

# **Craigtinny & Duddingston Local Community Plan 2008 -2011**

## **Sustainable Environment Action Plan**

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PARTNERSHIP



## National Outcome

**12. We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.**

## Relevant National Indicators

**Indicator 28:** Increase the percentage of adults who rate their neighbourhood as a good place to live

## Context

The quality of our environment is vital to our quality of life and general well-being. When working to improve today's quality of life, it's important not to create problems for the future.

Sustainable environments provide a place where people want to live and work now and in the future. They should have clean streets, good parks and open spaces and well-maintained roads and pavements.

Services for Communities brings together a range of locally delivered Council services which are more joined-up and flexible to local needs. The local Environment team is responsible for keeping our streets, parks and open spaces clean, maintaining local roads and pavements, and maintaining and developing the quality of our parks and green spaces.

**Cleanliness:** Since September 2007, independent cleanliness surveys carried out by Keep Scotland Clean has scored the Craigentenny / Duddingston Partnership area as above the average standard of cleanliness. The Services for Communities (SfC) Quantitative Research in December 2007, found that almost two thirds of the people who were asked about how satisfied they were with how litter and rubbish was dealt with, were satisfied. This is better than many other parts of the city. But we are not complacent, because one fifth of local people who were asked also told us that 'Improving Street Cleaning / Cleaning of public places' was their top priority. Illegal dumping and litter remains a key issue within the neighbourhood and a partnership approach to maintenance, enforcement and education should continue to improve the results and customer satisfaction in the area.

**Park & Greenspace:** A large part of the Craigentenny / Duddingston multi-member Ward is made up of Holyrood Park (managed by the Royal Parks Agency). However, the neighbourhood has a range of community parks and green spaces, including Lochend Park, Baronscourt Park, Meadowfield Park and Figgate Park which provides community spaces for recreational activities including walking and cycling, as well as a range of spaces important to nature conservation. The area has 9 play parks and other play facilities, including the Lochend Toddlers Play Park which was allocated funding by the Neighbourhood Partnership from the community regeneration funding during 2007/08. The Community Parks Officer will work in partnership to achieve continued improvement in the safety, maintenance and development of local parks and green spaces in partnership with local communities and Friends groups.

**Roads:** The East Neighbourhood area comprises some 155km (94 miles) of road and 345km (210 miles) of footways and includes key arterial routes into the city. The local Roads team work with a range of partners in managing the road and footway network including the Police and utility companies. Regular inspection work informs how the available investment is prioritised. The team will soon begin to work with the Partnership to target capital investment in areas of local priority & improve its communication and co-ordination of works.

**Recycling:** The Council and the Scottish Government have targets to improve the level of recycling and will continue to develop and encourage a range of local initiatives such as Green Flag status for local schools and the identification of new locations for additional recycling banks.

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Neighbourhood Outcome	Neighbourhood Indicator	Frequency/ Type/ Source	Baseline 2006/07	Target (where appropriate)				Comment (if necessary)
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Longer Term	
Make our public spaces cleaner and more attractive with improved roads and pavements.	A cleaner neighbourhood - Cleanliness Index Monitoring System Score (CIMS)	Quarterly	67	72	72	72		
	Enhanced local satisfaction with the neighbourhood - measured via the SfC Annual Survey	SfC Annual Survey	65.6%	70%	72%	75%		

ACTION	MAIN OUTPUTS	LEAD OFFICER & ORGANISATION	START & FINISH	MEASURE OF PROGRESS & SUCCESS	RESOURCES	RISK ASSUMPTIONS
1. Establish a Craigentiny & Duddingston Local Environmental Forum	Local Environment Forum Established	James Hunter (Environment Manager, SfC)	1/11/08 – 31/01/09	Forum established  Increased local influence	James Hunter, Andy Hunter / John Ritchie (Task Force Managers, Mary Dunbar and other staff East Neighbourhood Community Councils)	Low risk factor of work not being completed. High Impact
2. Review and update 'hotspot' litter areas and target these within cleaning routes	Review litter 'hotspot' list for priority cleaning  Implement new cleansing routes/areas	James Hunter (Local Environment Manager)	1/12/08 – 01/02/09	Deliver new litter hotspots list  Identified areas kept cleaner  Sustain improving CIMS scores  Enhance satisfaction with cleanliness of neighbourhood	Forum, Charlie Holt (Community Safety Manager), Task Force Managers	Low risk factor work not being completed
3. Support Task/Force via targeted Environmental Wardens enforcement	Target cleaning and enforcement in revised hotspot litter areas	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	1/11/08 - ongoing	Improving CIMS scores Use enforcement Enhanced satisfaction with cleanliness	Andy Hunter / John Ritchie (Task Force Managers), Charlie Holt (Community Safety Manager)	Low risk factor of work not being completed
4 Publicise results of enforcement action	Less litter in hotspot areas	Charlie Holt (Community Safety Manager)	1/12/08 - ongoing	Reduction in recorded warnings and enforcement action (fines)	Environmental Wardens, Andy Hunter & John Ritchie (Task Force Managers)	Medium risk – staffing levels and budget

