

PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL: BLOCK 1 SECTION 80 GREENWAY

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT

From 15 June to 7 August 2020, Housing ACT sought input from the community on the design for a new public housing development in Ellison Harvie Close.

Housing ACT is proposing to construct 30 x Class C Adaptable units on the vacant site at Block 1 Section 80 Greenway, comprising 12 x two bedroom units, 17 x three bedroom units, and a 1 x four bedroom unit across the large site. This is part of the ongoing commitment to revitalise the public housing portfolio.

Housing ACT is proposing to build all units to Class C Adaptable level standards. Adaptable housing ensures that people of all ages and abilities can live within the homes and they can be easily adapted to meet changing household needs without requiring costly or substantial modifications.

Housing ACT has given careful consideration to the site and local amenity, being in close proximity to local schools, shops and public transport options along Drakeford Drive, to produce a high-quality design that aims to integrate with the surrounding area whilst addressing our tenants' needs.



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 of the new development. We engaged with the local community about the proposed development via postcard drop, the use of YourSay and two virtual information sessions from 15 June to 7 August 2020.

A postcard was sent to residents in the surrounding suburbs to inform them of the proposed development on 15 June 2020. Information about the proposal, as well as copies of the plans were provided on the YourSay page. Local residents were invited to review the plans, ask questions and get in touch with Housing ACT about the project.

WHO ENGAGED

Some local residents got in touch through email, posting comments on YourSay and attending the virtual information sessions to discuss the proposal.

The postcard for the proposed development at Block 1 Section 80 reached residents in Monash, Oxley, Isabella Plains, Bonython and Greenway, with 6 attendees across both information sessions, 33 community members posting 47 comments on the YourSay page, and 14 members of the community getting in touch via email in relation to the proposal.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

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We received comments on YourSay from 33 community members

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We had 6 attendees across 2 virtual information sessions

14

We received items of written feedback via email from 14 community members



Key insights from the community

Public Housing in Greenway

1. There was some interest in how tenants are selected for public housing properties
2. There were some concerns around potential increase in anti-social behaviour
3. There were some concerns around the amount of public housing in Greenway

Design & Construction

4. There were some concerns around the suitability of the dwelling types proposed (i.e. 3 bedroom dwellings)
5. There were positive comments on the quality of the design

WHAT'S NEXT?

Housing ACT values the community's feedback on the proposed development.

Matters 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. A table outlining what we heard and how we have responded is attached to this report.

The next step is to finalise designs and lodge the Development Application (DA). There will be further opportunity to provide comment as part of the DA process. We're expecting to lodge the DA in September 2020, if you intend to make further comment please monitor the following link as only adjoining neighbours will be notified through the DA process: http://www.planning.act.gov.au/development_applications/pubnote

To find out more about the Block 1 Section 80 Greenway development and other Housing ACT projects in Canberra, you can email the Housing ACT team directly at housingactrenewal@act.gov.au.

Key Timings

Step 1: 15 June – 7 August 2020, community engagement

Step 2: August 2020 – compile and respond to community feedback (*we are here*)

Step 3: September 2020 – finalise design and submit Development Application

Step 4: Early 2021 – commence construction (subject to development approval)