U I MEADOWBANK Site Layout Improving active travel links



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02MEADOWBANK Landscape Proposals



As a first principle we are looking to retain as Arich palette of planting will emphasise the character much of the existing trees and vegetation around of the spaces within different areas of the site.

- Piershill railway edge as a wildlife corridor
- informal play, edible plants & rain gardens

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Planting Strategy

Native and non-native species will provide ecological diversity and structural diversity through trees, shrubs, herbaceous and ground flora.

A strong theme developing for pollinator-friendly planting to support bees, rare butterfly populations and to positively contribute to the city's urban ecology network.

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O3MEADOWBANK Restalrig/Green Infrastructure



Rain Gardens

It is important that green, blueandgreyinfrastructure work in parallel across the site, to provide a joinedup approach to water Swales management. and rain gardens focus on bioretention, which will provide water treatment at source. These integrated landscape features capture and slow down water run-off in shallow depressions, letting it soak into the ground. This results in a more natural approach to water management, and relieves pressure on the existing sewer network.



Green Infrastructure (aspiration for Building with Nature accreditation)



The team is in touch with the Scottish Government's Green Infrastructure team to discuss ecology and biodiversity opportunities within the site. As part of this, the possibility of Building for Nature accreditation is being explored.

Building with Nature is a new benchmark accreditation for the highest quality of design and maintenance of green infrastructure in housing and commercial development. Core standards focus on Wildlife, Water and Wellbeing. There are two stages of accreditation: design stage and completion. The two levels of award are 'Good' or 'Excellent'. The accreditation could be a really positive achievement for Meadowbank.

Play Strategy

Play areas are dispersed through the site and focus on integrating natural play elements into landscape spaces, including the Wheatley elm parklet. Equipment will be designed for multi-





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04MEADOWBANK Active Travel

Active Travel Village

Themasterplansite, with it's central location, presents the perfect opportunity for an active travel village. It is close to Holyrood Park and is a short distance from the centre of Edinburgh. Holyrood park has established cycle routes that are popular and well used so this site presents an ideal opportunity to create connections and further reduce the traffic on the roads.





Various alternative means of moving through the city to address the well-being and help to improve health







The new development seeks to embed cycling and pedestrians at the heart of it's culture, making it as easy as possible to own and use a bike. All generations and abilities would be considered by providing access for a range of bikes including cargo bikes, electric bikes, assisted bikes, bike share schemes and other types. Journeys would be carefully analysed: from the daily commute, travelling to school, the trip to the shops or cycling for health and leisure. The design of homes would also consider cycle use: making sure there's ample and convenient storage for all items including cycle helmets and carriers.



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Within the development, support could also be provided with bike service stations: communal bike pumps and allowing access to specialist equipment. The aim is to make cycling as attractive as possible and a viable alternative to other methods of transport. This is a significant move for a city in achieving carbon neutral targets and also a meaningful step forward in promoting the health benefits of active travel, all of which are well documented. The site is also well served with a range of local amenities, all within walking distance, and excellent public transport with fast and frequent connections into the city centre.

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USMEADOWBANK Design Development



Visiting the residents back gardens



The first public consultation "Tell us about Meadowbank"



Speaking with council officials and policy Design workshops with local residents makers



and community representatives

CREATING HIGH QUALITY PLACE FOR THE WIDER NEIGHBOURHOOD

This board brings together a summary of the design processes that have taken place. Starting with a blank page, inviting local people to tell us about Meadowbank and listening to their concerns particularly in relation to previous proposals. The design workshops were an opportunity for all to take a step back to consider broadly the aspirations for the site and how it's redevelopment could contribute positively to the wider neighbourhood. A key move is the reinstatement of Clockmill Road. This emerged as an opportunity to reconnect neighbourhoods, bypassing Smokey Brae with a safer, easier to access pedestrian route between Restalrig and London Road. Trees and greenery were also identified as a priority and the team have taken steps to ensure that Wheatley Elms and other trees can be retained. The importance of local amenity is recognised with the opportunity for a GP surgery and other community uses being investigated. The housing proposals reflect local needs and the demographic with a range of house types, including colony homes and family sized units, and the diversity of the community with housing for elderly considered also. It is intended that the new development integrates by providing homes that local people will want to live in also, for example if downsizing or expanding to suit a growing family

2. Design workshops 1. Tell us about 3. Visions and ideas 4. Next Steps A focussed activity with Meadowbank ⁼urther public events to a small group resident Public consultations to present.the.first.sketch Presentation of the nvite people to share their iyouts and ideas for the masterplan proposals council.officers.to. knowledge, opinions and masterplan. Comments developed through consider the detail of what aspirations for the site. and opinions will be consultation night be possible with the nvited at this event also. masterplan eeee $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$ \bullet

The first round of consultations Open to all, covering a wide area Range of people invited

More focussed activities Resident representatives Community Council

Sounding board Principle discussions First look at the proposals

Final workshops, open to all A further opportunity to get involved









Sketches from the team workshop with local residents, community representatives and councilors





Community consultations in Willowbrae, Craigentinny Meadowbank



Developing the strategy with the local Visits to Leith Fort colony development. and residents. Integration, connection and Looking at different housing types. good quality public spaces



NEW PROPOSALS DEVELOPED THROUGH CONSULTATION



CHARACTER QUALIT **RESPECT AND INTEGRATION URBAN REALM FIRST** ACCESSIBILITY CONNECTIVITY **VILLAGE CENTRE** HEART OF COMMUNITY

> EXEMPLAR DEVELOPMENT LIVEABLE ACCESSIBLE FAMILY HOMES **NEIGHBOURHOOD AND AMENITY**



Masterplan proposal by the design team









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Further consultations with early proposals questionnaires

St Margarets Well and the railway heritage presented. Feedback provided in explored in discussions with historians and local people



Example of the Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool

is to engage participants to think about physical spaces opportunities at the site. around them, buildings, transports links and the social aspects of a neighbourhood, the likes and dislikes.



A key element of the consultations was the use of the Consultation participants were invited to express their Scottish Government Place Standard Tool. The intention opinions in questionnaires and consider the range of

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