

Newsletter 02

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# Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court Retrofit

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# INTRODUCTION

In December 2022, we circulated Newsletter 01 to let everyone know what might be happening, why it might happen, and how it could benefit you.

We would like to continue to let all tenants and homeowners know about the ongoing progress of works taking place at both Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court.

This second newsletter will outline **what** has happened since the last newsletter, **why** this is happening, and **what** you can expect to see over

the next few months.

If this newsletter doesn't answer all your questions, please contact the below email address where you will receive further information:

**[whr.feedback@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:whr.feedback@edinburgh.gov.uk)**



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## WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

### Design Development

Since December 2022, the Council and their Design Team have been developing their initial proposals.

### Building Surveys & Analysis

The buildings and surrounding landscape has undergone an extensive period of analysis and surveying to better inform the designs. The below list highlights some of the key activities which have been ongoing over the past few months:

- Both buildings have undergone extensive structural condition surveys

to analyse the existing structure. Tests have taken place in communal spaces, as well as in individual flats

- Every flat has been analysed by an Environmental Engineer

- Building and surrounding landscape designs have been developed

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), the Council's Planning, and Roads Departments have all been consulted to ensure changes to the buildings and landscape will make them safer, better places to live.



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## WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

### Resident Input

In addition to the above activities, all residents were invited to our Foyer Sessions (held on 15 February 2023) in both Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court.

During the Foyer Sessions, proposals were presented by the Council and the Architect. Residents were welcome to discuss the proposals and ask questions.

Feedback forms were provided for residents to give feedback on what was presented, and this feedback has

helped inform the developing designs.

In addition to the Foyer Sessions, the Council provided every resident with a 'Mould, Damp & Condensation Feedback Form'. The feedback received so far has been very helpful to the Design Team, and will help them develop proposals for the buildings to eliminate mould, damp and condensation.

### Project Milestones

In March 2023, a Planning Application was submitted for the proposed works to both Oxcars & Inchmickery.



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## WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

### Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs

Our goal is to make Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court safer, better places to live. That means repairing and improving Oxcars and Inchmickery to a standard expected of modern housing. Our proposals will also improve building security, and provide additional amenities for residents.

### Improved Energy Efficiency

Improving the energy efficiency of flats will make them warmer, cheaper to run and it could reduce the need to heat your home by up to 70%. It will also help to improve people's health

and wellbeing and meet our goal of becoming a net zero city.

Every flat has been analysed by an Environmental Engineer to ensure the proposed improvement works will be compliant with the Scottish Government's future Energy Performance Certificate requirements.

### Resident Wellbeing

Resident input is very important to the Council and their Design Team. Feedback from residents has helped change the designs to deliver outcomes that residents want.



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## WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?

### Planning Approval Process

The Planning Application was lodged with the Council's Planning Department in March 2023. Over the next few weeks you will receive a letter from the Council to inform you formally of this application.

The Council's Planning Department will assess the application, and work with the Design Team to ensure the proposals satisfy the Planning Department's requirements.

### Further Surveys & Analysis

In order to help the Design Team

develop their designs to a level suitable for construction, they need to learn everything they can about the buildings. You will see numerous tradespeople in both buildings, and in the surrounding area conducting extra surveys and additional tests.

### Further Design Development

The Design Team will begin working alongside a Contractor, and start to look at how the proposals will be built.

### A Second Foyer Session

The Council will hold a second set of Foyer Sessions. The sessions will



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# INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION

be held during the following times on  
**Wednesday 7 June 2023:**

**Oxcars Court**  
15:30 to 17:00

**Inchmickery Court**  
17:00 to 18:30

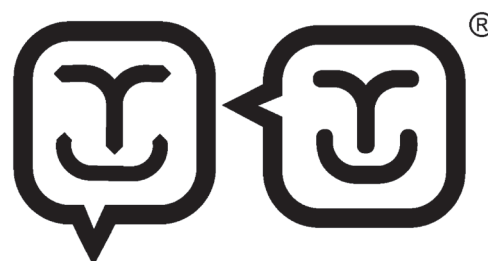
### **Resident Feedback**

Everyone is invited to attend and provide input on the proposals, complete the feedback forms, and attend the Foyer Sessions. Your input will help change the future for Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court.

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