# [Area Conditions](https://edinburghtalksclimate.dialogue-app.com/s7ozlmfclx" \l "idea-count-container)

**Background**

The Public Space Management Plan (PSMP) will set out how we can manage public open spaces (parks, greenspace, roads, plazas, squares) under City of Edinburgh Council control, for events, filming and festivals. We're engaging with you to help develop and refine a draft plan.  
  
The new PSMP will combine public spaces and parks into one document and will set out a strategy for how each of the city’s public spaces can be used.

**Area conditions**

In time, each area used for events and filming, will have their own conditions that will add detail to the overarching principles. These will help to define for example, the types of activities suitable for the area, the timing of activities, noise levels, rest periods etc.

These already exist for many of our most frequently used areas.

**Please have a look at the different areas and the specific conditions mentioned, comment on them and suggest changes or additions.**

If you think a regularly used area is missing, please raise it as an idea with conditions for others to see and comment on.

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**How to take part**

* Start by taking a look at a ideas (conditions) we have initiated for each area or review other ideas with the highest rating or most comments
* Use the search and filter tools to find specific topics
* Register to leave a comment
* If you have a new idea that isn’t already on the site, click *Add Idea* to submit it

There's a lot here. It's complex and we're all likely to have to make some compromises. None of us will probably get everything we want but hopefully we'll understand why and agree the outcome is fair and right for Edinburgh as a whole.

All ideas and suggestions are good ideas. They may even spark something transformational. We welcome positive input with a focus on what will work and what’s good.

If you don’t like something (and we won’t all agree!), try to come up with something better, that you feel may be accepted, possibly as a compromise, by the wider group.

**What happens after I post?**

* Ideas and comments will be published as soon as possible
* Posts that duplicate existing ideas will be locked to keep the conversation in one place
* Posts that are off-topic or don’t meet our moderation policy will not be published

Please give your input by 23rd November 2020 to allow time for it to be included in the Draft PSMP.

IDEAS – Area conditions

**1. Calton Hill**

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| ACCESS FOR EVENT ORGANISERS | Width and gradient of the road may preclude some events. |
| NOISE/ RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTIONS | Non-residential. However, James Craig House let by Vivat Trust on behalf of CEC. Potential conflict of interests. |
| CURRENT ANNUAL EVENTS | Torchlight Procession, Beltane, Dusherra, Survival of the Fittest |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | Calton Hill’s Site of Scientific Interest status (SSSI) means geology must be taken into account when erecting tents etc (using water ballast etc rather than stakes). Site is exposed. A World Heritage site with “A Listed” monuments. |
| PREFERRED EVENTS |  |
| SITE CRITERIA |  |

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**2. Inverleith Park**

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| ACCESS FOR EVENT ORGANISERS | Good. However, weight bearing of internal roadways would need to be assessed. Width of the gates may be an issue. |
| NOISE/ RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTIONS | Housing on the north side. East side is the Botanic Gardens, to the North are playing fields, south side is the Grange Cricket Club. |
| CURRENT ANNUAL EVENTS | Moonwalk, Foodies Festival, End of Festival Fireworks, Challenge Scotland Christmas Event |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | Traditionally a sports venue used all year round for rugby, football and cricket. |
| PREFERRED EVENTS |  |
| SITE CRITERIA |  |

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**3. Lauriston Castle**

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| ACCESS FOR EVENT ORGANISERS | Good. However, width of gate is limited. |
| NOISE/ RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTIONS | Fairly good, trees and road would give some noise insulation. |
| CURRENT ANNUAL EVENTS | Davidson’s Mains Gala Day |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | Scenic setting currently used for local gala days, re- enactments and Highland Games. Avoid major events in or near Japanese Garden and croquet laws. Any event must be coordinated with Culture and Sport activities. |
| PREFERRED EVENTS |  |
| SITE CRITERIA |  |

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**4. The Meadows & Bruntsfield Links**

#1. **Access for event organisers: Access from George Square, weight restrictions placed on Middle Meadow Walk.**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Residential area.

#3. **Current annual events:** The Meadows Festival, Meadows Festival Funfair, Ladyboys of Bangkok, Fringe Festival

#4. **Additional comments: Historic golf course and summer cricket pitches.**

**In addition a large number of informal sporting activities take place within the park.**

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**5. Conditions for Leith Links**

#1. **Access for event organisers:** Good. However, residential area.

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Two schools and residential housing to the north and south.

#3. **Current annual events:** Leith Gala Day, Leith Festival Funfair, The Mela

#4. **Additional comments:**Football use on most of the west side of the park, cricket use east side of the park.

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**6. Conditions for Pilrig Park**

#1. **Access for event organisers:** Good. However, residential area.

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** School and residential housing to the south. Some residential housing to the north.

#3. **Current annual events:** None

#4. **Additional comments:**Football use in the main part of the park and the area situated between Pilrig Street and Pilrig Park School.

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**7. Conditions for East Princes Street Gardens**

#1. **Access for event organisers:** Limited. Width restrictions and limited turning points on paths

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Non-residential, although consideration for commercial interests in Princes Street.

#3. **Current annual events:** The Winter Festival

#4. **Additional comments:**The Winter Festival held in East Princes Street Gardens requires major reinstatement work from January until April. World Heritage site with “A Listed” monuments.

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**8. Conditions for West Princes Street Gardens (exclusive of The Ross Bandstand)**

#1. **Access for event organisers:** Weight and width restrictions placed on the bridge and pathways limit access to PSG.

