



PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL: LATHAM

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

LATHAM DEVELOPMENT

From 23 April to 1 June 2018, Housing ACT sought input from the community as part of the pre-DA engagement stage for a new public housing development on Southern Cross Drive, Latham.

Housing ACT is looking to construct a dual-occupancy development, comprising two 2-bedroom houses on the vacant block located at 230 Southern Cross Drive, Latham (Block 12 Section 43). The site is in close proximity to local schools, shops, as well as public transport.

Housing ACT is proposing to construct two new dwellings, both built to Class C Adaptable standards. Adaptable housing ensures that people of all ages and abilities can live within the home and it can be easily adapted to meet changing household needs.

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 whilst addressing our tenants needs. The mature street trees will be retained where possible which will help maintain the character of the area.

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, and landscaping of the new development. This was done through a drop-in information session and online.

Information about the proposed development was sent to the surrounding Latham residents in April 2018. A pop-up information kiosk was held on-site on 5 May, 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 23 April 2018 to 1 June 2018.

WHO ENGAGED

A letter with information on the proposed development and a link to the Your Say website was sent to surrounding households in Latham in April 2018.

Housing ACT held a drop-in session on-site on Saturday 5 May 2018, which saw two members of the community stop by and enquire about the project.

Key insights from the community

Public housing in Belconnen

- 1 There was support for public housing located close to essential services, including transport
- 2 There was support for the Adaptable design of new houses
- 3 There was one comment about the prominence of the garages on the block

The need for affordable and accessible housing

- 4 Additional comments were received on the importance of good-quality affordable and accessible housing in the community
- 5 One couple who live nearby attended the drop-in session to show their support for the proposal and noted that they hoped to see even more public housing in their suburb

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Housing ACT values the community's feedback to the proposed development. Feedback was overwhelmingly supportive of the inclusion of public housing in the area. Issues/questions raised through the community engagement process have been taken into consideration and determined to have been addressed through the design or directly by Housing ACT.

The next step is to lodge a Development Application (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

To find out more about the Latham development and other initiatives, policies and projects in Canberra visit

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Key Timings

Step 1 - 23 April - 1 June 2018, community consultation

Step 2- June/July 2018, compile community feedback

Step 3 - July/August 2018, formalise design and submit Development Application

Step 4 - end-2018, commence construction

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

561

We reached 561 people via YourSay

27

We sent letters to 27 households in the surrounding area

1

We held one on-site pop-up information kiosk



2

We spoke to 2 individuals face-to-face

5

We received 5 comments about the proposal on Your Say

4

We received 4 comments supporting the proposal



Feedback collected on Southern Cross Drive, Latham proposed redevelopment

| Comment | Design Response |
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| YOURSAY | |
| This looks great - it's good to see affordable housing being built to a good quality standard with good energy efficiency. | Noted |
| The homes look very fresh and smart. Ensure the front door is wheelchair accessible, ie zero lip. But little detail provided. | The homes have been designed to Class C Adaptable standards meaning that all doorways in the home are wider than a standard design and will be wheelchair accessible. |
| I like the concept. Need more detail. Good location and good use of land. Is this Community, Affordable of SDA (NDIS) compliant? | The new dwellings will be built to Class C Adaptable standards which will enable people of all abilities to live there. They will be allocated to people found to be eligible for public housing from the Housing ACT (public housing) register. |
| Southern Cross Drive is a main road with lots of traffic so would this be a safe location for older persons or children. | Southern Cross Drive is a busy road, therefore any residents would need to be mindful of their surroundings when crossing. There are dwellings located along the length of Southern Cross Drive. |
| Re design, garages are too prominent & ratio of built form should allow for large tree canopies and permeable ground surface. | The designs have taken the large trees and their canopies into account. The garages have been set back on the block to be in line with the rest of the dwelling structure which allows internal access. |
| EMAILS | |
| Nil received | |
| DROP-IN SESSION | |
| Noted that the proposed development was positive and hope to see even more public housing in their suburb. | Noted |

* Please note: responses included from the Your Say website have not had typing/spelling errors corrected