

## Feedback Received

During the design stages of the project, the Council and the design team have held two consultation sessions to provide the opportunity for you to share your suggestions of upgrades and so that we can understand the issues you experience. This has allowed us to develop solutions to address the issues. Our responses to some of your feedback is summarised below.

**“My flat has large amounts of damp”** – We have undertaken Damp Surveys in 9 properties across the Craigmillar and Peffermill Court blocks. This has allowed us to develop an understanding of the causes of the damp and mould issues. The design team are now addressing this within the design to ensure this problem is captured as part of the wider works.

**“We need a water tap inside the plots”** – The Council have considered the option of installing a tap within the allotments. Due to the cost associated with this, the decision has been made not to proceed with this. Alternative solutions such as water storage tanks are being reviewed and a further update will be given in due course.

**“I don’t like the idea of a dog walking area as owners will not pick up dog waste”** – Upon further review, the dog walking area has been removed from the proposals.

**“The swing park needs to stay as the kids use it”** – The Landscape Architecture team has taken this feedback onboard and will ensure the existing playpark will remain.

**“There is constantly litter on the ground and the bins are not collected frequently enough”** – The design team have been working closely with the Council’s Waste Management Team to ensure that the location of bins and the frequency of uplifts is considered closely.

**“Windows must be highly soundproof as the noise from the railway is disturbing”** – New windows will be installed as part of the design.

**“There are too many central tower lights, and they are too bright”** – The design team have been working with the CEC Street Lighting Team to ensure that the lighting is designed to the necessary standard. Brightness levels will be considered as part of the design.

**“There is no path required from the top corner as there is rarely footfall from this side”** – The Landscape Architect and the team have taken the feedback onboard relating to the flow of people into and out of the Craigmillar and Peffermill Court area. Footpaths will be installed where the most efficient routes are.

## Information Gathering

In order to ensure the design team have a comprehensive understanding of the existing landscape, structure and services, there have been several surveys undertaken to obtain information to incorporate it into the design. A short summary of some of the surveys which have been carried out is outlined below.

**Topographical Survey** – A topographical survey of the site has been undertaken. This will be used by the civils and landscaping team to ensure that the levels within the landscape are understood for design and drainage purposes.

**Damp & Mould Survey** – Following the concerns raised by tenants relating to the damp and mould within properties, the Council instructed a Damp survey to be undertaken by a Building Surveyor. The results and calculations from these surveys will be incorporated into the design solution to ensure these issues are addressed as part of the wider works.

**Structural Testing** – Structural testing of sample properties has been undertaken to ensure that the structural engineer has accurate information on the existing buildings.

**Tree Survey** – A specialist tree surveyor was commissioned to survey the trees on site to help inform the landscape design. This has also helped identify trees which will be essential to retain.

**Thermal Imagery** – In order to identify areas of the building fabric which are inefficient or ‘leaking’ heat, thermal images were taken of the elevations on both blocks.

**Lift Surveys** – The lifts in both blocks have been surveyed so that the current specification can be understood, and any issues can be identified.