

Save Comiston Farmhouse!

DEMOLITION!

Comiston Farm House (83 Pentland View) has been sold by City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) "subject to planning permission". 18 bids (all for residential use) included some that retain the House... but the current preferred bidder plans to DEMOLISH it.

ISN'T IT LISTED?

No, though bidders were asked to treat the house as if it were. Several applications from local residents have been lodged urgently to try to have the Farmhouse listed.

WHAT ARE THE DEVELOPER'S PLANS?

On April 5 the architects presented their plans to Fairmilehead Community Council and around 50 Comiston residents. They propose to DEMOLISH the House and build 4 blocks of 4/5 storey flats, 35 flats with 39 parking spaces. They would widen the gateway or drive a new access road through the boundary wall beside 78 Swan Spring Avenue.

Residents were aghast at the sheer scale of the plan, and showed their anger and concerns with some vigorous questions to the architects.



AND THE TREES AND WALLS?

The 2 Cedars would be felled, and at least 3 of the mature Limes. The stone walls inside the plot would go, as would the House, but (apparently) most of the perimeter stone wall would stay.

PLANNING PERMISSION IS IMMINENT

The developer intends to apply for planning permission before the end of April. If granted, the House will be lost.

CAN THE FARMHOUSE BE SAVED? ... YES!

- IF "Listing" succeeds, or, if that fails,
- IF Planning Permission is denied for this plan - or any future plan involving demolition.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The planning application will appear on the Planning Portal of CEC website (www.citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk, or through www.edinburgh.gov.uk) and be available for viewing at the Planning Department in East Market Street. Every effort will be made by local councillors and concerned residents to inform everyone as soon as that happens. Comments and complaints about the proposal must be lodged with Planning Department within 3 weeks of the Application appearing on the Planning Portal.

Planning Permission can be denied if enough objections are lodged in time.

THREE WEEKS ONLY... WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- (1) SPREAD THE WORD
- (2) WATCH the WEBSITE - www.comistonfarmhouse.com - for latest news, information
- (3) ACT - be ready to register your Objections and COMMENTS about the Planning Application, on the CEC Planning Portal or by letter. Anyone can comment - the more who do, the greater the chances of blocking an unacceptable proposal.

WEBSITE: www.comistonfarmhouse.com

We will put the latest information on the website, together with links to CEC Planning Portal, and guidance on how to comment on planning applications. The website is also gathering historical information about the house, and welcomes offers of help and your ideas on how to save this lovely house. You can also email liz@comistonfarmhouse.com

CONTACT

Not on internet? Contact Liz on (0131) 445 1448, or call at 67 Swan Spring Avenue - opposite the House.

Together let's
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