The site of the Red Road flats has now been cleared and preparations have begun to create a new future for the area.

This follows the demolition of all the blocks in what was a very technically challenging project spanning a decade.

This newsletter gives you an update on what is happening and tells you more about the vision for what was the Red Road site.

Work under way
Technical appraisal work has started to look at what will be needed for:

- re-routing the main sewer
- drainage
- new roads and pathways
- dealing with the ground conditions
- screening off the privately owned former railway cutting.
Listening to the community

Transforming Communities: Glasgow (TC:G) is a partnership made up of Glasgow City Council, Scottish Government and GHA. Together the partners are leading the regeneration of Red Road, one of eight areas in the city earmarked as a priority for regeneration.

The TC:G Board commissioned a team, led by Cooper Cromar, to develop a masterplan and a strategy for Red Road.

The work was aimed at drawing on input from the local community and other key stakeholders to create a future vision for the area.

The masterplan takes account of a wide range of factors including the location, what’s going on nearby, layout and topography, site constraints and opportunities.

Importantly, it also takes account of views from the local community and stakeholders on future uses of the site.

Three local events were held where local people gave their feedback on how they would like to see the site used in future.

Information display boards set out the aim of the consultation and asked questions on themes, including housing, community use, shopping, leisure, jobs and business.

Resident feedback from the events was recorded using feedback sheets and the consultants also held a further engagement event with young people in the area.
Regeneration plans

All the feedback helped shape a proposal which includes:

• redeveloping the Red Road site with a mix of different types of housing; and
• work taking place in around three phases in a seven-year programme.

Taking forward the plans for the site will be very challenging for a number of reasons including:

• difficult topography/site levels;
• infrastructure and remediation challenges; and
• housing sales in the area.
Future vision for the area

The future vision for the area proposes short, medium and long-term uses for the site. These include:

• between 211–240 units of low-rise main door houses and up to four-storey flats. Some would be for affordable and social rent and others for private sale
• keeping and re-using where possible the roads and infrastructure
• high-quality street scape and environmental improvements
• new and improved shops on the former Broomfield Tavern site. This would include relocating the temporary pharmacy on Petershill Drive
• a new community hub, potentially providing accommodation for office space and community use on part of the Birnie Court site
• a recreational park and drainage system to the south of the site
• keeping the Bonnybroom Nursery in the area
• a modest extension to the existing community garden initiative at Tron St Mary’s Church
• planting, screening and improving the security of the unsightly ponded railway cutting
• Alive and Kicking Centre – options showing the existing facility remaining and a further option showing the future development of the site if Alive and Kicking decide to relocate to another part of the area.

Proposed next step

TC:G will be at the ‘C in the Park’ event at Barmulloch Community Development Company on Sunday 16 June to give an update on the technical work.

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