

Redhall House

In December 2014 an application was lodged for new build in the grounds of Redhall House although this did not appear on the Planning Portal until January 2015 under Ref. No: **14/05302/FUL**. This was intended as an "enabling development" for Redhall House itself. The application was incomplete in that there was no enabling case provided nor was there a fresh application lodged for Redhall House itself the original approval having expired. It is clearly unsatisfactory that the facts have not been made publicly available. We have asked that the clock be stopped on any consultation timetable until all the documentation is available for perusal and discussion.

In April 2008 there was an application lodged in respect of Redhall House and grounds. This was for "Change of use and internal alterations to convert the former house from offices to 6no residential flats, external alterations to existing pedestrian access and parking spaces". Full sets of drawings are available [here](#). Approval was granted in July 2008 but in the event no progress has been made, presumably because of market conditions.

Redhall House Petition

500 people signed the petition which has now been before the City of Edinburgh Council's Petition's Committee. Councillor Gavin Corbett who supported our case has written an excellent summary of the meeting which can be read [here](#). The meeting was one of the first to be webcast and we give below instructions to view the archived version of the recording. The meeting lasted just over one hour, mostly on this matter.

Petition against Redhall House Dereliction and Grounds Development Prospect



Redhall House as shown above in its previous and now neglected conditions, is a B listed mansion and was built in 1758. The Redhall Estate was sold to Edinburgh Corporation at the end of the Second World War with the House being first used as a children's home and then a Council Training Office, with Special Needs schools constructed in the grounds.

In 2007 with some houses having been built on the previous school sites, Redhall House and the piece of ground in front of it, "the Lawn", were sold as two separate lots to a new owner. "The lawn" area was designated in the Council's Development Brief as unacceptable for development and this area was referred to as "Amenity Ground" in the Deed of Conditions involved in the sale of the House and Lawn.



In 2008, the Owners were given approval to convert Redhall House into six flats. To this day, no work has been done. The House has since been the subject of vandalism, graffiti, break ins, a fire and a gas leak, all notice of these events being passed on to The City of Edinburgh Council by our Craiglockhart Community Council.

Now in 2013 the Owners are not going to convert the House into six flats and want to sell it. However they are also now believed to be drawing up plans for building 3 houses on the Lawn to help fund the possible conversion of the house into two dwellings.

This building and the grounds are an historic feature in our community and an asset in terms of open space and access to the Dell. We will be raising a petition to City of Edinburgh Council to draw attention to the neglect of the house and our opposition to further development of the open space. We hope that you will join with us in this campaign to preserve this amenity.

Volunteers will be visiting some homes in Craiglockhart to obtain signatures in person and an online petition is available on the City of Edinburgh Council's e-petitions site.

You can link to it [here](#). Petition sheets are also available for signing at Craiglockhart Post Office, the Water of Leith Visitor Centre at Slateford and Colinton Arts in Colinton Village.

Additional information is available on the following external sites

[Gazeteer for Scotland Record](#)

[Buildings at Risk Record](#)