

# Feedback from Resident Steering Group Workshop

## 10th December 2020

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### Room 1

#### Entrances

- We currently have a separate entrance and a covered porch. We like that. We also have a fence.
- We currently have a private entrance, and this would be the preferred option. We live in a maisonette, but we would like to move in a house.
- We need storage at the entrance.

#### Outdoor space

- The gardens (Aberfeldy early phases) seem too open, we would like a more defined boundary (potentially fenced).
- In Aberfeldy there are two pitches, but they are both concrete, and it is very difficult to play, particularly in winter. Is it possible to improve them? There need to be more space for people.
- In the public spaces there is nothing to do for kids. Millennium Green is literally a dog's toilet. It is a problem to get under the underpass, it is scary, and people attach you. Blair Street (AV early phases), is where I take the kids to cycle, because it is safe and there is a watery park. The space feels safe, it looks nice, you feel fresh there.
- I drive my kids to Victoria Park because there is no place for kids in Aberfeldy.
- I would like to grow food in my garden.
- Balconies and terraces: I like the examples, but I am a bit concerned about the heights of the parapets. Security and safety are really important.
- We eat outside and we have a lot of barbeques in the back garden. We would not do that in the front garden because of privacy.

#### Inside the home

- It would be important to have space for coats, shoes right next to the entrance door.
- We are 6 people in 3 bedroom flat. A separate kitchen would be very important. We also need storage next to the entrance door. We would like a separate entrance to the kitchen and the living room.
- I would love a separate kitchen with a lot of storage.
- I would like windows in the bathrooms and kitchens.
- The current size of the bedrooms is fine.

## Room 2

### Entrances

- We want entrances which are bright and so we can see out
- Front doors on the street
- I have a shed for a mobility scooter out the front, I would like another outside space for this when we move.
- We have an accessible maisonette, we would like the same rather than a flat.
- Can we have kitchens that look over a garden at the front

### Windows

- I don't want full height windows with lots of glass, prefer hip height windows for privacy
- Our current windows are hard to use and only open a little bit. Can the new ones be easier to use?

### Amenity

- I like to grow flowers so I would like some space for those, and if there is space to grow food I would like that too.
- I would like there to be a little play space outside the front door so the kids can play where I can see them.
- I have a maisonette with a balcony to my bedroom and a patio space on the ground floor so I would like the same.

### Inside the homes

- We have lots of storage at the moment, even a walk-in wardrobe which is great! We need lots of storage space.
- I have a cold toilet room; can we have better heating?
- The hot air heating can cause discomfort with my breathing, can we control the heating?
- We like separate kitchens, so that they are away from the kids.

### Other

- I currently get home visits from the doctor, so I don't want to move further away from the surgery.
- Can we get a ground floor home if some who lives on the first floor wants to swap?

## Room 3 – Balmore Close

### General comments/concerns

- What would happen about all the U Turns on Lochnagar Street
- Neighbours all get along – want to all be together on the new masterplan
- The A12 is a big concern – residents don't like the idea of moving to Lochnagar street because its closer and more exposed to the A12. They want to protect their houses from the A12
- Lochnagar Street is also further away from the centre of the Aberfeldy Community than Balmore Close is.
- Some concerns about moving to Lochnagar Street, when it's currently viewed as an industrial estate.
- Residents were concerned if their rent would go up – they were reassured that this would stay near enough the same, other than inflation.
- Residents wanted to check that they can still have their pets in the new homes.

### Entrances and Streets

- Homes currently have parking directly outside the house
- Want front gardens with enough space to separate the home from the street
- Some residents have concerns about their security and that of their neighbours, particularly if they are moving to a new part of Aberfeldy which they feel they do not know. Residents suggested CCTV and alarm systems may be needed.
- Some residents are concerned about living on a busier street – Balmore Close is a no through road and therefore quiet, so children can play. Residents assume that my moving to Lochnagar it would inevitably be busier. We explained that we are designing different types of streets and spaces across the masterplan, and that there were options for where residents from Balmore Close could move to.

### Outdoor space

- Its important that gardens offer privacy and aren't overlooked.
- Residents would like some flexibility with their outdoor space – e.g. the option to have paving or grass depending on their needs at the time.
- Think roof terraces and balconies are nice if they don't compromise the amount of indoor space
- Some residents currently have south facing gardens – and would like new homes to have south facing gardens too.
- Spacious kitchen

### Inside the home

#### Kitchen/dining/living

- Patio doors should be in the kitchen and not the living room. Or there should be a door from the kitchen to the garden. Residents don't like coming directly into the living room from outside.
- Kitchen/dining is ok but would like a separate living room.
- Would like living spaces at ground floor – some Balmore houses have a first floor living room, and residents didn't like this.
- Residents prefer it when there is no gap between the top of the kitchen cupboards and the ceiling, i.e. cupboards go all the way to the ceiling.
- Spacious kitchen is important
- Residents would like a utility room/cupboard separate from their kitchen.

- Residents would like gas cookers.

#### Windows

- Would like a window in the Bathroom
- Good sized windows
- Proper windows that open the whole way.

#### Storage

- Can we look into using loft spaces for storage?
- There's not enough storage in the current 2 bed flat on Balmore.
- Residents would like lots of storage and spacious landings, similar to the landings that they have now.
- No box rooms
- Residents would like built in wardrobes in all bedrooms.
- Residents would like storage that is flexible – e.g. the ability to remove the shelves if required.

#### Bathrooms

- Some Residents currently have a bathroom/toilet on each floor of the house – this is good, particularly for more elderly residents.

#### Workspace

- Residents would like space to work from home so long as this does not compromise the main living spaces. No preference as to whether it's in a separate office or built into the living space.

#### Other/general

- Residents would like high ceilings – they think their homes are currently approx. 9ft.
- Residents would like good sized rooms, and rooms that aren't too narrow.

### **House types and appearance**

- Have we thought about/got any homes which have a flat above for carers – there are some of these on the estate at the moment?
- Four residents have asked about the possibility of multigenerational homes, so that an elderly relative can live in close proximity to, but independently from their family.
- Residents would like houses with pitched roofs
- Residents would like high quality builds with good soundproofing.
- Residents do not want cladding.
- Residents would like the houses to be clustered, so all 3 bedrooms are together, and then all 4 bedrooms, etc.