

Wester Hailes - A Local Place Plan 2.0



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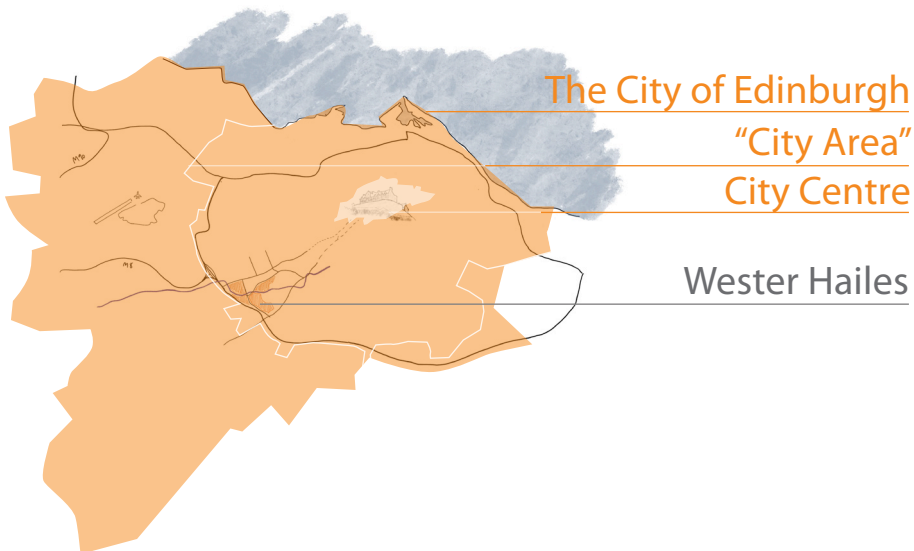
In 2019 the Scottish Parliament passed into legislation a new Planning (Scotland) Act which introduces a wide range of reforms to Scotland's planning system. Included in these changes is the opportunity for communities in Scotland to develop 'Local Place Plans'.

A group of community-based and community-led organisations: Wester Hailes Community Trust, WHALE Arts and Prospect Community Housing, along with a wider group of organisations based locally, worked alongside Ian Gilzean, Chief Architect, Scottish Government, to develop the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan (LPP) 1.0. This piece of work was funded by City of Edinburgh Council with Ian Gilzean on a secondment from Scottish Government. A Local Place Plan resource space was created at WHALE Art to support the process, where a Community Conference was held February 2020 to present LPP 1.0 to local residents and organisations of Wester Hailes. The report was published in May 2020.

In November 2021 the Wester Hailes Community Trust obtained a Place Based Investment Grant from City of Edinburgh Council to complete the Local Place Plan and use this as a catalyst for the next 20+ years in Wester Hailes. Wester Hailes Community Trust appointed UrbanPioneers (landscape architects, lead designer) who worked together with the Dress for the Weather (architects) to finalise the Local Place Plan 2.0.

Through engagement of local stakeholders and residents the aim was to prepare a Local Place Plan that reflects the aspirations of the people who live and work in Wester Hailes in order to:

- Make Wester Hailes a better place to live, work and visit
- Influence decision making on planning and investment in Wester Hailes
- Involve all generations and people from different backgrounds to have a say in the future of Wester Hailes
- Bring together different public bodies, local agencies, organisations and groups to work cooperatively in Wester Hailes to develop and deliver the outlined projects within the Local Place Plan



01 Executive Summary

The Wester Hailes Local Place Plan 2.0 was shaped through extensive **community and stakeholder engagement** outlining how the community would like to see any **development or use of land (spatial proposals)** in Wester Hailes in the future.

In addition **non-spatial proposal** have been identified to tackle particular issues that would not be addressed through the spatial proposals alone.

With the proposed concept of the **20-Minute Neighbourhood** to be embedded within the Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan has used the 20-Minute Neighbourhood features as the basis for the site appraisal and the resulting proposals.

A Vision and Core Values capture the priorities from Wester Hailes residents, local organisation and business, which have been identified through the engagement process.

Vision

Wester Hailes, a place for

- Home
- Spaces Between Buildings
- Coming Together
- Health & Wellbeing
- Ageing Well
- Children & Young People
- Lifelong Learning & Working
- Community Empowerment

Core Values

These outline the values that should be attributed when delivering the vision and proposed projects.

