

Local Residents  
Portobello Park and Golf Course

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Dear Local Resident

### **Portobello Park: Cable Removal and Archaeological Works**

I am writing to notify you of works that will be carried out in Portobello Park in the coming weeks in preparation for the construction of the new Portobello High School.

A disused power cable currently runs under the park site which must be removed by Scottish Power Energy Networks. There is no need to remove the section of the cable running under the golf course and this will be left in place. Scottish Power has advised us that the work is scheduled to commence during week beginning 25 July 2011.

The work should take four or five days to complete and the surface will be reinstated to level. The park will remain open to the public during these works except for a strip running diagonally from the Milton Road/Hope Lane corner towards the trees between the park and the golf course as this is where the contractor will be working.

One of the Planning Conditions, relating to the construction of the new school, requires an Archaeological Investigation to be carried out over 10% of the park area. This has been organised to take place before the construction of the school commences.

The archaeology investigation works, involving excavations across the park, will take place during the week of 15 August. The park will not be closed during this time and all work will be managed by archaeologists over the course of each day. Any areas of work will be sectioned off and any open excavations will be fenced off overnight.

The excavation tracks running across the park will be filled in as work progresses, to give a level surface. It is not cost effective to fully re-instate the playing surface across the playing pitches as construction of the new school is due to start in November 2011. Therefore, arrangements have been made for the clubs to play matches elsewhere until construction work is complete.

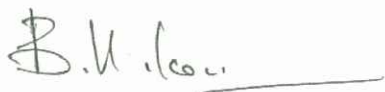
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A further update will be issued later in the year to let you know about progress and when the contractor will start on site. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding the preparatory works please contact:

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The Portobello Project, Children and Families, The City of Edinburgh Council,  
Waverley Court (1/2), 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG or  
Tina Sutherland, Communications Officer, Children and Families 0131 529 4214

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Ness', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Bill Ness**  
**Head of Service**