

## Peebles Common Good

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### Peebles Rugby Club and Highland Games Association

The rugby club and highland games association provided a paper for the previous Common Good meeting about removing buildings behind the pavilion in Haylodge Park and siting shipping containers in this location. The clubs would fund and manage the works including demolishing the existing buildings and obtaining any necessary permissions. The area would be fenced with wooden fencing to screen the containers. The works will improve the site.

According to Council records only part of the land they are wishing to use is in Common Good ownership and part of the land belongs to the NHS. On the plan below, the green outline is the area that the clubs wish to use for their containers and the black hatched area shows land in the ownership of the NHS.

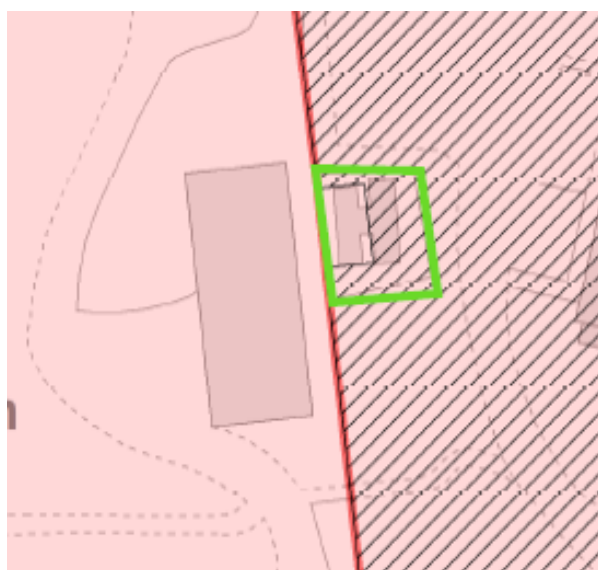


Figure 1: Plan

The rugby club have minutes of meetings from the 1950's stating that the land outlined green was gifted to them by Peebles Common Good and the NHS but no further evidence has been found. They are continuing to look for further proof of this. If they find this evidence it will be reviewed and if it is confirmed that the rugby club do own the land then their plans can proceed subject to planning permission and other approvals. If no further evidence is found of the gift of the land then it is likely it will be concluded that the land remains in the ownership of Peebles Common Good and the NHS.

If it is concluded that the land belongs to the Common Good then it is recommended that permission is granted for the rugby club and highland games association to proceed with their

proposals for the land. Scottish Borders Council Parks team have been consulted and have no objection to the proposals. The work would be subject to the clubs obtaining planning permission, permission from the NHS for the portion of land that is in NHS ownership and entering into a written agreement with the Common Good for the portion of land within Common Good ownership.

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