



Coming back from sports day in Braidburn Valley Park by Jo Young

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Road safety in Canaan Lane

We reported last month that we'd had an encouraging response to local concerns about road safety in Canaan Lane around the South Morningside Primary Annexe. We've had another letter via Cllr Paul Godzik noting some improvements likely to be carried out during the school holidays. It's planned to narrow the access lane to Deanbank, to discourage cars parking or stopping in it, and to make a pedestrian area at the foot of the lane with barriers preventing pedestrians straying onto the road. Once these changes have been made, "school keep clear" markings will be put on the road outside.

Midmar Paddock – some good news

The Scottish Government's Report on the proposed Edinburgh Local Development Plan has been heavily covered in the local press – mostly in relation to major housing developments on greenbelt to the west and east of the City. Buried in this very long document is mention of Midmar Paddock, which (together with the adjoining Hermitage of Braid) is also in the greenbelt. Blackford Hill Ltd proposed that this designation should be removed from the Paddock and part of it scheduled for housing. Along with other local organisations and residents, we objected. We're pleased to say that the Government's Reporter has come down on our side – Midmar Paddock will keep its greenbelt status in the Local Development Plan.

"Playing-out Streets" – pilot scheme

You may already know about initiatives in parts of the City to close streets for a period to allow children to play outside safely. A big drawback has been the fees charged by the City Council to make the legal and administrative arrangements for closing roads. However the Council has now agreed to a four-month pilot scheme during which parents can apply to close their street at no charge. The scheme runs from 1 July to 31 October and will be limited to 20 streets. Guidelines for applying are at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/playingout>

Planning Guidance for Bruntsfield Morningside Town Centre

Earlier this year the City Council's planners consulted us on a draft revision of the planning guidance for our "Town Centre". The final document has now been approved and is available at https://plannedinedinburgh.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/sg_bruntsfield_morningside_tc_.pdf We've yet to digest it and see which, if any, of our comments have been taken on board. However, it's worth looking at by everyone who uses or takes an interest in our high street.

Old and New Towns World Heritage Site – consultation

The City Council is consulting on a Management Plan for the World Heritage Site. It's open until 25 July at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/edinburgh-oldandnewtowns-managementplan-review>

Community Council elections 2016

As a reader of our newsletter, you must, we guess, take more than a passing interest in community affairs. Please think about developing your interest further by standing as a Community Councillor in the forthcoming elections. Nominations will open early in September. We'll be putting more information on our website and Facebook pages next month but don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you want to know more now – email secretary@morningside.org.uk or chair@morningside.org.uk

*Next Meeting, Wednesday 17 August 2016, 7.30 pm at the Open Door. All welcome.
Confidential police surgery from 7.00 pm.*

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