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Sighthill Regeneration Neighbourhood News

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New Sighthill is taking shape

The transformation of Sighthill is now well under way.

The regeneration of the area - one of the biggest projects of its kind in Scotland - will see hundreds of new homes, a new school campus and student accommodation, new shops, as well as a road bridge and green space for residents.

Sighthill has been earmarked as a priority for regeneration by Transforming Communities: Glasgow (TC:G) - a partnership between Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government and Glasgow Housing Association.

This newsletter is intended to keep residents up-to-date with what's already happened - and with some of the changes you'll see over the coming months.



Tenants moving into the first new homes

GHA tenants are already moving into the first of the 141 new homes. The rest of the tenants will move into their new homes throughout the summer, with all tenants having moved in by the autumn. After this, the last remaining tenants at the Pinkston Drive multi-storey block will move into their new homes in nearby communities.

What else is planned for the area?

There will be major works going on in Sighthill for the next five years or so.

As well as the new GHA homes, the transformation of the area will also see:

- a mix of private and affordable housing to rent
- a new community school campus with sports facilities and student accommodation
- improved parkland, allotments, public spaces and shops
- a new bridge across the M8 connecting Sighthill with the city centre, as well as a road bridge across the railway between Sighthill and Port Dundas.

What will happen next?

Before work on these projects can begin, Glasgow City Council has to carry out some major work on the land in the area.

That will involve removing some of the materials in the ground which are a legacy of Sighthill's industrial past. This will be a very large-scale process involving the use of heavy plant and machinery to carry out these essential works. It will also be necessary to remove a number of existing trees and shrubs to allow the work to happen.

As well as this, GHA will be getting the blocks at 31/35 and 32/34 Pinkston Drive ready for demolition. The demolition should start in autumn this year, and will be carried out by ultra high-reach machine. The demolition should be complete towards the end of 2016.

Keeping you up to date

Unfortunately, the scale of the work we're carrying out means there will be some disruption for people in Sighthill. We'll be doing everything we can to keep this disruption to a minimum

We'll also be keeping you up-to-date with everything that's happening, so you have the latest information to hand. We'll be doing this through:

- A TC:G website

- regular newsletters delivered to your door
- local information and drop-in sessions
- updates on social media.



Most of the next phase of work we've outlined here won't really start until later this year. So we'll organise another drop-in session later in the year to explain everything that's happening and answer any questions you may have. We'll also produce a leaflet which will include all the information you need.

New home for Youth Centre

From November, due to the demolition plans, there will be no public access to the youth centre building and nearby sports pitches. The youth centre, currently based at St Rollox Church, hopes to move to St Stephen's School and will continue to operate there from Monday to Friday, from 6pm to 9pm. Discussions are also under way about the long-term plans for the location of the youth centre.

Arts project to capture Sighthill's history

Through earlier newsletters and drop-in events, many Sighthill residents have already had a say in plans to set up a dedicated green space and play area for the community.

The Project Team is now looking into that - and we want as many residents as possible to get involved. For more information, email Maggie.MacBean@glagowlife.org.uk or phone 276 1785.

Local post office and chemist

We plan to locate the temporary post office and pharmacy in the KATS building until the new shop units are created. The work for the pharmacy should be finished in the next few weeks and discussions are ongoing with the post office. We'll keep you informed as this progresses.

Local bus services

We understand the importance of local bus services in the area. That's why we're talking to First Bus in order to try to minimise any likely reduction in services in the area. SPT is expected to continue to run its Monday to Saturday, 9am to 2pm service.

Community Campus

A brand new community campus will be built to replace the existing schools and nursery. The new campus will include Glasgow Life sports and community facilities, such as community rooms, sports courts, fitness and dance suites. The new school/community campus is expected to be open in Autumn 2018. The nursery, St Stephen's and St Kevin's schools will then transfer over to the new facility. The old buildings will be demolished shortly afterwards, making way for further redevelopment.

The Stone Circle

We're looking at plans to relocate the Sighthill Stone Circle to another spot. We'll keep you updated on this. In the meantime, public access to the Stone Circle will be closed from November this year so the council can begin the land remediation works in that area.

More information

Residents are at the heart of all our plans for Sighthill. The Local Delivery Group for the Sighthill TRA (Transformational Regeneration Area) is made up of representatives from the community. The Group, which is chaired by Councillor Allan Stewart, meets every three months and provides a formal channel for monitoring the project and agreeing local priorities. If you're interested in being part of the Group, please get in touch.

We'll also be arranging another community event in the autumn. We'll let you know the details beforehand.

Remember, GHA and GCC staff are on hand to give you any more information you need and to answer any of your questions. You can also contact Jackie Harvey, the project manager for Sighthill TRA.

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