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Responses to consultation on the listing of Cables Wynd House and Linksvie House, Edinburgh

Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

Consultation period held between December 2016 – January 2017

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Please note that due to data protection issues, we cannot publish a verbatim record of responses. Below is a sample of responses from residents, the City of Edinburgh Council, and Docomomo Scotland – the Scottish committee for Documentation and Conservation of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement.

1.2 Consultation took place with the City of Edinburgh Council, Docomomo and the households (over 300) in the flats. There were 9 responses, of which two noted concerns about listing. 10 residents also came along to our drop in consultation sessions. Most had comments about maintenance and not the listing itself.

2.0 Response from Docomomo Scotland

“We consider the buildings to be of great historical and architectural importance. Cables Wynd House and Linksvie House are key elements in the Kirkgate development. Both buildings have the appropriate visual impact for their setting and have come to be regarded as monuments of Leith. Docomomo Scotland fully supports their inclusion in the statutory list of significant Scottish architecture.”

3.0 Responses from tenants and residents

3.1 Tenant gave positive feedback about the building: “Love living at the flats and very much enjoy the view.”

3.2 Tenant was not in favour of listing because of the perception that listing will prevent upgrades to facilities such as heating.

3.3 Tenant was “Strongly in favour of listing...may not be the prettiest place to look at, but it is a fantastic place to live in.”

3.4 Tenant gave positive feedback and noted they like living in the flats. No objection to listing.

4.0 City of Edinburgh Council response

"The Council offers no objections to the proposed listing and welcomes the recognition of the historic importance of the City's post-war urban development."