deduction for the client's daughter. The advisor submitted an appeal and the client was subsequently awarded £1,700 in underpayment of housing benefit and £70 in underpayment of Council Tax Reduction from June 2012. She also received an ongoing award of housing benefit.

Her rent arrears are now £200 and there is a payment arrangement in place which will clear the arrears in under one year.

### Local Community Plan – Update

This was a verbal report given by Scott Neil on the new format, with action groups replacing sub groups. Not clear what other matters are included but the proposals are going out for consultation. Seems more like the proposals are already in existence and we are being left with a fait accompli.

The new plan will be published in October with copies available in the library. Copies can also be obtained from neighbourhood offices, at Neighbourhood Partnership events or online at [www.edinburghnp.org.uk](http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk)

### AOCB

1. Ratho – area of ground outside library in need of attention
2. Firrhill – advised on new pavements being laid in Oxfords Road North
3. Hailesland Park – wall collapsing and a dead tree



## Planning Report: August 2014

You will be aware from previous reports, the main topic for discussion within the planning arena has been the local development plan and in particular the allocation of land for housing. The housing needs and demand assessment figure, adopted by SESplan for the City of Edinburgh and the Lothians, continues to be a contentious issue with many community reps either disputing the figures or registering concern about the detrimental effect this will have. The impact of the increased figure demanded by the Scottish Government will see a consequential increase in greenfield/green belt sites being designated for housing. The fear is that brownfield sites will be left undeveloped as greenfield sites are seen to be more profitable for developers to build on.

Most of the activity this past month has come from the Edinburgh South West Communities Forum (SWCF). The Forum has kept us informed of their activities and I have attended a number of their meetings, the last one being on the 19th August.

I reported at the last meeting that the consultation period on the "Housing Needs and Demand Assessment" expired on the 1st August. Received a copy of the Forum's response to the consultation and have circulated it to all members for their perusal.

The Forum's draft policies on the Green Belt; Brownfield Sites and Coalescence were circulated for comment and /or amendment, prior to the meeting on the 19th where they were agreed and will be taken forward during future consultations.

At the Forum's meeting on the 19th an informative presentation on SESplan was given by Alice Miles, Lead Officer, SESplan. I am hoping to get a copy of the slide presentation and will make it available to members who wish a copy.

### Weekly Planning Bulletins

There was no planning activity in Firrhill Community Council's area. The only item of note is the following application concerning a new housing development in Fairmilehead CC's area.

11th August: Proposal of Application Notice concerning Morton Mains Conservation Area. Cala Management Limited submitted application 14/03149/PAN for a proposed residential development, comprising detached properties at land 105 metres east of 48 Frogston Road West, Edinburgh.

### Edinburgh Local Development Plan – Second Proposed Plan

#### **PERIOD FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

The Council has prepared a Second Proposed Edinburgh Local Development Plan. It sets out policies and proposals to guide land use and development.

The Second Proposed Plan is accompanied by a Environmental Report - Second Revision, a Second Proposed Action Programme, a revised Draft Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record and a number of other supporting documents. These include a Schedule of Representations, which explains what regard has been had to representations made in 2013 to the first Proposed Plan.

All of these documents are available for inspection from 22nd August – 3rd October 2014 at:

- Planning and Building Standards Reception, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.
- All Council libraries during normal opening hours.

The documents can also be viewed at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan>.

Representations can be made on the Second Proposed Plan. These must be submitted in writing using the form provided by 5.00pm on Friday 3 October 2014. Representations can be submitted

electronically to <mailto:localdevelopmentplan@edinburgh.gov.uk> or by post to Local Development Plan Team, City of Edinburgh Council, Business Centre G.3, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG.

Copies of the representations form and guidance note on submitting representations are available on the above website, at Waverley Court and in Council libraries.

If you made a representation to the first Proposed Plan in 2013, please note that you will need to resubmit your representation if you wish it to be formally considered by the Council and dealt with through the examination process.

Written comments can also be submitted on the Environmental Report, Action Programme, Draft Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record and other supporting documents. These should be sent to the above email or postal address by Friday 3rd October 2014.

Drop-in engagement events have been arranged to provide further information on any aspect of the Second Proposed Plan:

- South West Edinburgh, Gibson Craig Hall, Currie, 3 September, 4-7pm.
- General session, Urban Room, Waverley Court, East Market Street, 22 September, 4-7 pm.

