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Edinburgh Airport Draft Masterplan Consultation



Edinburgh Airport have launched a consultation of their draft masterplan.

Over the last 10 years, the number of passengers travelling through Edinburgh Airport has increased by 20%. It is anticipated that between 2015 and 2020 passenger numbers will increase by a further 18%, rising from 11.1 million in 2015 to 13.1 million in 2020.

The Masterplan will set out a vision for the future of the airport, and highlight the growth and development over the next few decades. Following the

consultation a finalised Masterplan will be published in 2017.

Gordon Macdonald MSP commented, "Edinburgh Airport is a massive benefit to Edinburgh in terms of jobs, the economy, and as a transportation link. However, we must ensure that its growth and expansion are responsible, and that residents' concerns are reflected in their plans. I would recommend that my constituents make their opinions known in the consultation."

A link to the draft masterplan is available the Airport's website: -

www.edinburghairport.com/about-us/airport-expansion

Comments can be made for a six-week period between 11th November 2016 and 23rd December 2016. Responses can be submitted by email to: -

consultation@holderplanning.co.uk

or by post to Holder Planning, 5 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4AN.

Motorcycle Theft

Police in Edinburgh have launched a new operation dedicated to tackling motorbike theft and associated antisocial behaviour in the capital. Operation Soteria began with two days of enforcement activity in the city utilising a range of resources from across Police Scotland.

The perpetrators are mostly teenage youths who steal high performance motorcycles for the thrill, riding them in public places and often along pavements.

Gordon Macdonald MSP commented, "These incidents have become a significant problem around Edinburgh and many residents are increasingly exasperated by them. I am pleased that the police are taking this action to ensure that the problem is tackled."

"Along with several other MSP colleagues from Edinburgh, I have signed a joint letter to the Lord Advocate and Justice Secretary requesting an investigation into the range of penalties that can be imposed on those who are stealing bikes and threatening residents."

Out and About...

Redford Barracks to Close by 2022



Defence Secretary Michael Fallon announced Redford Barracks is to close by 2022 in addition to Craigiehall being sold off in 2018.

Gordon Macdonald commented, "This will have a significant impact on the local economy. I am also concerned given that the base is used for accommodation and

practice for the Tattoo, that the event could experience problems in future. I have written to the MoD asking them to review this decision."

Gordon Visits Research Lab



Gordon Macdonald MSP donned a lab coat and met Cancer Research UK scientists to learn about their world-class research in Scotland.

Gordon visited the Cancer Research UK Edinburgh Centre where he witnessed first-hand the ground-breaking research being carried out.

Gordon Macdonald MSP said, "Like everywhere in Scotland, cancer has a huge effect on families in Edinburgh Pentlands, so it has been fantastic to visit the Cancer Research UK Edinburgh Centre and hear more about how it is developing future treatments."

Grocers in Parliament



Gordon Macdonald hosted a stall at the Scottish Parliament for the Scottish Grocers Federation. Many MSPs stopped to speak to the Federation and have their picture taken.

Gordon Macdonald commented, "Convenience stores in Scotland account for over 7% of all retail

spending and employ 41,000 people. They are a vital part of our economy and I am proud to chair their cross-party group in Parliament."

Remembrance Day at St Nicholas Church



This year, Gordon attended the Remembrance service at St Nicholas Parish Church in Sighthill with members of the armed forces.

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Monthly Surgeries — No appointment needed

1st Monday of the month, 6.30pm Wester Hailes Library
2nd Monday of the month, 6.30pm Carrickvale Community Centre
3rd Monday of the month, 6.30pm Currie Library
4th Monday of the month, 6.30pm Oxfgangs Library
5th Monday of the month, 6.30pm Ratho Community Centre

NB: NO SURGERIES DURING PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS

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