

PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL: FLOREY

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT



FLOREY DEVELOPMENT

From 15 June to 13 July 2018, Housing ACT sought input from the community for a new public housing development in Cooksey Place, Florey.

Housing ACT is looking to replace the aged 3-bedroom dwelling previously located at 7 Cooksey Place, Florey with a new 5-bedroom home that will be used to provide long-term supported care for people with mental health needs in our community.

Housing ACT is proposing to construct the new dwelling 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.

One of the bedrooms in the new home will be allocated to a support worker who will provide 24 hour support/care for the residents. In addition, the residents of the house will receive a range of services from a community based organisation that are designed to improve their life skills and capacity to look after themselves. The site is well located, in close proximity to local schools, shops, as well as public transport. The accessibility of the site and opportunities for tenants to walk to the nearby shops and transport will provide people with the opportunity to get involved and participate in their local community.

Housing ACT has worked closely with ACT Health to identify a suitable site and 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 Florey residents in June 2018. A pop-up information kiosk was held on-site on Saturday 23 June, where community members were able to drop by to see the plans, ask questions and engage with representatives from Housing ACT and ACT Health about the project.

We engaged with stakeholders face-to-face and online about the proposed development from 15 June 2018 to 13 July 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 Florey in June 2018.

Housing ACT held a drop-in session on-site on Saturday 23 June 2018, which saw 8 members of the community stop by and discuss the project.

Key insights from the community

Public housing in Belconnen

- 1 There was general support for public housing located close to essential services, including transport
- 2 There was both support and concerns for the new development and its future residents
- 3 There was some concern on the impact that a large dwelling may have on parking and traffic in the street

Neighbourhood safety and future tenants

- 4 Additional comments were received on the importance of maintaining neighbourhood safety
- 5 There was interest in who the future tenants may be and when construction would likely be complete for tenants to move in

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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 redevelopment 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 and/or ACT Health.

A Development Application is not required for the building if it meets all of the mandatory planning requirements and the necessary approvals will be sought from a Building Certifier. Construction of the new development is expected to commence in 2018/19.

To find out more about the Florey development you can register to receive project updates at: housingactrenewal@act.gov.au

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Key Timings



Step 1 - 15 June - 13 July 2018, community consultation

Step 2- July 2018, compile community feedback

Step 3 - July/August 2018, formalise design and submit Building Approvals (BA)

Step 4 - end-August 2018, commence construction

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

<p>568</p> <p>We reached 568 people via YourSay</p>	<p>16</p> <p>We sent letters to 16 neighbouring households in the surrounding area</p>	<p>1</p> <p>We held one on-site pop-up information kiosk</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>We spoke to 8 individuals face-to-face</p>	<p>4</p> <p>We received 4 comments about the proposal on Your Say</p>	<p>4</p> <p>We received 4 items of written feedback via email</p>	
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