

CAMMO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Cammo Resident

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT OF 500/700 HOUSES AT CAMMO

We are sure that you are aware of the City Council's new proposals which include a large extension to Housing in West Edinburgh. Some 1400/2000 new houses are earmarked for a new development site on Turnhouse Road, and 500-700 for the field adjacent to Cammo Grove. This Association was formed at a public meeting on 28 May, with a remit to make representations on behalf of Cammo residents, and to assist individuals in making their own representations. A membership form is available on our website.

With this letter you will find the Representation Form which the Council has provided. No other form of representation will be accepted by the Council! Also enclosed are Guidance Notes, from the Council, to assist in completion of the Form. The form can be completed electronically and returned on line, or by post, or by giving it to a member of the Committee. ALL RESPONSES MUST BE WITH THE COUNCIL BY 5PM FRIDAY 14 JUNE. The representation form can also be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

We have set up a website www.CammoResidentsAssociation.org where you will find all documents published by the Council. They include the Proposed Local Development Plan, and various supporting appendices dealing with specific issues such as transport, education and environmental impact. Please read these at your leisure.

It is important that as many responses as possible are submitted, and that these responses are relevant to the issues. Accordingly, the Committee has prepared (overleaf) some comments that you might find helpful in completing the form. If you would like more assistance, then please feel free to contact any Committee Member, or come to a "surgery" which we are holding on Wednesday 12 June at St Kentigerns Church hall, from 7pm.

Our principal aim must be to stop the designation of the fields at Cammo as housing, and to point out the difficulties that we will face if the Turnhouse development goes ahead. We can also suggest alternative sites and make representations to mitigate the proposals. But we must be realistic – The Scottish Government has indicated that there will be new housing built, and Edinburgh has to find land for that. We say it is wrong to change the current designation (Green Belt). As recently as 2011 Cammo was not part of the overall plan. We therefore must make our views known on the changes, which are going to have a significant impact on our environment, and quality of life.

Thank you

Cammo Residents Association Committee

The Representation Form has 5 sections.

Section 1: just needs completion of your name, address and contact details

Section 2: The main proposal we are objecting to is Cammo (HSG20), so put HSG20 in the box marked "Proposal Reference". If objecting to Turnhouse its HSG19. The proposals can be found on pages 25 & 50 of the plan. The Policy Reference is HOU1

Section 3: Tick the box for "Seeking a Change"

Section 4: This is where you would say that you are seeking the removal of Cammo as a proposed site for Housing Development. If you have other changes to suggest, such as no extension to Forrester High School, or no to Turnhouse, you would need to complete further representation Forms.

Section 5: This is where you give your reasons for removing Cammo from the proposals. The Committee cannot give you an exact form of words as it will look much better if all the representations are in your own words, but we can highlight some issues you might like to consider, and use if you agree with them.

1. Traffic impact – volumes increasing yearly, and 2000+ new houses will significantly affect Barnton and Maybury junctions, as well as access on to (and pedestrians crossing) Maybury Road itself – council's suggestions in dealing with this inadequate and out of date – impact of increased volume from new Forth Crossing – existing difficulty exiting Cammo Gardens – no plan for lights there
2. Environmental issues- Maybury Road has been a clearly defined and successful green belt boundary – the new Green Belt boundary will be hard to see and liable to frequent development pressure – loss of view to Historic Water Tower and beyond – effect on our community life if these developments go ahead
3. Increased carbon dioxide adversely affecting air quality – general increased pollution
4. Infrastructure – Council fails to fulfil its obligations to Cammo now – No infrastructure at all on proposed site – lack of amenity now will only worsen if developments go ahead
5. Education – possible expansion of Forrester High and consequent change to existing catchment areas adversely affects Cammo, as does proposed new Primary at Maybury
6. Failure adequately to consider alternative possibilities such as Craigie, after MoD decision to close Army HQ – infrastructure already in place there

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