

Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council

Planning Report May 2011

No significant issues have arisen from the Weekly Planning lists since the last meeting.

New Applications for HMOs in April totalled 22. This is a drop from 29 in March.

The Planning Office has decided to take no action about the window displays at 129 Marchmont Road.

Following the well-attended CC meeting in April, we now await a further report from the Planning Office and from the Developers on the rebuilding of James Gillespie's schools. This will take place at the meeting of the CC on 8th June. It is hoped that revised plans will take account of the issues raised last month.

A proposal for the demolition and redevelopment for housing of the former Woodcroft Telephone Exchange, Pitsligo Road has been made. A public consultation will include an exhibition to be held at the site on Thursday 19th May between 2 and 8pm. For further information contact **Caroline Owen**, Senior Planner, Planning, Development & Regeneration, GVA Direct Dial: 0131 469 6068 - Email: caroline.owen@gva.co.uk - Mobile: 07939 489 43 Web: www.gva.co.uk - National Number: 08449 02 03 04 - Fax: 0131 469 6001

Concerns have been expressed by members and by Councillors about the maintenance of Bruntsfield Links and the Meadows. MABLAG is particularly exercised about this matter. Recently your representative remonstrated with a group of picknickers who appeared to have been barbecuing on one of the greens on Bruntsfield Links. 'It wasn't me, Mum.' and 'nobody was playing on it' was the reply. Action needs to be taken if this amenity is not to be destroyed.

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership will meet on 13 May at the Gillis Centre at 1,00PM. I will attempt to attend this meeting.

Colin Briggs, Assoc. Director of Operations at Sick Kids Hospital has offered to update us on developments. We will offer him a meeting until the Autumn.

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