For more details see [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan) or contact Marius Hince on 0131 529 4692 or [marius.hince@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:marius.hince@edinburgh.gov.uk).

## Correspondence List: August 2014

**By e-mail:** all messages forwarded to members with this facility; some transferred to website where appropriate. **N.B. Items in bold may be of particular interest.**

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- 1 Parks Contract Officer – f. by H Levy re proposed Oxfangs Gala Day: application form to be filled in + notice of required public liability insurance and risk assessment.
  - 2 H Levy: **draft notes of July's meeting re Oxfangs Gala Day.**
  - 3 Copy of objection by a resident to application for take-away at 76 Colinton Mains Dr being posted on City Council's official website.
  - 4 Royal Assent granted to City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Private Bill: work will now go ahead; new Portobello High School anticipated opening August '16.
  - 5 Websitebuilder: message via Firrhill CC's website from Sheila Watson requesting a donation to Firrhill High's proposed Diversity Day. [Secretary replied asking her to attend our meeting on 25 Aug to talk about the event and this has now been arranged.]
  - 6 Confirmation of H Levy's registration for Late Hours Catering Consultation, 20 Aug.
  - 7 **Community Payback Orders Consultation re the unpaid part of CPOs, which replaced community service in 2011. Groups/individuals can apply to request unpaid work support. Enquiries: [criminaljustice@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:criminaljustice@edinburgh.gov.uk); Telephone Criminal Justice Service 469 3408. [Application forms in Oxfangs Library.]**
  - 8 Archie Clark: notes on June meeting of SW Community Forum held in Currie.
  - 9 Julie Dickson re Community Empowerment (Scotland) Policy Memo (13 August '14): 'Easy Read' version at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/08/5194>
  - 10 f. by Cllr Rust: **confirmation from Graeme McGartland, City of Edinburgh Council, that missives re sale of Oxfangs Social Work Centre have now been concluded with Aldi. (Missives re Church of Scotland part of the site were signed in July.) The Planning Application will go in shortly.**
  - 11 Cllr Andrew Burns: Council Leader's Report, Aug '14.
  - 12 Edinburgh Civic Forum Meeting: 2 Sept, 6 pm, City Chambers: report on current planning issues + Edinburgh Design Review Process.
  - 13 Scott Neill: 'August Newsflash' – funding for voluntary groups/organisations.
  - 14 Cllr Maureen Child: Neighbourhood Partnerships Summer Newsletter.
  - 15 Visit Scotland's Volunteer Recruitment Fair: free, on 24 Sept, at St Paul's & St George's Church, York Place – turn up any time between 11 am & 7 pm.
  - 16 Sarah McDonald re Transport & Environment SW & Pentlands NPs Joint Meeting/ Consultation on proposed 20 mph limits in shopping and residential areas throughout Edinburgh.
- Also: for residents - Drop-in session on Monday 22 Sept, 2 pm – 4 pm, in Oxfangs Library. Council Officers will be available to answer questions. Which streets do you think should have a 20 mph limit? Comments: in writing – Freepost RTCH-JJEK-TCCZ, City of Edinburgh Council, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG. Online form to fill in with your views: [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph) e-mail, for questions or more info: [20mph@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:20mph@edinburgh.gov.uk)**

**Comments must be in by 17 October, for Council's Transport & Environment Committee meeting early 2015.**

### Correspondence to 25 August

1 Eileen Hewitt: further info on 20mph Consultation (see Item 16): road shows at Gyle Shopping Centre, 21 Sept, and St James Centre, 25 Sept.

2 Edinburgh Local Development Plan: 2nd Proposed Plan sets out policies and proposals to guide land use and development. Documents are available for inspection at local libraries from 22 Aug-3 Oct.

3 Notes on meeting of SWCF, 19 Aug, including presentation by SESplan officers.

4 Cllr Lewis: Constituent enquiries, including update on Planning Application from owner of 76 Colinton Mains Drive - target date for decision is 5 Sept, and this will be a delegated decision by Planning Officer, i.e., will not go to Planning Committee.

5 Update on Oxfangs Path site from James Harbison: missives between City Council and Aldi have been signed, and so Aldi now owns the whole site (Church of Scotland missives were signed in July). Planning Application target date is 29 Aug.

6 Complaint from Linda & Dennis Williams re Firrhill CC ignoring/not giving credence to their petition for affordable housing on ex-Social Work part of Oxfangs Path site.