All future improvements and projects to include:

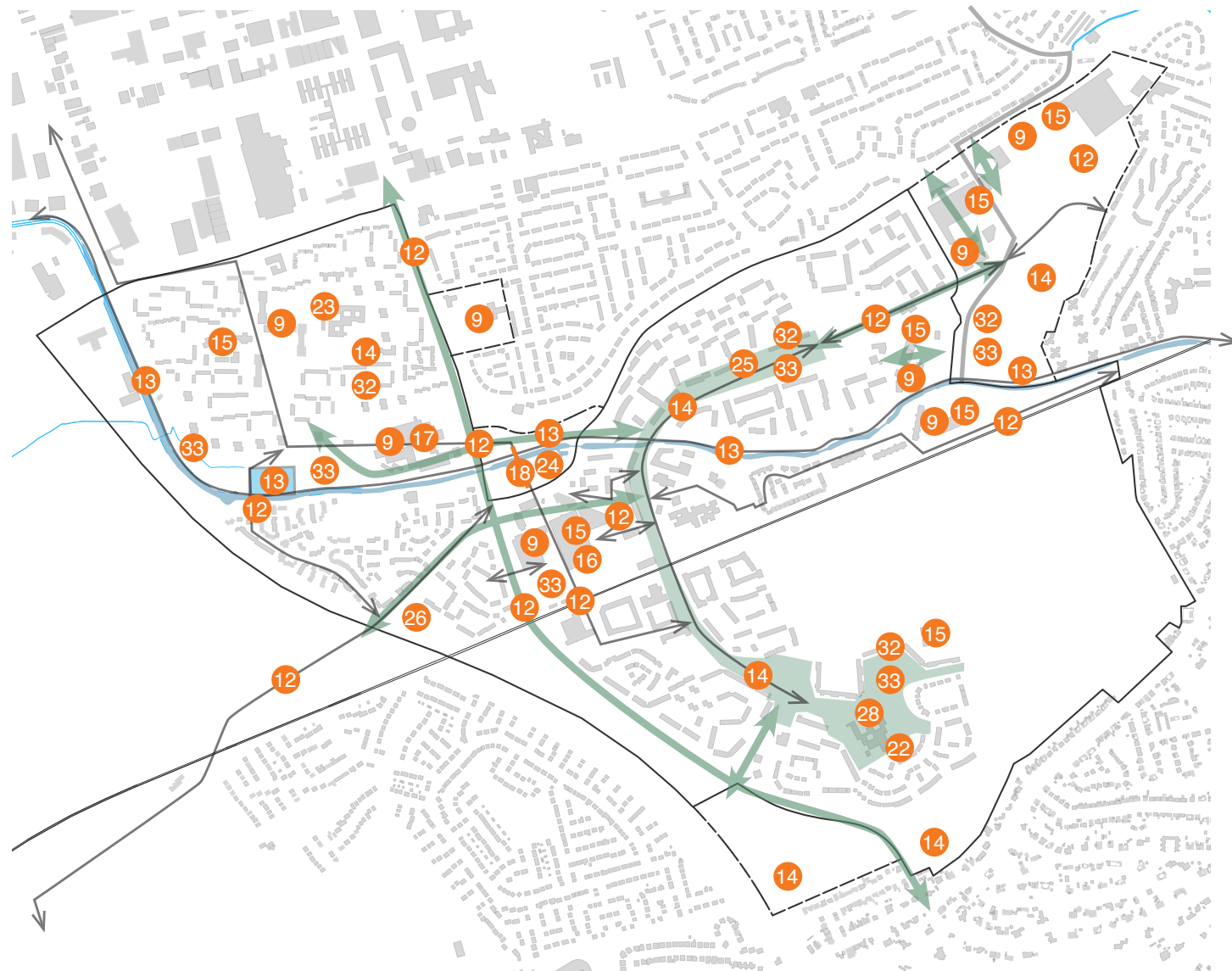
- Arts
- Circular economy
- Community control
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Sustainability

Spatial Proposed Projects: Proposals as to the development or use of land

- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy *
- (11) Path Routes ↔
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (14) Greenspace Improvements ↔
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (19) Re-Parking
- (20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (22) Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
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- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces

Non-Spatial Proposed Projects:

