

# Lochside newsletter

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Wheatley Homes South and Dumfries and Galloway Council are working closely with the local community to transform Lochside into a **thriving, healthy and sustainable neighbourhood** for people to live, learn and work.

## What's happening...

From the feedback we have received so far, we know that a big issue for many has been related to transport and links with Dumfries town centre and the hope that can be improved.

If you are interested in being part of a focus group looking at the issue of transport and the roads locally so that active travel is better supported, our connectivity focus group is for you.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday 28 September from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the YMCA Dumfries, Lochside Road, Dumfries.

If you would like to attend, please email [lochsideregen@wheatleyhomes-south.com](mailto:lochsideregen@wheatleyhomes-south.com) or scan the QR code.



### Hearing from young people

From September onwards, our engagement around the future of Lochside will see us consulting with young people from the area.

Thanks to the support from the head teachers of Langland's, St Teresa's and North West Community Campus, we will be hosting a series of sessions within schools. This will allow us to hear from children and young people and learn what they want the future of Lochside to look like.

We recognise the views of young people are important to the regeneration plans. More information on these events will be shared via the schools closer to the time.

### Round-up of recent activities

The last few months have seen us regularly out and about in the community and hosting

events in the area to hear views on the future of Lochside. From door knocking and surveys through to attending public events and hosting focus groups, a range of voices have shared their views on our regeneration proposals.

### Types of housing

Residents who attended our types of housing focus group were able to meet, and hear from, Jarek Gasiorek, Associate and Architect at Smith Scott Mullan Associates.

The session prompted a chat around the types of homes that are needed in the area. The most popular choice was for properties which had their own front door and access to a private garden. The need for accessible and stair-free homes was also raised. When it comes to families, there was a discussion on the need for larger homes.

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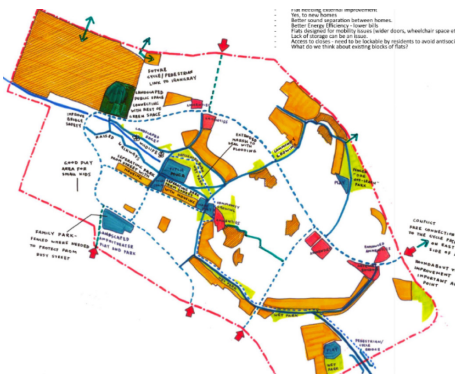
## Safe and healthy communities

We held a focus group in May which covered a range of topics, from footpaths, cycle routes and transports links to, and from, the Dumfries town centre through to the importance of green spaces.

## Lochside regeneration drop-in session

More than 50 residents attended this session to share their views on the future of Lochside and were able to see the most up-to-date regeneration drawings.

There was lots of discussion about the developing plans and Glentroll Park, as well need for spaces for commercial, social and community activities, proved popular.



Artists' drawings were shared showing how the area would look like if it had different styles of housing, including terraced properties, townhouses and maisonettes.

The feedback to these drawings was positive with residents saying they liked properties with a simple but robust design with limited architectural features.

## Glentroll walkabout

We were shown around the green space and were able to see first-hand how popular and well-used the land is. With that in mind, the masterplan was updated to remove proposed housing sites from this space.

There are lots of exciting ideas for Glentroll Park, including a new playpark, a nature reserve, a space for the community to really enjoy. We look forward to these discussions continuing and hearing more views on what it should include.

## Lochside Gala

Lochside Gala was another chance to reach out to the wider Lochside community and share information on the proposals.

It was also a great opportunity to share how the regeneration is looking based on the feedback we have had to date.



## Next Lochside Local Delivery Group meeting

The next meeting of the monthly Local Delivery Group will take place at Dumfries YMCA, Lochside Road, Dumfries on Thursday, 28 September, 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

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