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Submitted to **Edinburgh Partnership Review and Consultation of Governance and Community Planning Arrangements**

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Introduction

What is your name? (Optional)

Name:

no name

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3 Which of these best describes you?

Community Group

What is the name of your organisation or group?:

Grange Prestonfield Community Council

Section 1 - Community Participation

1.1 Should community bodies continue to have a representative role in the new governance arrangements?

yes

If no, please explain why?

Please provide further comments:

1.2 If you agree to community bodies being represented, which groups should be involved at each level, please identify and explain why?

At Locality Level

Please provide any comments about locality level:

Community Councils, to fulfil their statutory role in planning and licensing, and to ensure that local interests are properly represented.

At Strategic/Citywide Level

Please provide comments about the strategic or citywide level:

EACC, to represent the Community Councils.

At Edinburgh Partnership level

Please provide comments on the Edinburgh Partnership level:

EACC, to represent the Community Councils.

1.3 Looking wider than a representative role, how do we ensure communities are involved and influence community planning in the city?

Please provide your comments:

Through communication and consultation with appropriate local organisations.

1.4 Do we need a community participation strategy to support the meaningful engagement in community planning?

yes

If yes, what might this include?

Please provide your comments:

Communication with the Community Councils.

Section 2 - Locality Level

2.1 Do you agree that there should be four Local Community Planning Partnerships?

Yes (continue to Question 2.2)

If no, what should be established instead?

Please leave comments :

2.2 If you agree to the establishment of Locality Community Planning Partnerships, which bodies/groups should be represented?

Please provide your comments:

Community Councils must be fully represented, , as they have a statutory role.

2.3 Thinking wider than the Locality Improvement Plans, are there other areas of responsibility the locality partnership should oversee?

Please provide your comments:

The same areas covered by the Locality Committees.

2.4 The proposal is to no longer retain Neighbourhood Partnerships as part of the community planning governance structures, how do we ensure that all views and needs are meaningfully represented on a community planning partnership at a locality level?

Please add your comments:

Retain the same grouping of community councils as in the Neighbourhood Partnerships, to act as forum for discussion and consultation.

2.5 The existing partnerships have a traditional meeting-based format, are there innovative and more accessible ways the Locality Community Planning Partnership might work?

Please add comments:

We recognise the value of meetings between people, but also the benefits of using new technology in addition, not as a substitute.

2.6 This proposal allows for the Locality Community Planning Partnership to develop its own operational and engagement arrangements at a sub locality level. Do you agree that the Locality Community Planning Partnership should do this?

Yes

If 'No' please explain why?

Please provide your comments:

2.7 How could this new arrangement better link with the Edinburgh Partnership and its strategic partnership groups e.g. representation across the various partnerships?

Please add your comments:

We are unable to comment until we know the new arrangements but recommend continued close involvement of the EACC.

Section 3 - Strategic Level

3.1 Do you agree that strategic partnerships are created in line with the themes in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan?

Yes

If no, what should be established instead and why?

Please add your comments:

3.2 What, if any, of the existing strategic partnerships are needed and why?

Please provide your comments:

We do not have sufficient information or knowledge to answer this.

3.3 How would we best take account of the legal duties in relation to other plans within the proposed structure?

Please provide your comments:

Ensure that the Community Councils are consulted according to their statutory role.

Section 4 - Edinburgh Partnership

4.1 What do we need to do to ensure the Edinburgh Partnership can effectively meet its legal duties?

Please add your comments:

We cannot comment as there is insufficient information on the legal duties..

4.2 What would make the Edinburgh Partnership more accessible and transparent?

Please add your comments:

Decisions to be made by elected representatives and clearly communicated.

Section 5 - Resourcing

5.1 How should partners jointly resource the administration, support and participation of community bodies in the new community planning arrangements?

Please add your comments:

We cannot comment until the new arrangements are known.

Section 6 - Any other feedback

Please use this page to provide any other feedback

Please provide your feedback:

We are concerned lest the centralisation process of the proposed changes diminishes local democracy at City and community council level, and urge that the final arrangements ensure this does not happen.