Dear Sir/Madam,

**Placemaking Exercise- How good is our place?**

The City of Edinburgh Council, Portobello Community Council and Craigmillar Community Council are holding a community engagement event at: Edinburgh College (Milton Campus, EH15 2PP, above the gym) on:

**Saturday 19th March between 10:00 – 13:00** and **Tuesday 22nd March between 17:00 – 20:00.**

The exercise will be repeated on both days.

The placemaking exercise will use the Place Standard (<http://www.placestandard.scot/>) recently launched by the Scottish Government. The Place Standard is an interactive tool which allows a community to assess its own strengths and weaknesses in terms of its qualities as a place in which to live and work.

The community will be invited to discuss set questions about the quality of their environment addressing such issues as moving around, facilities and amenities, streets and spaces ect.

We’d like as many of the community as possible to get involve to help make the process work. We want all sections of the community to come along – young, retired, employed, unemployed – anyone and everyone.

We will take groups of people through the exercise in facilitated sessions. People will be put into groups and a facilitator will ask a series of questions. As a group you will have to agree on an answer to the question. There will be someone taking a note of what people are discussing. At the end of the questions a compass diagram will be drawn to show the conclusions

The outputs from this will help the Council, the community and developers better understand the needs of the area. Those will be shared with the developers of the new housing sites identified in Second Proposed Local Development Plan so they can shape their proposals to take account of the strengths and weaknesses identified by the community.

Yours sincerely

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