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5. Develop local marketing campaign linked with 'Keep Edinburgh Clean'	<p>Campaigns / educational initiatives undertaken</p> <p>Reduced littering and dumping and increase rates of recycling</p>	James Hunter (Local Environment Manager)	1/12/08 – 30/6/09	<p>Reduced enforcement action</p> <p>Perceived reduction in litter by stakeholders / Environment Forum</p> <p>Sustained CIMS Scores above 72</p> <p>Identify new locations for recycling banks</p>	Local Forum, Charlie Holt (Community Safety Manager), Task Force Managers; Lindsay Grant (Education Team), Community Councils, Recycling Team	<p>Medium Risk of work not being completed – high risk if not completed</p> <p>To be determined by SfC Survey</p>
6. Promote recycling	Promote recycling options and facilities	Angus Murdoch (recycling Team)	01/01/2009 - ongoing	Increased awareness of recycling options – via information of NP website and in local libraries	Forum, NP and other websites, recycling team, Lindsay Grant (Education Team)	Low Risk of ability to increase promotion Medium impact
7. Identify and select a suitable park for 'Green Flag' submission in conjunction with Forum	Assess neighbourhood parks against Green Flag quality criteria	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	1/12/08 – 01/02/09	Completed assessment of Parks condition against Green Flag quality criteria Pick park	Forum, Green space Services, Scott Thomson (Community Parks Officer) Green Flag Assessment centre	Low risk factor of work not being completed Low impact

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8. Develop one 'Green Flag Park' submission	<p>Develop the management/action plan as required in criteria for Green Flag Award submission</p> <p>Implement the Plan(s)</p> <p>Carry out self – assessment to ensure meet criteria/ standards – address shortfalls</p> <p>Submit Green Flag Award application</p> <p>Plan review of Green Flag Award and Plan Stage 2 award</p>	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	<p>01/02/09 – 02/02/10</p> <p>Feb 2010 – August 2010</p> <p>Sept 2010 – December 2010</p> <p>Jan 2011</p> <p>Jan 2012 - ongoing</p>	<p>Completed management plan</p> <p>Improved quality standards</p> <p>Identify/amend shortfalls</p> <p>Achieve a Green Flag Award for one park</p> <p>Submit review application</p>	Forum, Scott Thomson (Community Parks Officer), Lindsay Grant (Education Team), Community Services, Community Safety, Police	<p>Medium risk factor of work not being completed. Medium impact of delay in confirmation of Green Flag pilot scheme being adopted in Scotland</p> <p>High Risk of non-delivery - due to budgets, staffing levels other service demands etc – High impact</p>
9. Improve parks and green spaces	Develop a plan to help improve neighbourhood parks and green spaces	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	1/12/08 – 1/12/09	A local Improvement Plan A prioritised local work Plan Improve standards	Forum, Scott Thomson (Parks Officer), Friends of Parks Groups Community Services, Schools	Low risk factor of Plan not being completed High impact if can't deliver outcomes
10. Review service standards for open space grounds maintenance	Clarify/update service standards - open spaces etc e.g. grasscutting, weedkilling, plant maintenance	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	1/12/08-1/11/09	Improved service standards for all aspects of open space grounds maintenance	Forum, Scott Thomson (Parks Officer), Andy Hunter / John Ritchie (Task Force Managers)	Low risk factor of work not being completed. High Impact

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11. Improve the way we communicate the roads and pavements work programme	<p>Provide clear information to the Forum</p> <p>Increase local knowledge by publicising information - NP website, Outlook, other local press, Portobello on-line and via local Libraries</p>	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	1/01/09 - ongoing	<p>Improved understanding and knowledge about how work is prioritised</p> <p>Enhanced satisfaction with service delivery and maintenance</p>	City Development's Capital investment programme, Andy Matheson (Area Roads Manager), NP Website, East Partnership Team, Community Libraries, local contacts	Medium risk due to capacity in roads maintenance programme and availability of capital / revenue investment – High impact
12. Improve local co-ordination of road works repairs	<p>Identify clear timetable of planned work</p> <p>Improve links with utility companies</p> <p>Improve planning and co-ordination</p>	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	01/01/09 - ongoing	<p>Improved local information</p> <p>Improved standards of repairs and less frequent local disruption</p> <p>Enhance local satisfaction levels</p>	Andy Matheson, Local Roads Team, City Development, Utility Companies, Safer Routes to School Team,	High Risk High Impact
13. Involve NP and Forum in identifying / prioritising Capital Investment work for roads and pavements	Develop an Environment Plan showing prioritised roads / pavement works for consideration in allocating capital investment	James Hunter (Environment Manager)	30/11/08 – 31/3/09	Identification of local list of prioritised works for input into road and pavements capital investment	Top sliced capital investment from Roads Capital Programme, joint working with NIP programme, Forum, Area Board, Andy Matheson (Area Roads Manager)	Medium risk due to capacity in roads maintenance programme and availability of capital / revenue investment High Impact