

Clinton Grange Association
136-146 Whitehouse Loan
Edinburgh EH9 2AN
26th November 2022

To: Residents of 5 – 11 Strathearn Place

Due to what we believe to have been an emergency at one of your properties (we were informed no. 6 Strathearn Place), on the 23rd November the **driveway** of our development was used by scaffolders to unload equipment from two lorries (one dangerously parked at an angle) via our raised shrub bed and over the adjoining wall into the rear garden of the property in question. Although no prior permission had been sought, one of our residents saw what was happening, questioned the scaffolders and gave verbal permission for them to finish unloading, as they said they were nearly done. The resident pointed out that prior permission should have been sought from our development. One of the lorries then remained parked in the driveway for a good part of the day before joining the other in **our car park**. The verbal permission had been only for remaining in the driveway to finish the unloading. The next day, these two lorries again parked in our development's car park, without any prior request, let alone residents' permission.

We sympathise with the owner experiencing the emergency and would no doubt have given permission at short notice to use our development for access to the relevant rear garden. However, we are adamant that Strathearn Place residents are required to **ask our permission**, stating the nature of the need, what is involved and the dates in question. Permission will not unreasonably be withheld – we can appreciate the difficulty and inconvenience of moving bulky building/repair materials and equipment through your residences. However, *our* residents need to be informed in advance, so that they know what is happening and where necessary move their cars from allotted parking bays.

We also ask that any Strathearn Place resident seeking permission **monitors the activity of workmen** transferring materials over our adjoining wall – we have in the past been concerned at the careless nature

and disregard for property that some of these workmen have exhibited. Please be aware that we are responsible for maintenance of our grounds and don't want to see them abused.

We also point out that at no time should a vehicle be parked in the driveway unless it is absolutely necessary, in which case the driver should be in the vehicle or very close to hand in case emergency access is needed, for example for a fire engine. This point is strongly endorsed by our Property Manager.

To contact us for permission to use our driveway and car park area, Strathearn Place residents can email myself or our Property Manager – email addresses are below. In the meantime, we acknowledge that there is a current request from one of your houses for use of our car park in a few weeks' time.

On a final note, we also had an instance during the week of someone, allegedly from Strathearn Place, parking a maroon car in our car park saying that SP residents were having difficulty getting parking permits. Our car park is private and only for our residents and their guests.

As your neighbours, we are sorry that we have had to get in touch in this way but events in the last year in particular have motivated us to remind you of the private nature of our 136-146 Whitehouse Loan development.

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/ Helen Harris ([REDACTED])
Hon Secretary CGA

Our Property Manager: Margaret Stewart [REDACTED]