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy *
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy *
- (3) CEC Housing Management Strategy *
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy *
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy *
- (6) Food Strategy *
- (7) Health & Wellbeing Strategy *
- (8) Learning Strategy *
- (10) Ageing in Place *
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services *
- (27) Seating *
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service *
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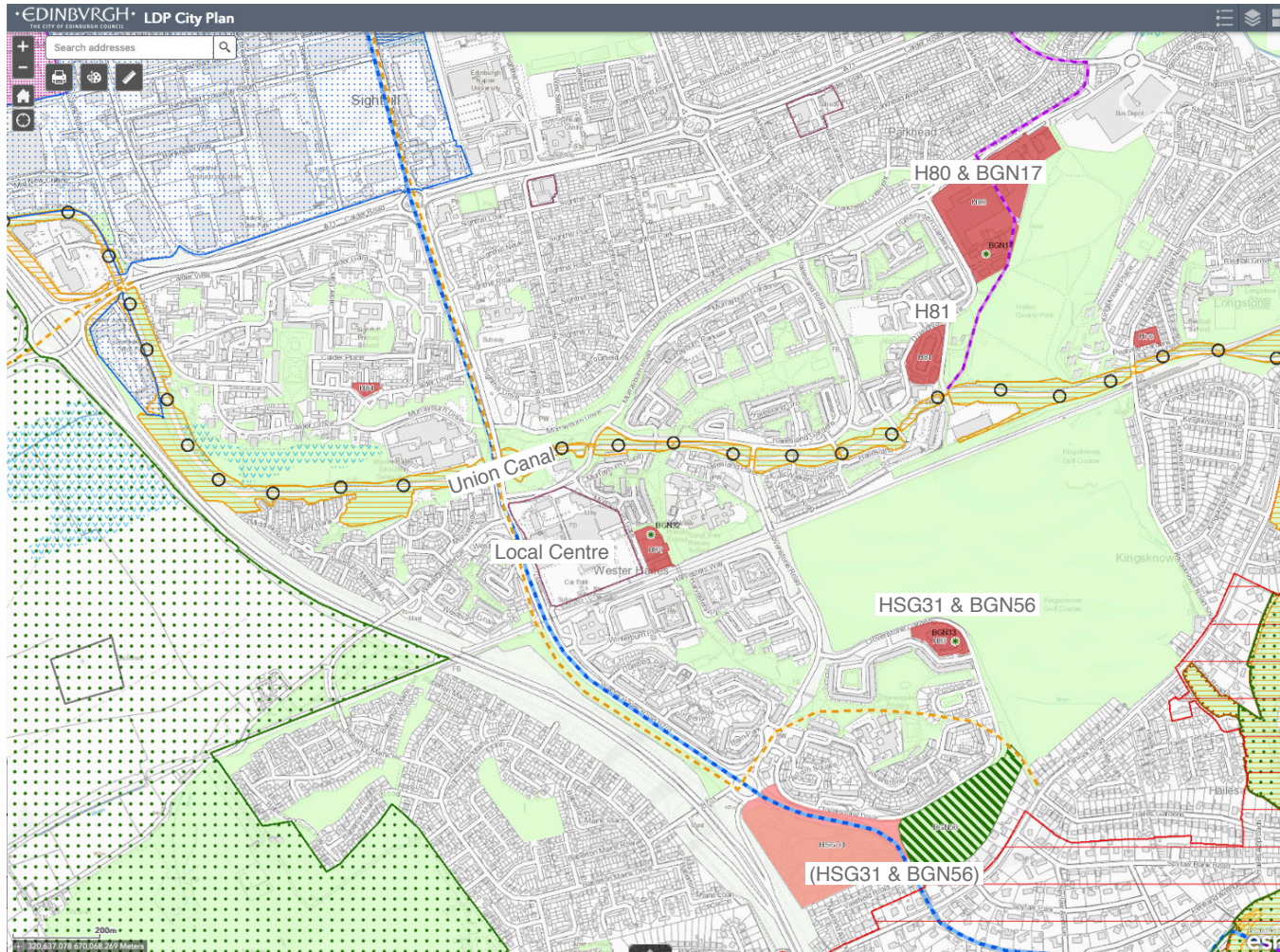


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Proposed changes to the Local Development Plan/ DRAFT City Plan 2030

The Local Place Plan identifies the followings proposed changes to the Local Development Plan (LDP)/ DRAFT City Plan 2030:

Overall there is concern from the community about new housing without increasing amenities and facilities as it would put too much pressure on existing amenities, facilities and public services. There is further concern of encroachment on existing greenspaces through new housing and increasing existing social issues (unemployment, substance abuse, health & wellbeing).

Proposed Housing at Curriemuirend Park (HSG31 & BGN56)

Retain the park as an existing greenspace. Friends of Curriemuirend Park, Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council (as well as Wester Hailes Community Council in the past) have been supportive in trying to ensure the park remains as open green space.

The objections to housing in the park include:

- Curriemuirend Park was designated as a millennium forest with considerable tree planting at that time plus substantial planting after that.
- It is a quiet open green space which acts as a natural boundary between two distinct communities but enjoyed by both.
- It is surrounded by 2 major routes , the city bypass and the Wester Hailes road, with Viewfield Road to the south. There would be considerable noise and air pollution for any housing on the park.
- Access to any housing would most likely require the reduction of the Wester Hailes road to single carriage way along with a number of pedestrian crossings and vehicle access. The Wester Hailes road is a relief road for the city bypass and could not cope with width restrictions during the many incidents on the city bypass.

