

Midmar Paddock lies just west of Blackford Hill, Edinburgh. It is visited by hundreds of people every week for enjoyment and open-air exercise. But the paddock is once more under the threat of housing development, in spite of the many protections given to the site over the years. It is a Green Belt and a Special Landscape Area. It is designated as an Open Space and a **Local Nature Conservation Site.** It has a Core Path running west-east across the field. You might think these designations would be more than sufficient to protect it from development, but recent events suggest otherwise.

The owners have put the land up for sale as 'potential development land' located in 'one of Edinburgh's most sought after areas'.

Now it is Under Offer. They tried to sell it in 2015, during the consultation period for the 2016 Local Development Plan (LDP). They proposed a change in the designation of the land to permit development. A large number of community responses opposed this. The Scottish Government Reporter reviewed the evidence and rejected the proposal. But now, consultation on a new LDP is imminent and pressure on land in Edinburgh has increased. The new LDP might allocate the land for development, flying in the face of its protected status.

Help us to oppose this!

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Paddock, a recently formed group of local residents supported by all political parties. We intend to oppose the sale of the Paddock for 'development'. We believe the local area would lose an important amenity if the green space were to be replaced by bricks, concrete and tarmac. Those of us who enjoy walking, running and watching wildlife see this intended sale as yet another step to deprive Edinburgh of its cherished and nationally-admired Green Spaces.

Can you help the Friends with their campaign to 'Save Midmar Paddock'? Your support may prove vital to our campaign! Please get in touch as soon as possible.

Will you join us today?

If so, please share your email contact details with us at

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so that we can keep you informed of the latest situation. Please state that you are giving your consent for us to contact you by email.

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