

Save Meadowbank to hand in petition

The Save Meadowbank campaign have announced that more than 3,000 people have signed a petition.



This calls on The City of Edinburgh Council to reconsider its proposals to downsize Meadowbank Stadium and build hundreds of homes on half the site.

The petition states “We, the undersigned, object to both proposals, and call for an increase in the proposed level of sports provision to be available in the new Sports Centre, a reduction in the number, density, and height of any housing to be located on the current site, and greater preservation of open space and trees.”

The petition will be handed to Edinburgh Council on Friday when the planning sub-committee meets to consider the two separate applications.

“This shows the overwhelming sense people have that more consultation is required before anything more is done on the Meadowbank site,” said Save Meadowbank campaigner Russell McLarty.

“The Council planning portal shows a support rate for the plan of lower than 14%.

“Councillors must now look again at this controversial development and reflect on the sheer strength of opposition there is to it.”

Cllr Cammy Day, Deputy leader of the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “Recent meetings with campaigners have proved invaluable in helping us understand the views of local stakeholders on the wider site. We recognise more engagement and consultation is required on specific heights, design and massing, as well as the number of different uses proposed on the site.

“That is why we are only seeking planning in principle for the wider Meadowbank site, and all these details will be subject to extensive community consultation. We are seeking approval for the detailed designs of a brand new £41m sports centre to replace the old venue which is now closed. Both plans will be determined by Councillors on Friday when two separate hearings will be held. Should these plans be approved, officers have committed to further engagement with the community.”