- The housing proposal indicated that there would be improvements to Clovenstone park as a trade off but no plans have been available other than improved signposts in the park and pedestrian crossings on the Wester Hailes Road.
- Friends of Curriemuirend Park have made a number of suggestions for improvement in the park but unfortunately the barrier has always been that the park is historically in the housing budget and is a numerical source for housing in the LDP.

Building housing on sites with existing business will have an impact on loss of local job opportunities but potentially also increase vehicular travel times if these are being moved further away/ to the outskirts of Edinburgh. Some of the local businesses (i.e. MKM Building supplies) are being used by local residents & tradesmen and locating these further away from Wester Hailes could potentially increase vehicular traffic which would not align with the 20-Minute Neighbourhood principles.

Any new development and/or housing should consider and address these concerns and potential negative impact.

Proposed Housing at Murrayburn Road (H80 & BGN17)

- Increase services and facilities within Wester Hailes as increase in residents; Include amenities, business & community spaces
- Consider loss of jobs if existing business are being replaced with housing
- Consider retaining/ integrating existing businesses within new developments

Proposed Housing at Dumbryden Industrial Estate (H81)

- Increase services and facilities within Wester Hailes

as increase in residents; Include amenities, business & community spaces

- Consider loss of jobs if existing business are being replaced with housing
- Consider retaining/ integrating existing businesses within new developments

Proposed Housing at Clovenstone Gardens (existing care home) (H83 & BGN33)

- Research and engagement with care providers should be undertaken before replacing the only care home within Wester Hailes with housing
- Although there is a shift to ageing in place and living as long as possible within ones own home, there are still ageing related impairments and illnesses that would require living in a care home. A local care home would allow residents to stay within their local community.

Local Centre

- Include housing (Ageing in place & mixed tenure) & visitor accommodation
- Establish a mobility hub that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, cycle parking, hire & maintenance, click and collect and electric vehicle charging)* [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs](#); obvious link to train station

Union Canal

- Potential Marina Site with mixed development & living/ housing on canal
- Living/ housing on canal - co-housing, compact, off-grid
- Proposed canal footbridge connecting local centre & canal towpath/ WHEC. High school - as key element of local economy infrastructure and active travel link

Refer to the following project pages for more detailed information:

- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge



Site Boundary

For the Local Place Plan the site boundary of the Wester Hailes Community Council has been used (solid black line in map) including four additional areas adjacent to Wester Hailes, within adjacent Community Council areas (black dashed line). These additional areas have been included within the Local Place Plan work to align with the project boundary and area for the Regeneration Masterplan which City of Edinburgh Council is developing at the same time.

The Wester Hailes Community Trust and Local Place Plan Steering Group outlined the importance of including these areas within Local Place Plan work as the development of these sites would have a significant impact to Wester Hailes residents, organisations, facilities and services.



History

The name 'Wester Hailes' is derived from Wester Hailes farm, which was located in today's area. The area of today's Wester Hailes, was not substantially developed until the early 1970s, which is reflected in the dominant housing styles, mainly purpose-built flats and tower blocks.

It was extensively redeveloped during the 1990s and 2000s, with a large number of properties being renovated and some others - such as the high rise "slab block" flats at Hailesland Park being demolished and replaced with newer "low rise" housing.

Another big change was the building of the Union Canal throughout Wester Hailes which opened in 2001.

A more detailed timeline can be found at:
<https://hailesmatters.wordpress.com/across-the-years-a-time-line-for-wester-hailes/>

