

# Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council

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Dear Robert McIntosh

**Planning Application No: 19/04744/FUL To restore the 1912 South Boundary wall of the former Grange & Academicals Trust playing field in its original form and position fronting Comely Bank Road.**

Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council has been asked both to support and to object to the above application to rebuild the wall at the stadium development at Comely Bank Rd. This development was, and is, very controversial with the local residents.

The Community Council studied the original application for the stadium in great detail at the time, and we objected strongly to its size and the negative effect it would have on local residents and local shops. However permission was given despite the fact that it was contrary to many planning policies of the Local Plan and the objections of many local residents.

As a Community Council we have to try and assess local opinion and we did this for the original application by holding public meetings but this is not possible at this time. We have considered carefully the application and the arguments sent to us and we would like to make the following comments.

The original wall was demolished by accident and rebuilding the wall might help to improve the amenity of the local residents living opposite and also provide a safe public space between the rebuilt wall and the shops. LDP policy Env 6 would support such a proposal.

However the trees are also important and expert advice would be needed. We note that the application states that the trees would be protected with advice sought from an arboriculturalist and structural engineer. It is important that were permission to be granted planning conditions would be made to ensure the proper protection of the trees.

This is an unusual application and Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council asks the planning department to determine what might be best for the community.

Yours sincerely  
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