



Transforming
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Sighthill Regeneration Neighbourhood News

Summer 2016



The new Sighthill is taking shape!

The regeneration of the area – one of the biggest projects of its kind in Scotland – is now well underway. When completed the community will see hundreds more new homes, a new school campus, new shops, as well as a road bridge, land bridge, a new park 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.





1. What we've done so far

All 141 of the new GHA homes are now occupied, and tenants are delighted to be living in their modern, spacious, energy-efficient homes. The development has recently won two prestigious awards: 'Homes for Scotland – Regeneration Project of the year' and 'Scottish Home Awards – Large affordable Housing Association development'.

The other work that you currently see on site includes:

- remediation work to address the contamination issues across the site. The expected completion for this is early 2017.
- work on the infill of the Buchanan railway tunnel expected to be complete by the end of summer 2016.
- The demolition of block 31/35 Pinkston Drive and also the last remaining block at 32/34 Pinkston Drive, which will be completed by the end of 2016.

Pinkston Road and Pinkston Drive are now closed to allow necessary development works. That work includes dealing with contaminated land, building new roads, installing related services and carrying out some landscaping. These roads will be closed until early 2018. Diversions to the city centre and the M8 will be made along Keppochhill Road and on to Springburn Road.

To help traffic flow, the council's roads team will make adjustments to the traffic lights on Springburn Road. Delays may occur at peak times, and drivers using these roads may wish to change their route.

2. What else is planned

Major works will continue for the next five years or so. As well as the new GHA homes, the transformation of the area will see:

- a mix of private and affordable mid market housing to rent and buy
- a new Community Campus
- improved parkland, allotments, public spaces and shops, along with a growing space that you can use in the meantime
- a new pedestrian bridge across the M8 connecting Sighthill with the city centre, as well as a road bridge across the railway from Sighthill to Port Dundas

3. What will happen next

The contracts for the first major works in the area are underway and you will have seen a lot of activity. When this work is completed the second major works will start. This will start to see the new Sighthill, including the new park and green space as well as the new roads and infrastructure. This will commence at the beginning of 2017.



4. New design for St Rollox Church

The Church of Scotland's St Rollox Church will also have a new home within Sighthill. This will be to the north of the site, adjacent to the current homes and beside the park. Plans are well underway for the new building and a fantastic video showing the initial designs of what the new church will look like is available on the council website.

5. New home for Youth Centre

The Youth Centre, currently based at St. Rollox Church, will move to St. Stephen's Primary School in late August 2016 and will continue to operate there from Monday to Friday, from 6pm to 9pm. In the longer term the Youth Centre will have a new home within the Community Campus.

6. Community Space – Plant Grow Play Gather

Since February, Pidgin Perfect has been working with Sighthill residents to help them move towards designing and creating a mobile community space – a flexible space where the community can come together to plant, grow, play and gather. Residents have been designing and creating the community space through a series of workshops and events, which included visiting other community spaces in Glasgow, decorating and filling planters, hand painting 72 pieces of crockery and gardening training from The Concrete Garden.

The project culminated on Sunday 12 June with 'Sighthill's Big Lunch' - a fun-filled, family afternoon, free to attend and open to everyone. It was a celebration of the work achieved on the project and a chance for those who had not previously been involved in the project to find out more. The event was well attended, attracting families, friends and neighbours from Sighthill and beyond. As well as delicious food from The Real Junk Food Project and Milk Cafe and dance displays by A&M Scotland, there were stallholders representing creative and educational organisations from across the city. Guests got the chance to learn how to play the guitar, print their own tote bag, get a henna tattoo and enrol for a course at Glasgow Kelvin College – all in one afternoon!

There's a great video showing the celebrations available to view on the council website. The community space is being designed and created by the community so please do get in touch if you would like to be involved. It's a great opportunity to socialise and learn new skills.



7. Community Campus

Designs for the new Community Campus are progressing. The new Campus will replace the existing schools and nursery, the Youth Centre and will include community facilities. There will also be an all-weather seven a side football pitch, which can be let out to the community and used by the children during the day. The Campus is expected to be open in autumn 2019 and the nursery, St Stephen's and St Kevin's schools and the Youth Centre will then transfer over to the new facility. The new building is designed to adapt to changes in the school roll if necessary.