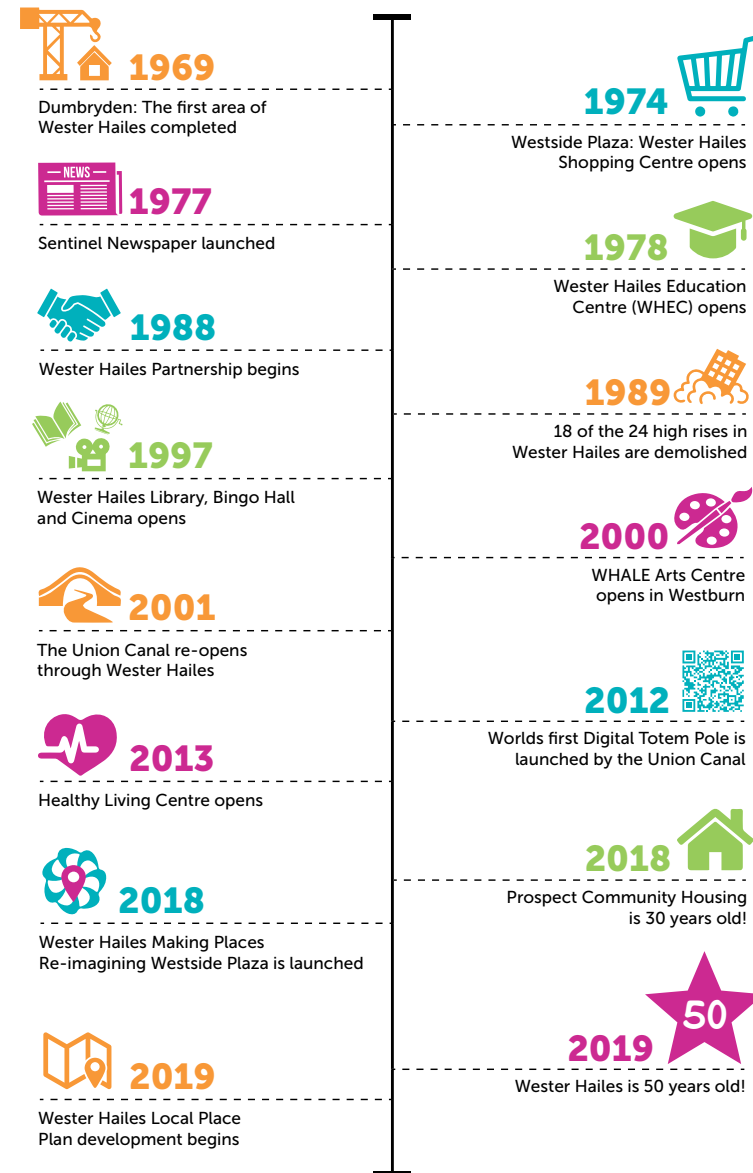


Image source: Wester Hailes, Interim Report, May 2020, p.02

Officially launched in 1989, the Wester Hailes Partnership was initially a government-led initiative intended to implement a strategy for the long-term regeneration of Wester Hailes. It brought together representatives from the community and the public and private sectors to plan for and carry out these changes.

After its initial launch, under the strategy name: "Wester Hailes - Full of Potential," the Partnership made much play of the enormous potential of the area: like the fact that it was located next to the large established industrial estate at Bankhead; close to "the fastest growing development area in Edinburgh" – i.e. the Gyle and Edinburgh Park; and that its communication links were very good – a railway station, an adjacent motorway bypass and an airport only a short drive away.

It was the intention that the Wester Hailes Partnership would have a lifespan of 10 years. However, in 1997 the Partnership report recognised that there was a "considerable regeneration tasks remaining," and work continued until 2010.

The extended 1999–2002 programme was to be driven forward under the aegis of a new development strategy entitled "Maintaining the Momentum". This was published in September 1998 and talked rather grandly of "enhancing and entrenching...the development of innovative, community owned and managed service delivery

agencies" while its vision statement identified "economic vibrancy" and "an empowered, active" local community as key objectives.

The report spoke of the Wester Hailes Rep Council as being "one of the most sophisticated local democratic structures in Britain - from neighbourhood through to estate-wide management."

The Partnership celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007, but in 2010 voluntarily dissolved itself following funding withdrawals. As a direct consequence, most of the Neighbourhood Councils who made up the grassroots structure of the Rep Council also went out of existence.

Huge amounts of money were poured into Wester Hailes during the 1990s – to the extent that it got the nickname "Treasure Island" – and the underlying issues of poverty and deprivation have remained, more or less unchanged, up to the present. Most of the initiatives designed to tackle these problems had little real impact and quickly faded away along with the vision statements, high ambitions and bold promises that characterised the rhetoric which surrounded the Partnership. Wester Hailes is still, as the Partnership proclaimed at the outset, "full of potential" but, sadly, insufficient momentum was generated and maintained...until now.

Information and images:
[From There...To Here](#)

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Social History

As a new town in Edinburgh, being developed in the late 1960's, Wester Hailes has a complex yet fascinating history. It is a place of social historical significance both in terms of its physical transformation but also through the emergence of a strong community that developed what was once regarded as one of the most sophisticated forms of community involvement in the UK.

Due to the lack of amenities developed as part of the housing estate, the community came together to implement their own, with initiatives like 'The Huts' and 'The Venchie.' The strong community spirit was documented throughout the Sentinel Newspaper which played a key role in reporting and recording local community activities, issues and concerns in Wester Hailes. The Sentinel today is now digital and still runs successfully as the community news platform for the area.

