

# Cairntows Park considered for Diamond Jubilee status

✘ MP for Edinburgh East Sheila Gilmore has backed a proposal from Craigmillar residents to protect Cairntows Park from future development.

Residents in Craigmillar asked Ms Gilmore to seek Queen Elizabeth Fields in Trust Diamond Jubilee protection for the park, after local groups fought off plans to build mixed-tenure housing on the site last summer. Ms Gilmore wrote to the City of Edinburgh Council Parks Department and has been informed that the matter will be fully considered.

Last year The City of Edinburgh Council Transport and Infrastructure Committee approved a number of sites across the city to gain protection during the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Commenting on the response received from the City of Edinburgh Council, Ms Gilmore said:

'Residents have led the battle to protect this park and earlier this year they asked me to seek better protection for the park.

'I am pleased that the Council is looking to include this green space in the list of sites submitted as part of the Fields in Trust Diamond Jubilee scheme.

'For residents in Cairntows and Craigmillar, it is vitally important that this park is protected from development and its recreational use is secured for future gene