



**Mearns East**  
**Community Council**

## **October 2026 Newsletter**

**ATTENTION ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN WHITECRAIGS, BROOM, KIRKHILL, BURNSIDE, MEARNISKIRK and MAIDENHILL**

### **Local Development Plan 3**

**East Renfrewshire Council wish to improve local services such as housing, refuse collection, maintenance of green spaces, and provision of sports and healthcare facilities as described in Local Development Plan 3 placed for public consultation between 29<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2026.**

### **Have Your Say**

This newsletter seeks to raise awareness of this consultation. It would be great if you could add your views by responding via the LDP 3 Portal available at the East Renfrewshire Get Involved Portal at [ldp@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk). MECC will shortly also provide a questionnaire at ([mearnseastcc@Facebook.com](mailto:mearnseastcc@Facebook.com)) whereby you can inform us of how you feel about our area and provide ideas as to how our area can be improved. Small numbers of printed surveys may be available from nominated local venues for residents unable to access electronic communication systems. MECC is required to respond to ERC by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2026 and we therefore ask residents to respond to our questionnaire by 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2026.

### **Reorganisation of Local Government in Scotland**

- 1st September 2026 First Minister John Swinney MSP announced proposals to reorganise the 14 Scottish health boards into three units covering the Islands and the Western and Eastern halves of Scotland.
- The British Medical Association voted to oppose such changes while the Royal College of Nursing, Unite Union and the Pharmacists' Defence Association raised numerous concerns about continuation of provision of services.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> September John Swinney MSP proposed replacement of Scotland's 23 unitary local authorities with 6 -10 regional authorities and 120 to 160 community authorities.
- Ricky Bell leader of Glasgow City Council suggested in mid-September that smaller Councils surrounding Glasgow could be subsumed into a Greater Glasgow Region.

- East Renfrewshire Council met on the 24<sup>th</sup> September to discuss these proposals. In the simplest terms, East Renfrewshire Council rejected the above proposals as ill thought out and of no benefit to our area, while risking the downgrading of local services.

Blair McDougall MP has initiated a strong campaign to oppose these changes - see (Blair McDougall on Facebook) to view his communications.

MECC wishes to raise public awareness to allow residents to formulate their own response. Anyone requiring extra information may contact us at [mearnseastcc@Facebook.com](mailto:mearnseastcc@Facebook.com) or email us at [mearnseastcc@gmail.com](mailto:mearnseastcc@gmail.com) .

## **Local matters of concern**

### **Mearns Road Build-outs**

MECC is aware of considerable unhappiness about the road conditions on Mearns Road between the Co-op at 421 Mearns Road and the entrance to the Mearnskirk Estate. MECC is also working with the Mearnskirk Owners Association to address this situation. MECC is continuing to converse with ERC Roads to change the present road layout.

### **Broompark Drive Housing**

In 2021 MacTaggart and Mickel applied for planning permission to erect five dwelling houses on land adjacent to 30 Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns. This application was opposed by many residents and MECC, but Planning Permission was granted. There has been a recent planning application for extension of planning permission. MECC objected. We are extremely pleased to inform residents that this latter application has now been withdrawn such that this area of green space is at reduced risk.

**MECC is not a political organisation but is formed by a number of volunteers who live and or work in the above areas.**

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