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Ms Veronica MacMillan
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BY EMAIL

Dear Ms Macmillan

CRAIGMILLAR SETTLEMENT, 63 NIDDRIE MAINS TERRACE, EDINBURGH

We should like to request that a deputation be heard at the City Council's Finance & Resources committee meeting on 3 February, 2016 concerning the Craigmillar Settlement, 63 Niddrie Mains Terrace.

We were regular users of the Settlement for fifteen years holding meetings, social events, training courses and supervised parental and child meetings. We took part, along with over a hundred other organisations and individuals, in the City Council's Equalities Impact Assessment a few years ago however, we were excluded from the City Council's last consultation on the future use of the building.

We understand that the City Council's new proposals for the Settlement are substantially different from those that were previously consulted on and eventually put out to tender.

Under these circumstances we think it would only be fair that a new and proper consultation process is carried out involving all the Settlement's former users, followed by a fair and transparent tendering procedure.

Attached is a copy of a letter we sent previously to Mr Peter Watton in February last year.

Yours sincerely,

Lyndsay Martin

Secretary

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11 February 2015
Peter Watton
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Dear Mr Watton

Craigmillar Settlement

Councillor Walker has informed us that the City of Edinburgh Council's plans for the use of the Craigmillar Settlement, 63 Niddrie Mains Terrace, may be changing.

We were a previous user of the settlement, took part a few years ago with the City of Edinburgh Council officials about the future use of the Settlement and participated in the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment. We were disappointed in not being informed about the City of Edinburgh Council's decision to invite bids for community use.

However we would now like to register interest in once again being a user of the settlement. We have a good relationship with the East Edinburgh Muslim Forum and we are confident we could share the building with them and perhaps with other previous user groups. We have recently been discussing with the Forum establishing a multi-cultural cooking school, given the wide diversity of ethnic groups that live in the Craigmillar area. This is something that could be suitable for the Settlement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Lyndsay Martin
Secretary, Niddrie Independent Parents Support