# **The Public Space Management Plan (PSMP)**

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Overview

We would like your involvement, input and advice in developing and refining the new Public Space Management Plan (PSMP). We need everyone, decision-makers, the community, organisers, to talk to, listen to and understand each other's position.

The PSMP will set out how Edinburgh manages its public outside space for events, filming and festivals, and it will be based around key principles/guidelines that will apply across the whole of Edinburgh.

These key principles will not apply to the following types of event, where different considerations and protocols apply:

* Demonstrations such as marches, protests and political rallies
* State ceremonies such as coronations, state funerals
* National celebrations such as celebrations of sporting and other achievements of national significance.

**Background**

A structured and extensive consultation exercise into events and the use of public open space was carried out in 2016 and learning from this exercise was reflected in the Public Spaces Protocol, introduced in 2018.

The Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto was first published in 2010 and has been developed as a strategic and proactive approach to the planning and managing of events within Edinburgh’s parks and green spaces.

Edinburgh’s commitment to Filming in Edinburgh is sealed in the Film Charter and operational information and advice is detailed in the Code of practice for Filming in Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto and Public Space Protocol both have the same goals:

to protect, maintain and enhance the built and natural environment, while also balancing the desire for events and activities with the need for the city to function for the wide range of people who live, work and visit the city.

Late in 2019, Council officers discussed the current management plans, policies and procedures and considered how these could be improved to provide a more comprehensive, joined up approach, particularly given the significant elected Member and public comment on these matters.

**What is the Public Space Management Plan (PMSP)**

The PMSP 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. It will set out how Edinburgh will manage public open spaces (parks, greenspace, roads, plazas, squares under Council control) for events, filming and festivals.

**Why take part?**

Your views will help to develop and refine the key principles and guidelines for how festivals, events and filming will be managed in public spaces across Edinburgh. You can also help develop and refine area specific conditions, that add a layer of detail to the overarching PSMP and you can suggest how the community can help monitor, refine and revise area conditions to ensure they can adapt to a changing World and to meet Edinburgh’s evolving needs.

The 'Related' documents (below the links to our conversations) give a bit more detail, showing our thinking and what we might have in place when this is completed. You don’t have to read them to engage with these conversations, but they are here if you would like to see a bit more detail.

Give Us Your Views

We're hosting conversations over on our Dialogue site — where you can comment on ideas and leave ideas for all to see. Links to those conversations are below.

We have several conversation streams taking place:

**PSMP Key Principles and Guidelines**

The Public Space Management Plan (PSMP) will set out how Edinburgh will manage public spaces (parks, greenspace, roads, plazas, squares under CEC control) for events, filming and festivals. We're engaging with you to help develop and refine a draft Public Space Management Plan.

Please have a look at these, comment on them, suggest changes and if you think a principle/guideline is missing, raise it as an idea for others to see and comment on.

[Join the conversation on key principles and guidelines](https://edinburghtalksclimate.dialogue-app.com/ksm6bjz1lw)

**Area Conditions**

We have a conversation focused on area conditions. These are conditions specific to an area that add a layer of detail to the principles/guidelines. An organiser will need to meet the PSMP principles/guidelines and also the ‘conditions’ for the area they choose for their event, filming or festival.

Please have a look at the different areas of the City and their conditions listed; you can comment on them and suggest changes or additions. If you think a regularly used area is missing, raise it as an idea with conditions for others to see and comment on.

[Join the conversation on area conditions](https://edinburghtalksclimate.dialogue-app.com/s7ozlmfclx)

**Application process for Organisers**

We have a conversation focused on the application process for organisers of filming, events and festivals on public open spaces. The application process for organisers needs to be clear, efficient, open and transparent. Likewise, the application process for services and stakeholders also needs to be clear, efficient, open and transparent.

Please have a look at the application overview process for organisers, comment on and suggest changes or additions. If you think something is missing, raise it as an idea for others to see and comment on.

[Join the conversation on application process](https://edinburghtalksclimate.dialogue-app.com/8n1rlkmoof)

**Community Engagement**

We have a conversation focused on community engagement. It looks at how the community can be kept informed of proposals, approvals and planned filming, events and festival activity. It considers how feedback from the community will be welcomed and used, and it suggests how the community can help monitor, refine and revise area conditions to ensure they can adapt to a changing World and to meet Edinburgh’s evolving needs.

Please have a look at community engagement, comment on it and suggest changes or additions. If you think something fundamental is missing, raise it as an idea for others to see and comment on.

[Join the conversation on community engagement](https://edinburghtalksclimate.dialogue-app.com/s2jmuzve18)

Related

* [Background note - PSMP development](https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/b24acf90/supporting_documents/1.%20Background%20Note%20%20PSMP%20Development.pdf)196.2 KB (PDF document)
* [Event and filming guidelines (EXAMPLE)](https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/b24acf90/supporting_documents/2.%20Example%20Event%20and%20Filming%20Guidelines.pdf)1.4 MB (PDF document)
* [Event filming application form (EXAMPLE)](https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/b24acf90/supporting_documents/3.%20Example%20Event%20Filming%20Application%20Form.pdf)426.0 KB (PDF document)
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