

## **Grange/Prestonfield Community Council Planning & Development Report – March 2012**

### **Local Developments**

No applications of significance to report this month.

#### **Sites at 64 & 58 Mayfield Road**

As reported last month, these two sites on the west side of Mayfield Road opposite the shops have been referred to the planning enforcement team. The site at 64 Mayfield Road, south of the electricity sub-station, is leased from Scottish Water and the investigation is ongoing under reference 12/00094/ECOU. Meanwhile further activity took place on 16 March when a portacabin was relocated. There was an earlier enforcement report in 2009 (09/00352/ECOU) which recommended no further action be taken. The site at 58 Mayfield Road, on the north side of the electricity sub-station, is within the Grange Conservation Area and is owned by the City Council and leased from CEC Property Management. An enforcement investigation initiated in 2009 (reference 09/00054/EOPDEV), but not closed until 23 January 2012, concluded that the Council as planning authority cannot take legal action against itself. However the report also stated that a storage container on the site is not permitted development and CEC Property Management has been asked to request its removal. A banner on the site railings also does not have advertisement consent. Both the container and the banner are still in place.

#### **Royal Edinburgh & Astley Hospital Sites**

A further meeting of those interested in the planning, development and access aspects of these sites (as distinct from health functions) has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> March hosted by Sue Tritton. An update on the Re-provisioning of the REH site is to be given at a meeting of SCNP Health & Well Being Group on 20<sup>th</sup> March and any further information on this will be reported verbally to the GPCC meeting.

#### **EACC Planning Sub-Group and CEC Planning Seminar**

Some planning issues raised by the EACC Planning Sub-Group were also explored at the CEC Planning Seminar on 21<sup>st</sup> February, the principal theme of which was the recent changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights reported on last month. A Note of the last EACC Sub-Group discussion is attached (Re Minute 11 of GPCC 15 February).

#### **Transport Scotland Consultation on railway passenger services post 2014**

Re AOCB Minute of GPCC 15 February on the Scottish Government's Consultation on the development of passenger railway services in Scotland post 2014 when the current ScotRail franchise ends, a response was sent supporting the reopening of stations on the South Suburban Railway.