

Dear Resident

Introduction

Welcome to the second Community Newsletter for the New Town North Development

Who are we?

My name is Ross McNulty and I am managing the proposals to regenerate the area known as 'New Town North'. It's been great to meet local residents and receive all the feedback regarding the proposals, and also about the much loved park and local area. We're fully committed to consulting the local community about any proposals we bring forward and issued our first community newsletter in August.

Consultation Event Moved to 5th December

As stated, we are determined to consult on all our proposals. We have planned two major public consultation events. The first of these was held on the 11th of September at Broughton St Mary's Parish Church and we had a great turnout from local residents. That first event set out the broad approach and issues involved in taking proposals forward.

At the second event we will provide more detailed information on the development, how it will look and integrate with the local community. The second event was originally due to be held on the 17th of October, but will now take place on Thursday, 5th December, at St Mary's from 12 - 8pm. This was the earliest alternative date we could secure for the event.

The change in date is to allow us to analyse extensive feedback from the first event and also to allow us to gather all the necessary information we need from the statutory consultees.

In this Newsletter we also thought we'd bring you up to date about; tree maintenance; archaeological works and the recent Greenspace Scotland workshop.



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New Date for Public Consultation

– Thursday 5th December from 11am to 8pm. The event is again being held in Broughton St Mary's Parish Church, 12 Bellevue Crescent, EH3 6NE. The event will provide an update on the evolution of the proposals for New Town North and the project team will be available to answer questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Community Feedback

If you have any feedback you wish to provide or would like any further information, please contact our communications consultant Paul McLennan on 0131 523 1311, or email him on paul.mclennan@playfairsotland.co.uk.

On behalf of the project team I would like to thank everyone for the welcome and the time we have already been given. We look forward to working with you to help deliver a regeneration of which we can all be proud.

Yours Faithfully

Ross McNulty

Community Update – Latest News

Tree Maintenance, Archaeology and Greenspace Scotland Workshop

Tree Maintenance

Work is continuing with contractors on site to carry out a health check on all the trees. Action will be taken where necessary to make them safe and to remove any diseased limbs. This work will ensure that the trees are properly maintained for now and for the future.

Once we have fully analysed the results from the tree surveys, which are still being carried out, we will present more details about the proposals for landscaping as part of the forthcoming consultation process.

Archaeology

As part of the planning process, we have arranged an archaeological dig in parts of the site. This may involve seeing small diggers on site creating a trench that is the usual method of carrying out a site examination. This is not the start of any construction activities, merely gathering information to help inform the planning process.

Greenspace Scotland Workshop

Workshop Update

On the 1st October we facilitated an on-site workshop involving local community groups.

This was carried out so we could gather ideas from the community to help us ensure the interface between the park and site is well planned and can help improve the amenity of the area as well as access through the site.

All the ideas from the workshop will be presented at the next consultation event.

'Soft Strip Out'



The 'soft strip out' is continuing as mentioned in our last newsletter. This basically involves removing internal fixtures and fittings from the existing buildings.

Material from within these office buildings will be removed from the site, but this shouldn't cause any significant disruption for local residents. If there are any issues or concerns during this process, please let us know and we will do our best to resolve any problems.

Looking Forward

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul McLennan (details on page 1). The next step in the process will be to provide a website for the project. The address will be www.newtownnorth.co.uk. We aim to have this operational as soon as possible.