

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



**Planning application in Balerno**

**Portobello Community Council meeting**

**More council meetings webcast**

**Edinburgh College of Art Live!**

**Scottish International Storytelling Festival**

Today's meeting of the Development Management Sub-Committee will include consideration of a forthcoming application for building houses on a 12.8 acre site at Balerno which lies within the green belt.

A previous pre-application report was delayed until public exhibitions were held in Balerno during September.

The site lies to the east of Balerno and appears to be agricultural land owned by Lord Dalmeny who is making the pre-application.

The site is also included in the green belt in the Second Proposed Local Development Plan which will be discussed next at the February 2015 meeting of the planning committee.

Local councillor Bill Henderson said that he will continue to fight any intrusion onto the greenbelt within his ward. He said: "I am totally against any green belt development in the area and in particular Lanark Road cannot take any more traffic. It is essential that we safeguard the villages separate identities.

"The Scottish Government Planning Reporter said only recently

that until Gillespie Crossroads is sorted out then no planning applications should be entertained by the council.”

This is one of two pre-applications being brought up today, the other relates to a greenfield site at Frogston Road which CALA wish to develop.

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More council meetings are being webcast so that you can either watch them live or watch them after they have happened. The next two meetings to be shown live will be the full council meeting tomorrow from 10am and the Transport and Environment Committee meeting next Tuesday 28 October.

You can find the webcasts [here](#).

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If you are thinking about applying for a place at Edinburgh College of Art then you might like to know that they are running an open day with a difference. This is not a full blown undergraduate open day but a day when you can visit the college to see what really goes on there.

Students will be working as normal and you will be able to see the campus filled with creative people working away and examples of their work in the studios. The event will be held on Friday 31 October 2014 at the Lauriston Place Campus, You must pre-book your place and to do that you should click [here](#). More information about what will happen on the day is on the University of Edinburgh website [here](#).

And they have created a film to show you what to expect during your visit:

[ECA : Live](#) from [HSS Webteam](#) on [Vimeo](#).

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The Scottish Storytelling Festival begins on Friday at the Storytelling Centre on the High Street as well as many other venues including the Botanics and Gorgie City Farm. Elsewhere the Festival takes place in a variety of towns across Scotland from Orkney to Campbeltown.

If you have not decided yet what to go and see then have a look at the programme here. The theme in this year of Homecoming is 'Once upon a place' and is designed to celebrate Edinburgh's worldwide reputation as a city 'bursting with culture' as well as being the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

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