

QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Henderson to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 16 October 2008

Question

- (1)** Edinburgh Local Plan - Portobello High School

With regard to the Inquiry into the Edinburgh Local Plan, what is the Council doing to address the concerns of the National Playing Fields Association (now called Fields in Trust) and **sportscotland** in order to mitigate any opposition by them to the planned use of Portobello Park as the site of the new school?

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- (2)** Have Council officials met these groups to discuss their concerns?

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- (3)** What steps is the Council taking to ensure that it can put the strongest case in defence of the proposed Edinburgh City Plan?

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- (4)** Specifically, when does the council plan to conduct an audit of green space including public open space in the catchment area to evidence there is currently a surplus (eg that it currently exceeds 6 acres of open space for every 1000 residents)?

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- (5)** What concrete work is the council doing to identify replacement green space to evidence there are equivalent facilities within a 10 minute walk for any green space that may be "lost"?

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- (6)** Is the Council prepared to consider a MUGA (multi-use games area) for example on the largely derelict, Council owned depot behind the golf club adjacent to the railway line? Fields in Trust confirmed this would, in principle, address their objection.