- 01 **High Rises Wester Hailes**
Source: hailesmatters.wordpress.com
- 02 **Wester Hailes Gala Day 1979**
Source: <https://www.tfmfckickback.co.uk/>
- 03 **Westburn Gardens**
Source: <https://www.tfmfckickback.co.uk/>
- 04 **Wester Hailes Sentinel Hut**
Source: digitalsentinel.net
- 05 **The Huts Article for The Sentinel**
Source: digitalsentinel.net



In the late 1970s and early 1980s, a series of wooden structures (Adventure Playgrounds) affectionately called the Venchie's were built by the local community after concern that there was nowhere for children to play. The Venchie's were in many ways ahead of their time, as there is now great interest in play areas that provide unstructured play with a degree of challenge. Sadly the Venchie's were short lived, becoming unsafe due to a lack of resources to maintain and supervise them. They were all demolished by 1990.

<https://hailesmatters.wordpress.com/articles/the-venchie-story/>



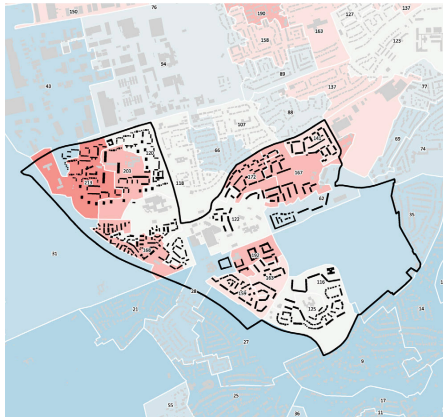
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SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) Data 2020

Based on the Scottish Government 2019 data, Wester Hailes has a population of approx. 12,200 people. The plans shown here represent the 2020 SIMD data and are taken from the Wester Hailes Baseline Analysis, July'21 by Collective Architecture.

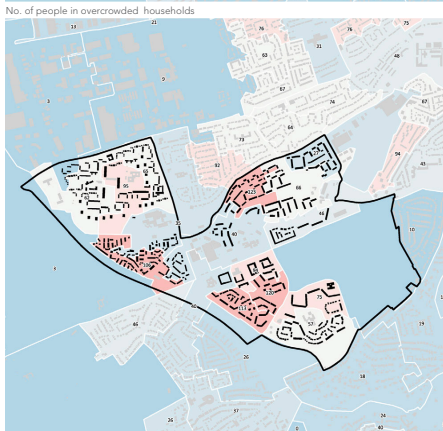
Housing and Population

"...residents within Wester Hailes are more likely to experience over crowding or live in higher density than neighbouring communities." (p.56)



No of people in households that are overcrowded

- 0 - 27
- 27 - 50
- 50 - 76
- 76 - 103
- 103 - 132
- 132 - 165
- 165 - 204
- 204 - 258



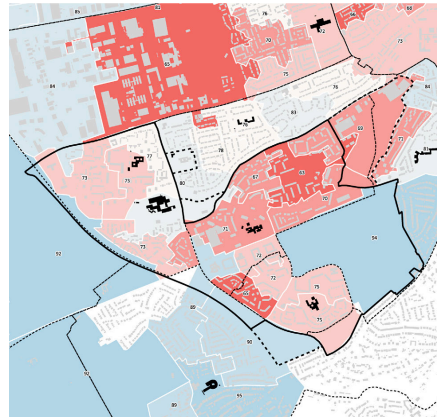
Population per Hectare

- 0 - 11
- 11 - 26
- 26 - 41
- 41 - 55
- 55 - 74
- 74 - 100
- 100 - 134

Education and Learning

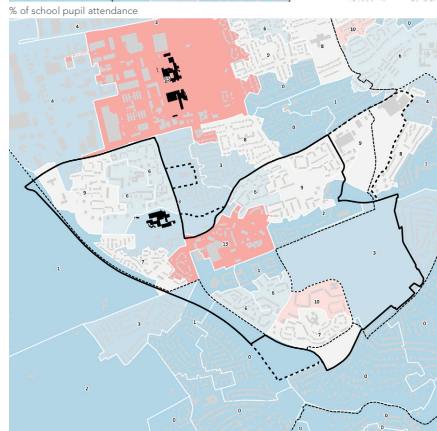
"Within Wester Hailes attendance is poorer than many of the surrounding areas, ..."

