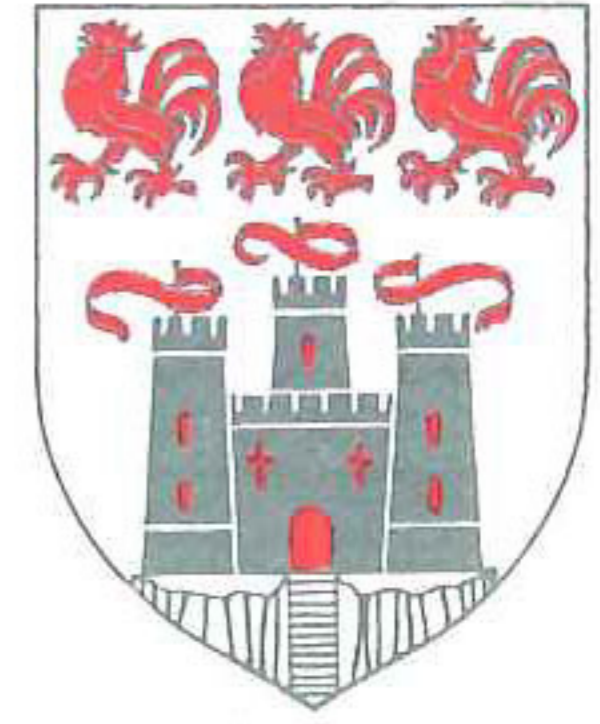


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### COCKBURN ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FOR THE EDINBURGH AIRPORT RAIL LINK (EARL)

The Cockburn Association's Council has taken a principled stance in favour of the proposals for the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link. We believe EARL is a project that will benefit all of Scotland and help reduce the number of car journeys to and from Edinburgh Airport.

The Cockburn Association's statement of principle reads as:

*"The Cockburn Association endorses the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link. We acknowledge the environmental benefits in terms of a modal shift from car to rail, primarily from other cities and regions in Scotland and the Association welcomes the proposals for an integrated transport hub at the Airport. At the same time, the Association stresses the need for comprehensive and high quality mitigation measures to minimise any adverse effects upon the landscape quality of the Green Belt at this important gateway to the capital city.*

*It is essential that public transport customers planning journeys to and from the airport be presented with a first class alternative to the private car. In this context the links between the airport terminals and the new transport hub must be seamlessly integrated and under one roof.*

*The Association does however wish to see the Scottish Executive outline its long-term public transport investment priorities in Scotland."*

The Association would also like to thank the EARL team for their open consultations with the Cockburn Association and presenting the proposals to our members.

Yours sincerely

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