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Non-residential, although consideration for commercial interests in Princes Street and St Cuthbert’s.

#3. **Current annual events:** Heart & Soul, Festival Fireworks, Survival of the Fittest, Hogmanay (part of the Winter Festival)

#4. **Additional comments:**11 Tonne weight restriction on bridge. May be problems with regard to turning points on pathways. World Heritage site with “A Listed” monuments.

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**9. Conditions for Roseburn Park**

#1. **Access for event organisers:** Good access but weight limit on bridge.

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Close to residential area.

#3. **Current annual events:** None

#4. **Additional comments:**A sports venue, cricket, rugby and football used all year round. The most suitable area for events is on the west side of the park adjacent to the ice rink car park.

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**10. Conditions for High Street Pedestrianised area**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Residential area

Mixed business: Shopfronts, tourism, cultural, hospitality, offices, Civic and religious.

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Two Council supported ‘seasonal’ festival events per year; summer and winter.

Short duration Council supported events touring / race events civic processions, announcements, ceremonial events.

Other short-term events that promote city’s cultural life and built heritage.

Art installations or public art.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 21:00 and 08:00

A period of time between Council supported events will be provided.

Event structures must not interfere with historic place markers or memorials.

Proposals must evidence engagement with surrounding residents and businesses.

Comply with Licensing Policy for High Street

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**11. Conditions for Castle Street Paved precinct**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Few residences

Mixed business: High end retail and offices.

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Programme of short duration events, throughout the year.

High quality markets must be low impact, or day duration, or occasional short stay markets.

Art installations or public art.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 21:00 and 07:00

A Licensing Policy is in place for Castle Street and must be adhered to.

Currently, proposals must adhere to the Licensing Policy in place that limits the number, size and type of market stalls and other licensed events.

Wind management plan required for structures on Castle St.

Emergency vehicle route must be left available.

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**12. Conditions for George Street**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Few residences

Mixed business: High end, independent retail, hospitality and offices

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Short duration one-off sporting or cultural celebration events may be considered

Two main Council supported seasonal / festival events in a year, in summer and winter can be considered where there are strong links to cultural festivals in the city

Up to four additional short term (seven day each maximum) events per year.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 23:00 and 07:00

Cycle route NCR1 must be maintained during events with input from Council cycling team, and a 4m road width must be maintained for loading.

Only time-limited alcohol licence applications will be considered on areas of carriageway.

A cultural offering or experience must be the predominant activity.

If multiple blocks are used an overall site manager must be named.

A contribution towards lost parking revenue is required, with level set by the Council.

Proposals must evidence engagement with surrounding businesses, and enhance the visual amenity of the street.

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**13. Conditions for Grassmarket Public Events Space**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Residential area

Mixed business: Independent retail, hospitality, offices.

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Three low impact, occasional Council supported activities such as Science Festival activities.

Low impact art installations or public art.

Maximum of two very short duration Council supported events that may involve noise or impact on amenity can be considered per year, such as touring or race events.

Low profile processions.

Low impact seasonal / festive activities may be consented in summer or winter.

Low impact, high quality licensed markets.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 21:00 and 07:00

Sound testing, management and monitoring is required to minimise disturbance to upper floors. Sound should be directed to street level only.

Use on-site power or a super silent generator.

Notify residents three weeks before an event of any disruption to access or living amenity and provide the out of hours contact details for a site / event manager.

Event structures must not interfere with historic place markers or memorials.

2m wide pedestrian access to be maintained during events.

Proposals must evidence engagement with surrounding residents and businesses.

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**14. Conditions for Mound Precinct**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** No residences

Cultural precinct

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Two large scape feature festival events per year; summer and winter.

High profile ‘exhibition’ events outside of key festival times.

Art installations or public art.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 24:00 and 07:00

Council will agree in partnership with the National Galleries of Scotland.

Observe weight limitations on roof of Galleries.

Provide additional crowd management measures if required by Council.

Comply with Mound Agreement.

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**15. Conditions for St Andrew Square Garden**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Few residences

Mixed business: Executive offices, hospitality, accommodation.

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** One winter event (alcohol restricted) may be consented per year.

A programme of low impact and/or short duration, occasional events may be consented in spring, summer and autumn. Examples may include lighting installations, performances, film, art installations, small scale exhibitions, or photography.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 22:00 and 07:00

Apply to Essential Edinburgh to seek permission to lease space in the Garden.

Comply with Terms of Lease Agreement, and limited use of garden as far as possible to hard standing areas within the Garden, avoiding areas under tree branches.

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**16. Conditions for Festival Square**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:** Few residences

Cultural precinct

Mixed Business: Executive offices and hotels

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:** Higher profile single events or mixed uses, that compliment or form part of other festivals, in particular during the winter festival period.

Diverse elements can be accommodated, including film, lighting, temporary cultural venues and feature structures.

Events that bring temporary greening or dressing to the Square.

Time limited markets.

Promotional events.

Art installations or public art.

#6. **Site criteria:** No event related noise between 22:00 and 07:00

Event organisers

Rental charges and administrative fees will apply.

Risk assessment, and equalities questionnaire to be completed.

Apply for Licence to Occupy, and sign missive agreement with Council

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**17. Conditions for Saughton Park**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:**

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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**18. Conditions for Sighthill Park**

#1. **Access for event organisers:**

#2. **Noise/ residential restrictions:**

#3. **Current annual events:**

#4. **Additional comments:**

#5. **Preferred events:**

#6. **Site criteria:**

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