"However, [...] levels of participation [...] there is less of a contrast generally across the area..." (p.66)



% of school pupil attendance

- 40 - 60
- 60 - 66
- 66 - 71
- 71 - 75
- 75 - 79
- 79 - 83
- 83 - 87
- 87 - 91
- 91 - 100



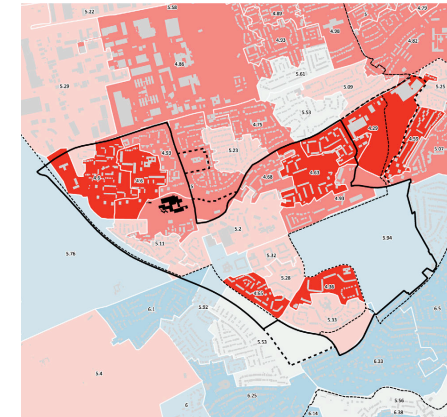
% of people aged 16-19 not participating in education, employment or training

- 0 - 2
- 2 - 4
- 4 - 6
- 6 - 9
- 9 - 12
- 12 - 18
- 18 - 29
- 29 - 50

Education and Learning

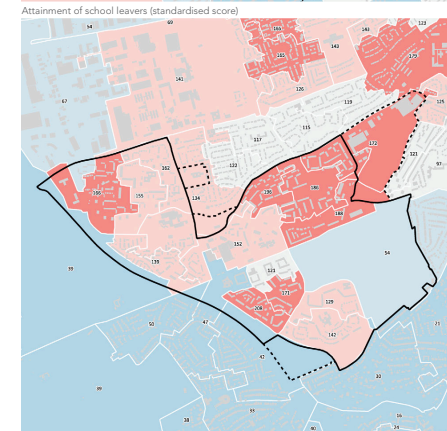
"The attainment of school leavers in Wester Hailes is typically below those who live in more affluent areas to the South"

"... the number of adults who have no formal qualifications [...] Wester Hailes ranks poorly in comparison to other areas nearby." (p.66)



Attainment of school leavers (standardised score)

- 4.65 - 5.08
- 5.08 - 5.42
- 5.42 - 5.74
- 5.74 - 6.09
- 6.09 - 6.88

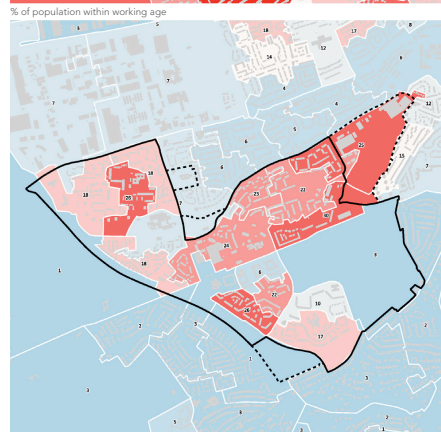
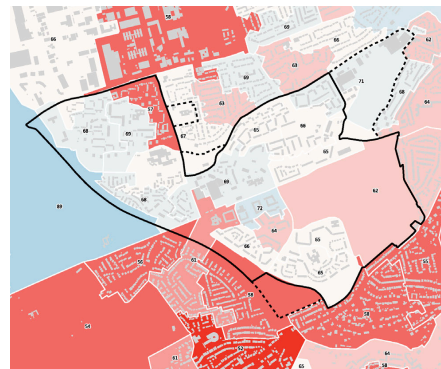
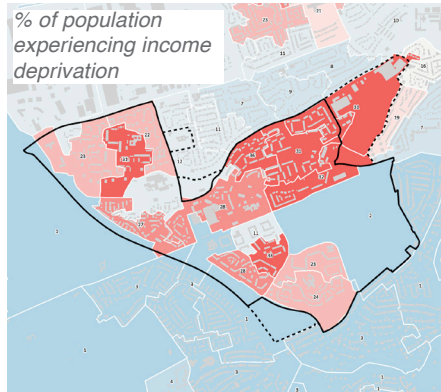


Adults without qualifications (standardised ratio)

- 3 - 52
- 52 - 87
- 87 - 124
- 124 - 163
- 163 - 211
- 211 - 353

Employment and Income

“...residents in the area are disproportionately more likely to experience employment deprivation.” (p.58)
 “In addition to being more susceptible to employment deprivation, residents in Wester Hailes are also more likely to experience income deprivation.” (p.60)



