

PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL: TURNER WHAT WE HEARD REPORT



TURNER DEVELOPMENT

From 26 February to 20 April 2018, Housing ACT sought input from the community as part of the pre-Development Application (DA) engagement stage for a new public housing development on Forbes Street, Turner.

Housing ACT is looking to replace an ageing 3-bedroom dwelling built in 1948, located at 9 Forbes Street, Turner (Block 9 Section 46), with a new multi-unit complex. The site is in close proximity to local shops, as well as schools and public transport.

Housing ACT is proposing to demolish the existing building and construct 7 new dwellings, with a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom units and 2 Class C Adaptable units to allow older residents to age in place. The proposed development is for 3 storeys, and the design makes provision for secure basement parking.

Housing ACT has given careful consideration to the site and local amenity to produce a high-quality design that aims to integrate with the surrounding area. The mature street trees will be retained where possible which will help maintain the character of the area and help the new building blend in with the location.

THE CONVERSATION

Housing ACT engaged with the community to seek feedback on the shape and scale of the proposal, and asked people to consider the orientation, look and design, height and density, materials and colour palette, and landscaping of the new development. This was done through a series of information kiosks and online.

Information about the proposed development was sent to all Turner residents in February 2018. A pop-up information kiosk was held at the Dickson shops on 2 March and at the O'Connor shops on 8 March and 21 March, where community members were able to drop by to see the plans, ask questions and engage with representatives from Housing ACT about the project.

We engaged with stakeholders face-to-face and online about the proposed development from 26 February 2018 to 20 April 2018.

WHO ENGAGED

A postcard with information on the proposed development and a link to the Your Say website, including dates for community engagement opportunities, was sent to all households in Turner in February 2018.

Housing ACT held a stall at the Northside Community Services monthly barbecue at the Dickson shops on 2 March 2018, which enabled a broad cross section of the community to stop by and enquire about the project. Approximately 27 people stopped to engage about the project.

The pop-up information kiosks held at the O'Connor shops in March saw approximately 28 people from the surrounding neighbourhood engage about the project.

Key insights from the community

Public housing in the Inner North

- 1 There is strong support for public housing located close to essential services, including transport
- 2 Support also exists for smart-design and energy efficient housing
- 3 Additional comments were received about the importance of communal outdoor space

Parking

- 4 Parking along Forbes Street was a primary consideration for commenters
- 5 Additional comments were made about street access along Forbes Street, in particular, cyclists.

NB: Transport Canberra and City Services will be consulted as part of the DA review.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Housing ACT values the community's feedback to the proposed development. For the most part, feedback was supportive of the proposal and the inclusion of public housing in the area. Issues raised through the community engagement process were taken into consideration and determined to have been addressed in the design of the new complex.

The next step is to lodge a DA. There will be further opportunity to provide comment as part of the DA process. Please visit: http://www.planning.act.gov.au/development_applications/pubnote

You can register to receive project updates at : housingactrenewal@act.gov.au

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Key Timings

Step 1 – 26 February – 20 April 2018, community consultation

Step 2 – May/June 2018, compile community feedback

Step 3 – July 2018, submit Development Application

Step 4 – end-2018, commence construction

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

1,279

We reached 1,279 people via YourSay

55

We spoke to 55 individuals face-to-face

3

We held 3 pop-up information kiosks across 2 suburbs

2,275

We sent postcards to 2,275 households, businesses and community groups in the Inner North

19

We received 19 items of written feedback (YourSay and email)

8

We received 8 items of written feedback about parking

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We received 9 written submissions in support of the proposal

