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DUMBIEDYKES AND HOLYROOD ROAD



Cllr Claire Miller, Scottish Greens Councillor for Edinburgh City Centre ward, is the Chair of the group which is delivering the Small Area Plan for Dumbiedykes

Plans to help tackle drug dealing in Dumbiedykes

LOCAL RESIDENTS are being asked to help police and council reduce crime in Dumbiedykes.

Cllr Claire Miller says plans by Edinburgh Council to improve the Dumbiedykes area will work best if residents are involved and have support in preventing drug dealers from operating nearby.

Cllr Miller, the Scottish Greens Councillor for City Centre ward, is also the Chair of the group which is delivering the Small Area Plan for Dumbiedykes. This is a local strategy, based on the issues which residents have said

are important to them, including skills development for people looking for work, advice on managing money, and plans to help the local community to tackle drug dealing problems.

Cllr Miller said "Residents have made it clear that drug dealing is a major problem which they want to stop. I have been in regular contact with the local police about the drug dealing activity, passing on information from residents, and asking for more regular patrols. I have also been helping to make small changes that will help to make the area safer, such as installing CCTV.

"The best way we can tackle this problem is with help from local residents. I would ask everyone to always report every incident they see, from large numbers of different visitors to an address, to actual dealing. All the individual reports help police build cases to eventually prosecute criminals."

Cllr Miller asks people to either report incidents directly to local police or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online: crimestoppers-uk.org

She also encourages residents to contact her (see overleaf) to take part in the Small Area Plan group.



Cllr Claire Miller regularly meets local residents at the Braidwood Centre

Councillor's surgery for local residents

Green councillor Claire Miller holds regular surgeries at the Braidwood Centre, 69 Dumbiedykes Rd, EH8 9UT, on the last Tuesday of each month (during council term time) from 5:30pm before Residents Association meetings.

Local residents are encouraged to turn up and chat to Claire about issues that concern them. No appointment is needed. More details online: edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors/97/claire_miller

Dumbiedykes deserves better buses, say Greens

Local Green councillor Claire Miller is working to get a bus service to the Southside which would benefit residents in Dumbiedykes and Holyrood Road.

Cllr Miller said: "I have been collaborating with a number of residents in the Dumbiedykes area. They want to see a regular bus service for their area, which is currently ignored. Many people need the bus in order to get to the shops, to visit the doctor or to see friends and family. The lack of a route for the local area means that residents must walk or take a taxi. One option I have been researching is 'community transport' and talking to possible partners in the local area to design a flexible and affordable bus service for the area."

The campaign for better bus services in the area is part of the work that the Green councillors within Edinburgh have been doing to improve transport across the city, based on feedback from local people. Green councillor Chas Booth recently reached an agreement with the council to change bus lane hours. Soon, all Edinburgh bus lanes will operate between 7am-7pm all week. This means that journeys by bus, taxi and bike will be quicker. It will also mean that all Edinburgh bus lanes will have the same hours of operation, leading to less confusion and mistakes by drivers across the city.

"Green councillors are already making a massive difference in improving local bus transport for the people of Edinburgh. I'm working hard to ensure that residents in the Dumbiedykes area benefit from the same great service" said Cllr Miller.

Contact your local Greens



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