In April, staff from the project team, our contractors, the community arts consultants Pidgin Perfect, and a local resident visited St. Stephen's Primary School to take part in a video the school children are making about the regeneration of Sighthill, and we're looking into inviting the children to the City Chambers for the launch of the video. The school is also working on a time capsule of memories which will be buried near the location of the new school. It's great to have so many positive young people engaged in the regeneration process.

As well as engaging with the children about future plans, a handful of children from Sighthill will also appear in site signs that will be erected in prominent locations around Sighthill. The signs are expected to be erected in August, so look out for some familiar faces!

8. Allotments

Do you fancy growing your own fresh fruit, flowers, vegetables or herbs? Enjoy physical activity in the fresh air, or want to meet likeminded folk from your community? Becoming an allotment plot holder can help you do all these things, and Glasgow City Council wants to hear from you if you're keen on getting involved in the new Sighthill Allotments. This brand new development will release 20 plots for cultivation by residents of the area.

We want to make sure the community is at the heart of the allotment project and the design of the site will include a community cabin and a communal space for plot holders to get together, have a blether and share their experiences. The council will also work with local residents community to develop a Sighthill Allotment Association, which will oversee the day-to-day activity of the site and ensure a real sense of community ownership. If you would like to be involved in this exciting opportunity then please register your interest by emailing: land@glasgow.gov.uk.



9. Summer activities

The grounds of St Kevin's Primary School are open throughout the school holidays to provide a safe area for people to play during the on-going development works. We do need to carry out some site investigation work and the grounds will be closed from 1 August. We will try to get this work completed as quickly as possible to get the school open again for you.

There's a summer club for local children and young people during the holidays at KATS. The club will be run by the group - New Rhythms for Glasgow - which organised the Sighthill Youth Arts Summer Club last year. This year's programme includes similar activities such as carnival arts, drama, music, children's arts and crafts, DJ-ing, face painting, break dancing, singing, games, pool, samba drumming, football coaching and dance instruction provided in partnership with A&M Scotland. Light snacks and drinks are provided during each session. We hope you've been able to get involved and enjoyed these fun sessions.

We've also arranged summer sessions for local young people at the Pinkston Watersports, with funding secured for 72 places through the holidays. This covered six morning sessions and six afternoon sessions running Monday to Friday for each of the six weeks. This also gives each participant a one-year membership to Pinkston Panthers, the canoe club based at Pinkston Watersports. Following the summer

those attending the sessions will have the opportunity to continue with their watersports.

Pinkston Panthers meet on Wednesdays at 5.30pm and the cost is just £3 per session. These sessions are considerably cheaper due to them being delivered by volunteers – the usual cost is £20. For more information on Pinkston Watersports, visit www.pinkston.co.uk.

10. Training and employment

Jobs and Business Glasgow (JBG) is working with the onsite contractor, VHE, to maximise training and job opportunities for the local community. VHE's minimum target is six new positions and one apprenticeship. This is a great opportunity for young people about to leave, or who have just left, school, to land a job and learn new skills.

If you're interested in applying for one of these positions, phone Helen Mathieson on **0141 274 3366** or **07884 734 403**, or write to Digital Media Academy, 100 Brand Street, Glasgow, G51 1DG. Anyone can apply for these positions.



11. Keeping you updated

Unfortunately, the scale and type of work we're carrying out means there will be some disruption for people in Sighthill. Please be assured we're 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, and we'll continue to do this through:

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

As we advised in the last newsletter, noise associated with construction and demolition works in residential areas should not occur before 8am or after 7pm Monday to Friday, and not before 8am or after 1pm on Saturdays. No works are planned to be carried out on Sundays and public holidays. We will advise you if any essential work outside these hours must take place.

If you have any questions about any of the work going on in Sighthill, call us on **07767 118 231**.

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You can get more information by visiting the council website: **www.glasgow.gov.uk/sighthill**