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Dear Canonmills Owners and Residents Association

Plot of Land at Eyre Place

I refer to your letter of 21 March in connection with the above.

The Council, as landowner, is entitled to sell its land and has entered into Missives to do so. While it has subsequently been indicated that neighbours believe they have some right in relation to the land, this has not been substantiated.

In cases where individuals do hold valid legal enforceable rights over the land, these may run with the land. However, no such legal rights have been identified in this case.

Planning permission is a separate matter to ownership. Planning Permission has been granted by the Council as part of its statutory functions. Therefore, the Council will complete the sale of the land in accordance with the terms of the Missive entered into.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Mr Kerr,

Please find attached a letter from the Canonmills Owners and Residents Association (CORA). We understand that the City of Edinburgh Council proposes to sell garden ground (used by residents of 1-6 Canonmills for more than 35 years) to Eyre Place Properties Ltd, and that EPPL intends to start development on 29 March 2024.

Given that the handling of the land sale and the planning permission are both pending imminent investigation by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, CORA urgently requests the Council to immediately halt the sale and development of this long-established garden until the matter is resolved and asks that the Council works with us to find an alternative solution.

Yours faithfully,

Canonmills Owners and Residents Association
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