

## Our Challenge

Our campaign to save St Fittick's Park is a local example of the global fight against the four great threats of our time: climate change, biodiversity loss, income and health inequalities, and political cronyism.

Our research suggests that ETZ Ltd has roots in the Port of Aberdeen's ambition to move into property development as oil and gas stocks run dry.

It appears that developers see the land around the North Harbour as an opportunity for development and gentrification. They claim that the North Harbour industries must be moved to Torry.

In short, it appears that our planning system continues to serve social elites rather than ordinary people. We believe that industrialisation of St Fittick's Park isn't about energy transition: it's an auld-fashioned land grab!

## A Just Transition for Torry

Scotland has high aspirations for biodiversity, energy transition and democratic participation. If these aspirations were applied to Torry, ETZ Ltd would use vacant industrial land rather than concreting over an award-winning park.

If Aberdeen City Council and ETZ Ltd were listening to the people of Torry, they would stop these unjust and risky business plans. Friends of St Fittick's Park are not against energy transition, it just shouldn't cost a community their park.

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We campaign to protect St Fittick's Park because the Park directly benefits both biodiversity and the physical and mental health of the people of Torry.

We demand a just energy transition led by people with vision, serving community interests rather than those of wealthy corporations.



Help us protect our park in its entirety!

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# Friends of St Fittick's Park Our Story



## About Us

We are a group of citizens who came together to protect St Fittick's Park, which is under threat of industrial development.

## St Fittick's Park

Much loved by residents of Torry, St Fittick's Park has been a public green space for centuries. From the 1970s, the Park became increasingly polluted by the neighbouring industrial estate. In response, the Torry community raised £178,000 to improve the Park and the East Tullos Burn, incorporating paths and playgrounds.

The Burn was naturalised with meanders, reedbeds and wetlands. Volunteers, including local children, helped seed and plant a large area with wetland and wildflower plants and create an extensive woodland.

Now the award-winning Park's wild beauty and biodiversity are enjoyed by children, families and naturalists who travel to study the many species of plants, birds, amphibians, invertebrates and mammals.



## The Torry Community

The Torry Community of 10,000 people is one of the most neglected in Scotland. Much of the housing is poor quality and St Fittick's Park is the last remaining accessible green space.

Torry is surrounded by a new industrial harbour, an industrial estate, a railway line, sewage works, landfill sites, a large waste incinerator and one of the most polluted roads in Scotland.

Health workers have compared health outcomes for the residents of Torry and the West End of Aberdeen, where residents have access to 15 acres of mature, riverside woodland and no industrialization. They found a 13-year difference in life expectancy between these two areas.

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## The Threat

St Fittick's Park is under threat of industrial development that would concrete over half the Park.

In the 2020 Local Development Plan, Aberdeen City Council—under pressure from the Port of Aberdeen—re-zoned the Park as an 'opportunity site' for a new Energy Transition Zone (ETZ). Moreover, the Scottish Government has failed to intervene and plans to provide public money to fund it.

ETZ Ltd—created by business partners Ian Wood's ONE, Port of Aberdeen and Scottish Enterprise with Aberdeen City Council—plan to destroy a vast swathe of the park, but throughout, they have not publicly declared their exact goals with the Park.

## #SaveStFitticks

