



We are volunteers with a genuine interest in the well-being of our community. We represent community views to decision makers. Edinburgh City Council has a duty to consult us on the delivery of local services and other relevant issues.

Newsletter – Winter/Spring 2024

Next meetings: 15/2/24; 21/3/24; 18/4/24

Welcome to our Newsletter. This is part of our effort to engage with our community and provides a round-up of recent news. We want to hear your views. Please email cramton17@gmail.com with any comments. To find out more go to Facebook @CramondandBarntonCC, Instagram @cramondandbarntoncc, or our website <https://www.cramond-barnton.org/>

Gyle/Cramond bus link must serve community needs

This long awaited bus service is now out for tender. Support funding was set aside by the Cammo Meadows developers, so the route must serve community needs. Access to the new Maybury primary school, health services hub and Gateway Station is key. We'll be calling for this. What are your views?

Disturbed by night flights?

Data published by Edinburgh Airport in November show a substantial increase (up 53.9% on pre pandemic figures) in night flight movements (between midnight and 6am) – see <https://corporate.edinburghairport.com/community/edinburgh-airport-consultative-committee>.

We are concerned by this increase, and the potential noise nuisance. Despite this, night noise complaint figures are down and a very small proportion of these are from Cramond.



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Can you help us to understand this apparent contradiction? Are you disturbed by night aircraft movements? Do you know how to complain? What stops you from making a complaint?

Edinburgh Airport has installed an additional noise monitor at Cramond Primary so it will be interesting to see the data from that.

Options for complaining are:

Call: free noise enquiry line: 0800 731 3397 available 24/7

Email: noise@edinburghairport.com

Write to: Noise enquiries, Communications Team, Edinburgh Airport, Terminal Building, Edinburgh EH12 9DN

Track aircraft movements in real time here <https://noiselab.casper.aero/edi/>.

We'd also like to know whether you think there should be restrictions on the number of night flights at Edinburgh airport. Currently there are no limits. This is in contrast to England where night flight movements at major airports are regulated and many other airports have set their own limits. Send your comments to us cramton17@gmail.com.

We'll also watch the implications of the recently announced purchase of Global Infrastructure Partners, which includes Edinburgh Airport in its portfolio, by fund managers BlackRock.

West Craigs North Development – new application

We strongly objected to a further speculative application for up to 500 homes on land north of Craigs Road and adjacent to Cammo Walk. By late January, the application had generated over 180 objections.

The proposed development is contrary to strategic national, regional and local planning development principles and policies; is on Green Belt and prime agricultural land; would adversely affect much valued local landscape; reduce the biodiversity, including Red List bird species; and generate considerable additional traffic and congestion on a local traffic network which is already at/over-capacity. We are also concerned about additional downstream flood risks, which have not been fully assessed, and proximity to the composting site, odours from which would impact on residents of the proposed development.

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Improving Cramond Waterfront

Our efforts to get improvements made to the Cramond waterfront took a step forward when Community Council representatives met with Linda Anglin, Parks and Greenspace Development Manager of the City of Edinburgh Council. Ideas include work on the car park, providing accessible and modern toilets and some general maintenance issues such as cutting back trees overhanging the car park and defrosting the prom in bad weather.

We were delighted to secure some funds from Cramond Association to produce computer graphic illustrations of potential improvements. These are valuable to supporting further efforts as progress will depend on funding becoming available. Linda is appointing someone within her team to pick up on this project



Former Turnhouse RAF to be industrial storage park?

Developers have held two exhibitions and provided Pre-Application Notification (PAN) information on a proposed storage/distribution park at Turnhouse.

Although outwith our Community Council area, we have worries about HGV traffic passing through the new developments at West Craigs and Maybury increasing congestion, delays and emissions on local roads and beyond.

Previous consents for this site restricted operations to Airport-related functions. Such restrictions should be maintained. We'll be watching for a follow-up planning application and seeking refusal.

Local Place Plans – a new type of plan

New legislation provides for the preparation of Local Place Plans (LLPs) by local communities. Although they cannot directly influence the provision of public services, and may be limited by current development, LPPs must be taken into account by the local planning authority and are an opportunity for communities to make their views known. In particular, LPPs can identify sites for development, propose how land may be used or protected (e.g. Green Belt) and set out improvement projects.

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LPPs must be developed through community engagement and will require a lot of effort from volunteers. Do you think we should put together an LLP for our area? Can you help? To find out more come along to a presentation at our February meeting. Email cramton17@gmail.com If you want to be kept informed.

Brighthouse/Cramond Campus site update

The future of the site has continued to dominate Community Council discussion. Chairman, John Loudon continues to take part in the Community Working Group established to ensure that community interests are taken into account in determining the delivery of sports provision on the site.



Last year project managers, PMR, held consultations to establish local needs and in September held an exhibition of emerging options at the Cramond Kirk Hall. Work is now moving to the planning stages.

Current proposals, which PMR state reflect community views from their consultation, include a sporting hub with padel tennis courts, gymnastic, fitness and multi-use facilities, a full size synthetic pitch and an active loop and outdoor play area. Also included are commercial elements comprising later living accommodation, a care home, health provision and shop, work space and café.

We remain concerned about the balance of sporting and commercial provision, the need to deliver sporting facilities first, the height of some of the construction and potential soil contamination.

You can find details and give your views on the proposals at <http://www.cramondcampus.org.uk/>. PMR has clearly stated that they are open to all community members engaging with them at all times with views and comments. We are inviting PMR to discuss the way forward at a CC meeting.

Can you contribute to making Cramond, Cammo and Barnton a great place to live? Could your skills help?

We are dependent on volunteers and need new members. Interested? Come to a meeting to see what we do. Email our Secretary Ian Williamson cramton17@gmail.com

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