

THE FUTURE OF THE MOREDUNVALE MULTIS

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NEWSLETTER

Dear residents and homeowners,

We're excited to share important news about the future of Moredunvale Highrise Blocks. We want to make your homes safer, more comfortable places to live and continue to improve the area. To do this we're exploring the possibility of upgrading the following buildings:

Castleview House, Little France House, Marytree House, Moredun House, Forteviot House, Moncrieffe House.

Regular updates - we are committed to keeping everyone informed throughout this process.

Improving your homes - we want to improve safety, energy efficiency and overall living conditions and quality of life for all residents.

Benefits for you - the upgrade could lead to better insulation and facilities. We believe it will positively impact your daily life.

Questions - if you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at **whr.feedback@edinburgh.gov.uk**. We value your input and look forward to answering any questions you may have.



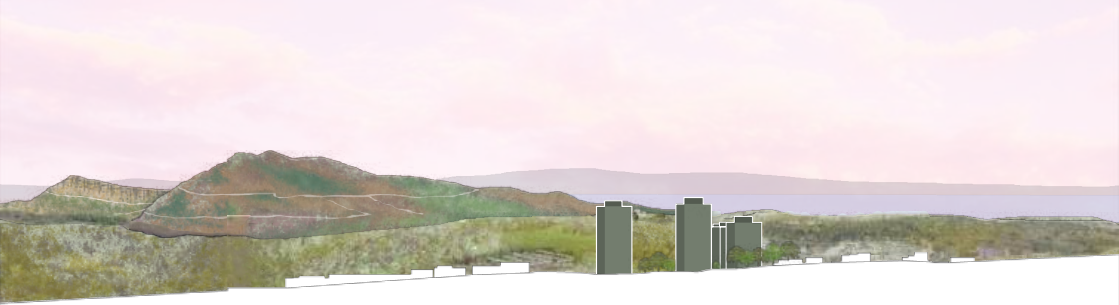
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DESIGN TEAM:

- The City of Edinburgh Council - Client
- AtkinsRéalis - Project Management
Cost Management
Principal Designer
- Anderson Bell + Christie - Architects
- HTA Design - Landscape Architects
- Blackwoods - Mechanical and Electrical Engineers
- Will Rudds - Civil and Structural Engineers
- Carbon Futures - Energy Designers
- AtelierTen - Fire Consultants

You may recognise some of the design team who worked on improving the Moredunvale green space.



WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?

We’re reviewing options to upgrade the six highrise blocks at Moredunvale so that every flat achieves a minimum grade of ‘B’ in their Energy Performance Certificate (EPC).

Each flat could be upgraded to add insulation to the external walls, new windows and new external doors could be installed. The communal areas could be improved with new lighting, safety improvements, additional communal spaces and extra resident facilities. We’re also considering options to redevelop the parking and external spaces around the buildings.

WHY DO WE WANT TO DO THIS?

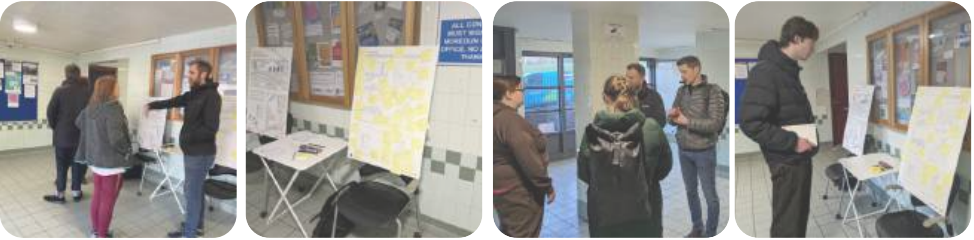
We want all our homes to meet the Scottish Government’s Standard for council homes, which is known as the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESHS2). By improving the energy efficiency of homes, it will make them warmer and cheaper to run, and it could reduce the need to heat your home by up to 70%.

As residents of the Moredun Highrise Blocks you’ll know that there are some issues with these buildings, including damp and mould, the flats are cold in the winter and they have draughty windows. The communal spaces such as corridors, stairwells, entrance lobbies and landscape are in poor condition and need to be replaced, refurbished or upgraded.

HOW COULD IT BENEFIT ME?

Your flat would be drier and easier to keep warm. It would also be easier to heat, so it could save you money. Your flat would also have new windows and a secure front door. The building could also have better communal facilities and lighting, repaired entrance lobbies and pleasant communal spaces, including stairwells and lifts.

If you’re renting from the Council, there will be no cost to you for these improvements. If you own a flat, we’ll get in touch with you about the next steps. We want to transform Moredunvale High Rise Blocks into safer, more comfortable places to live. We’ll keep you informed every step of the way.



On the 27 February 2024 a team of designers and Council representatives held **consultation** events in the foyers of the Moredunvale multi storey blocks.

These events were the start of a **discussion** between residents and designers on the future of their homes and surrounding areas.

The main aim was **to learn** what you enjoy about living in the area, as well as what challenges you face every day and what changes you would like to see. Your feedback is crucial and will help to make decisions for the development going forward.

A positive common theme was the strong sense of **community** and that improvements to the **communal spaces** and the immediate outdoor spaces would be very desirable and would be well used.

Thank you for your participation and feedback. We will keep you posted about future events coming soon.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

ACCESS ISSUES

lack of drying areas

WINDY AT ENTRANCE

HARD TO HEAT

NOISY

anti-social behaviour

unsafe at night / not well-lit

lack of upkeep to communal areas

limited access to NATURAL SPACE

DRAUGHTY & COLD

LACK of UPKEEP

fly tipping / litter / dog fouling

leaks / mould

lift breaks down

no accessible homes

STRENGTHS TO ENHANCE

very good **neighbourly relations**

**strong SENSE
of COMMUNITY**

good size of flat

GREAT VIEWS

More Allotment Space

benches, bins and places to
sit outside

more play for children

**good connection with
local bus stops**

