



CAMMO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRA)

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Say No to houses on Cammo fields – more action needed!

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Our last flyer asked for your support in urging Scottish Housing Minister, Alex Neil and other local representatives to reject an appeal made by the Cramond and Harthill Estates c/o Halliday Fraser Munro against Edinburgh Council's failure to make a decision on their proposal to build 670 homes on the Cammo fields. Thank you for your action to protect Cammo fields.

We all now need to make our voices heard again. On 26 February the Local Development Plan (LDP) 2 goes before Edinburgh City Council's Planning Committee. We have been told that Edinburgh Planning's view is that the developer's appeal to the Scottish Government effectively prevents the removal of Cammo from the LDP.

It seems that power is being taken away from the local community and local representatives and put in the hands of developers.

We must do all we can before 26 February to ensure that our representatives are aware of the strength of feeling. We can still stop development on the Cammo fields - nothing is decided yet – but we must all act now.

Please write again to our local representatives (see list below) telling them that their action in seeking to remove Cammo from the LDP is a key consideration for you and that you expect them to act on your behalf to save the Cammo fields from development. Here are the CRA Committee key messages::

- A decision on the future on Cammo should be taken at local level. Allowing this decision to be made at Scottish Government not City Council level undermines local democracy
- Determining the Cammo proposal in isolation ignores the important cumulative impact that the range of housing proposals across west Edinburgh (over 4000 homes) will have on our roads, health facilities, children's schooling and environment.
- This approach also ignores alternative development sites, many of which are brownfield. The City Council needs to look at these options. In particular, the proposed Gogar Garden District could largely provide the housing required until 2024.
- The transport, environmental and social impacts of the 670 home Cammo proposal make it unsustainable. Sustainability is a key plank of Scottish Government Planning Policy, so Cammo should be immediately removed from the LDP.

It is imperative that those determining the appeal know about local concerns and objections. The CRA Committee is continuing to do all it can to get Cammo removed from the LDP. We are submitting representations, contacting local politicians and creating noise on social media, but we need your help.

Please contact those overleaf. Let them know your views. Appeal to them to represent you and fight on your behalf to save Cammo fields from development.

Local councillors:

By post to: The City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ.
By email to the addresses given below:

- **Norman Work** (SNP Group) norman.work@edinburgh.gov.uk
- **Lindsay Paterson** (Conservative Group) lindsay.paterson@edinburgh.gov.uk (also standing as a candidate in the 2015 Westminster election)
- **Alastair Shields** (Liberal Democrat Group) alastair.shields@edinburgh.gov.uk

Edinburgh City Council Planning Committee members:

By post to The City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ.
By email to the addresses given below:

Councillor Perry, Convener of the Planning Committee, (Labour)

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Councillor Howat, Vice Convener of the Planning Committee, (SNP)

sandy.howat@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Bagshaw (Scottish Green Group) nigel.bagshaw@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Blacklock (Labour) angela.blacklock@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Brock (SNP) deidre.brock@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Cairns (SNP) ronald.cairns@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Child (Labour) maureen.child@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Dixon (SNP) denis.dixon@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Heslop (Conservative) dominic.heslop@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor McVey (SNP) adam.mcvey@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Councillor Mowat (Conservative) joanna.mowat@edinburgh.gov.uk

Councillor Robson (Labour) keith.robson@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Councillor Ross (SNP) frank.ross@edinburgh.gov.uk

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