

LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE



**ONLY 3% OF OUR
GREEN SPACE FOR
A NEW SCHOOL**

**BUILD OUR
SCHOOL NOW**

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Our desperately needed new school building on the park will take up just just 3% of green space in our community.

That's a small change for a big benefit to 1400 children and young people who have waited six long years since sites for a replacement high school were first looked at.

They're entitled to green space to learn, play and exercise in as much as anyone else. And golfers will still be able to golf, and dog walkers to walk and runners to run.

Everyone wants this new school to go ahead – apart from a small group of very determined people who mostly live around the park and largely do not use local secondary schools.

This group – called Portobello Park Action Group (PPAG) are taking legal action that continues to delay our new high school in the park and could also threaten investment that's needed at St John's, St Crispin's, Boroughmuir and James Gillespies.

We hope they'll show a little generosity of spirit for a lot of benefit to the community, its children and young people.



Above and below left: Architects visualisations of the new school



GREEN SPACE: THE FACTS

- there are 74 hectares of parks, pitches and Common Good land in the Portobello catchment
- the footprint of the planned new High School building – which includes parking and surrounding landscaping – is just 2.5 hectares.
- two all-weather playing fields will take up 1.4 hectares, but will be accessible to the public when not in use by the school.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Sign the Petition on facebook at www.Facebook.com/new.phs.park and ask PPAG to “Drop the Appeal” - Put one of these posters up in your window to show your support

WHAT THE NEW SCHOOL WILL OFFER

The new school will be a state-of-the art building, cleverly designed to fit in with its surroundings. It will have:

- A 25 metre swimming pool that can be used by classes and clubs
- A large gym/dance studio/fitness equipment that will be open for community use outwith school hours
- Two full-size, all-weather pitches – accessible out of school hours for local children to enjoy free of charge
- A big Assembly Hall and a fully equipped theatre – available for use by the community
- A recording studio
- State of the art technology and ICT facilities
- An allotment and greenhouse on site
- Bright and light classrooms surrounded by nature and trees with lovely, open views

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 25 April: Local Election Hustings at Portobello Town Hall 7-9pm – come along and ask candidates to commit to the school

Thursday 26 April: Emergency meeting of the Portobello Community Council at the Community

Centre ,Adelphi Grove, Portobello 7. 30pm to debate the false claims that PPAG continue to make on their fund raising website

May 24 & 25: Legal Appeal by PPAG to be heard at the Court of Session