

Save Leith Walk to hand in petition to City Chambers

On Wednesday the Save Leith Walk campaign will hand in a petition of more than 10,000 signatures to try and save the 80 year-old two storey sandstone building at Stead's Place.

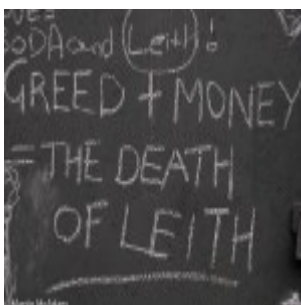
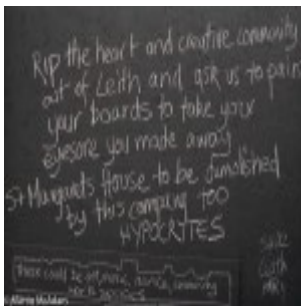
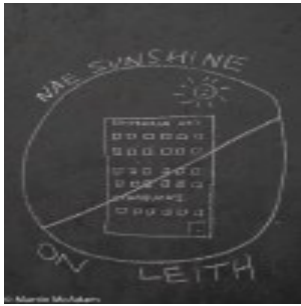


Save Leith Walk want to stop the demolition of the building at Stead's Place

They will also hope to have the opportunity to speak at the meeting, and they are noted on the agenda for the meeting.



The Save Leith Walk campaign was successful in stopping Drum getting permission to demolish the older buildings on Leith Walk



They say that the development plans ignore the historical significance of Leith Walk and the Leith Conservation Zone. They want the council to place a moratorium on the building to protect against future demolition, and they want the council

to impose building maintenance orders on empty properties.

We spoke to Ian Hood about the campaign to save the building.



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Ian Hood one of the campaigners

Sadly the building is fast emptying as tenants including The Bed Shop have found alternative premises. But the Save Leith Walk campaign continue to fight the plans for development lodged by Drum Property who own the block.

[The plans](#) were lodged by Drum Property at the beginning of August for a 2.9 acre development which includes affordable housing and post graduate student accommodation along with a hotel, restaurant, café and retail units. The developer claims that this is an ailing retail space and that it has been on the cards for development for about 10 years.



Many tenants have already moved out

They also claim that their revised proposals for the site take notice of the consultations conducted with tenants, local community groups and others in the area.

Graeme Bone, Group Managing Director of Drum, said: “We have listened to the often passionate views of the local traders and community and we understand the importance of maintaining a distinctive and independent feel for this important stretch of Leith Walk – whilst bringing a bold, modern development for a confident and diverse Leith.

“The existing buildings at Stead’s Place are no longer an economically viable investment and we propose to invest £50 million in a new mixed-use development when all of the existing tenants move out and the site is completely vacant in 2019.

“Our proposals will bring an added dimension to Leith Walk, opening up what is currently an inhospitable industrial site

by creating a vibrant, contemporary and accessible community for residents and visitors alike.”



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The Leith Walk ward covers most of Leith Walk and Easter Road, plus Piling and Bonnington, including the site of the proposed 6 storey block of student flats. It has 4 councillors.

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The Leith ward lies just to the north of Stead's Place and covers the Links and Shore areas. It is represented by 3 councillors, including council leader Adam McVey.

If you prefer, you can write to any of the City of Edinburgh councillors at the following address:

The City of Edinburgh Council
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A full list of Edinburgh councillors can be found here: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors/name>

You can keep in touch with the Save Leith Walk campaign by following us on both Facebook and Twitter. You can also visit <http://saveleithwalk.org> to check our calendar for future campaign events.

We can be contacted at saveleithwalk@gmail.com

Thank you for joining us in our effort to Save Leith Walk!

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why we want to #saveleithwalk

- 1 This style of block helps keep Leith Walk a mixed and vibrant area with a range of building types, housing and businesses.
- 2 The existing building provides options for small independent businesses, and could do so in the future.
- 3 The architecture of the threatened building is of historic consideration with an Art Deco style of sandstone fascia and black marble pediment.

Save Leith Walk is a grassroots public campaign to prevent the demolition of a building, protect the heritage of the Walk, and celebrate the very essence of what Leith is. Join Us.

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