

Proposal to demolish two redundant buildings at Inverleith Depot, part of Common Good Land at Inverleith Park

What is proposed?

The City of Edinburgh Council is proposing the demolition of two redundant buildings at Inverleith Depot, which forms part of Inverleith Park, which is a Common Good asset. The buildings are unused, in poor condition, and no longer required for Council services. Their removal would help reduce ongoing maintenance costs and enable the longer-term redevelopment of the Depot as part of wider aspirations for Inverleith Park.

Site Plan of Proposed Demolition

The map below (Figure 1) shows the location of the two buildings within the Inverleith Depot proposed for demolition. These are highlighted in RED.



Background to the proposal

The Inverleith Depot has historically been used for Council operational purposes, but is gradually being vacated in line with the city-wide depot strategy. The teams currently stationed at Inverleith Depot, the Council's ground maintenance and forestry teams, are vacating the site later in 2026 and relocated to South Gyle.

As the Depot is part of Inverleith Park which is a common good asset, the Council is required to consult under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 before making any decision.

Removing the redundant buildings now is an essential first step in enabling the longer-term redevelopment of the Depot. It would allow space to be opened up for new uses and public access, reduce the maintenance burden, and improve safety on the site. The proposed demolition forms part of the wider Stage 2 Design Report for Inverleith Depot, which sets out longer-term aspirations for redevelopment, including:

- Improving public access to and through the Depot
- Creating safer connections between the park and surrounding neighbourhoods
- Enhancing the green space and landscape setting
- Exploring opportunities for community, cultural and operational uses in retained buildings.

A further common good consultation will be held on the wider redevelopment at Inverleith Park once our proposals have been finalised.

Why your views matter

The Council recognises the importance of Inverleith Park and Depot as valued public assets. Before progressing with the statutory consents required for demolition and associated survey, we want to hear from local residents, community groups, and park users, and other interested stakeholders.

Your views will help shape the decision-making process and ensure that the proposal takes account of the local perspectives as well as statutory obligations.

Consultation

As Inverleith Park is a Common Good asset, it is subject to the requirement in section 104 of the Act to undertake a public consultation when considering changing the use of Common Good assets. This includes where the demolition of buildings on common good land. Therefore, before taking any decision, and to inform the decision-making process, we are keen to hear the views of the community, in particular:

What are your views on the proposed demolition of the redundant buildings on Common Good land?

- Do you have any views on potential benefits of the proposal?
- Do you have any issues or concerns arising from the proposal?
- Do you have any additional comments?

The Council will take all representations into account in reaching a decision.

Depending on the representations received the possible outcomes are:

- The proposal goes ahead
- The proposal is amended significantly, and a fresh consultation takes place
- The proposal does not go ahead

What happens next

- All comments received will be reviewed and reported.
- If the proposal is supported, the Council will seek the necessary statutory consents to proceed with demolition.
- If significant issues are raised, the proposal may be amended or further consultation may be required.

Representations

You can feedback your views:

- online at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>
- by filling in a paper questionnaire that you can pick up at Stockbridge Library
- sending comments by email to commongood@edinburgh.gov.uk
- in writing to Brian Paton, The City of Edinburgh Council, 1:5 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

We must receive your comments by **18 March 2026**

Depot Redevelopment Context and Future Proposals

The wider Stage 2 Design Report for Inverleith Depot sets out a vision for future redevelopment. The image below (Figure 2) illustrates how the removal of the two buildings would help open up the space for improved connections, enhanced green space, and potential new community uses.

To view the Stage 2 Report, please access this link:

[\[https://www.thrivinggreenspaces.scot/downloads/file/39/inverleith-s2report-june-2025\]](https://www.thrivinggreenspaces.scot/downloads/file/39/inverleith-s2report-june-2025).

You are not consulted on the wider future plans for the Depot reported above at this stage and will be invited to comment once proposals have been finalised.

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6.2. Concept Plan



Fig. 63 | Concept plan



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6.3. Artist Impression - Birdseye View