% of population within working age

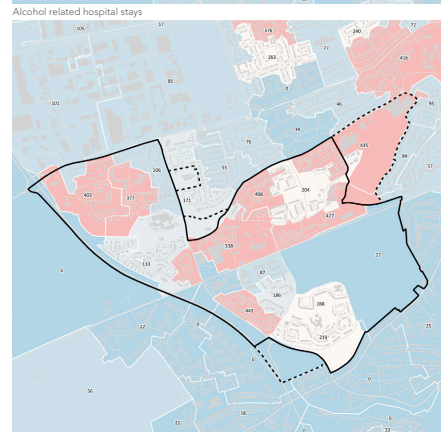
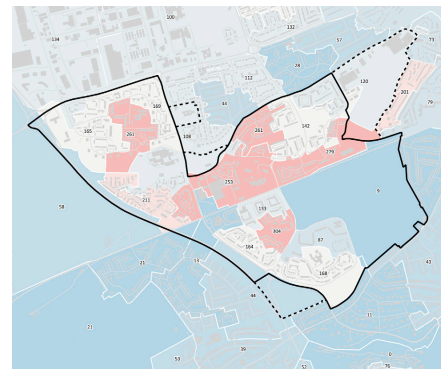
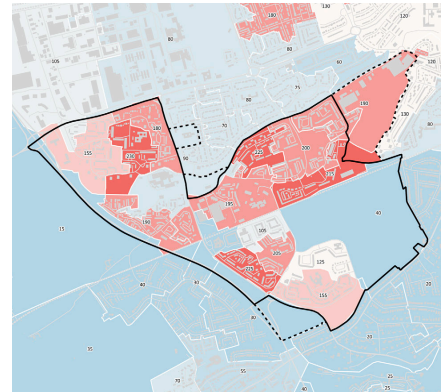
- 0 - 53
- 53 - 58
- 58 - 61
- 61 - 64
- 64 - 67
- 67 - 71
- 71 - 77
- 85 - 97

% of population who are experiencing employment deprivation

- 0 - 3
- 3 - 6
- 6 - 9
- 9 - 12
- 12 - 15
- 15 - 19
- 19 - 24
- 24 - 32
- 32 - 47

Health and Wellbeing

“...those living in Wester Hailes are more likely to be affected by health deprivation and a higher rate of mortality...” (p.80)
 “Residents in Wester Hailes are more likely to require hospitalisation due to alcohol and/ or drug misuse...” (p.82)



Comparative Illness Factor

- 0 - 40
- 40 - 65
- 65 - 90
- 90 - 115
- 115 - 140
- 140 - 170
- 170 - 205
- 205 - 250

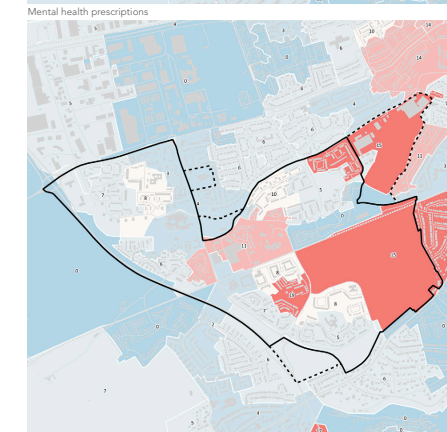
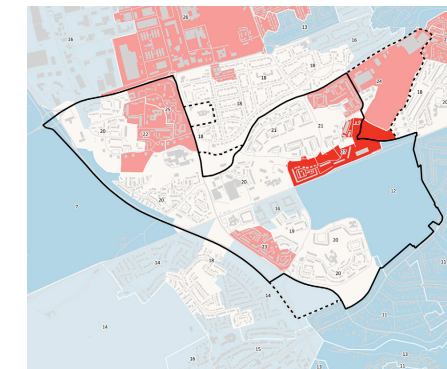
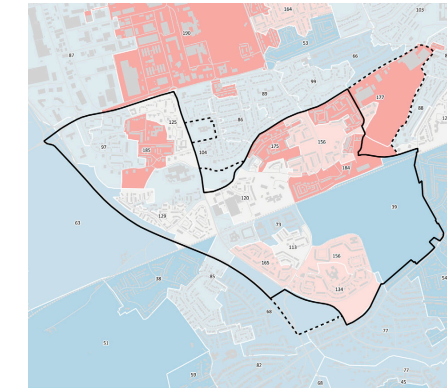
Alcohol related hospital stays

- 0 - 31
- 31 - 61
- 61 - 96
- 96 - 139
- 139 - 189
- 189 - 246
- 246 - 329

Drug related hospital stays

- 0 - 42
- 42 - 110
- 110 - 198
- 198 - 323
- 323 - 508

“Residents in Wester Hailes are more likely to require hospitalisation due to alcohol and/ or drug misuse...” (p.82)
 Some areas (Hailesland, parts of Harvesters & Calders) show higher mental health prescriptions.
 Some areas (parts of Dumbryden, Murrayburn, Hailesland, Westburn & Harvesters) indicate a higher percentage of births recorded as being of low weight.



Standard Mortality Ratio

- 0 - 59
- 59 - 82
- 82 - 105
- 105 - 132
- 132 - 167
- 167 - 239
- 239 - 454

% of population being prescribed anxiety, depression or psychosis medication

- 0 - 13
- 13 - 17
- 17 - 21
- 21 - 26
- 26 - 47

Proportion of singleton births of low weight

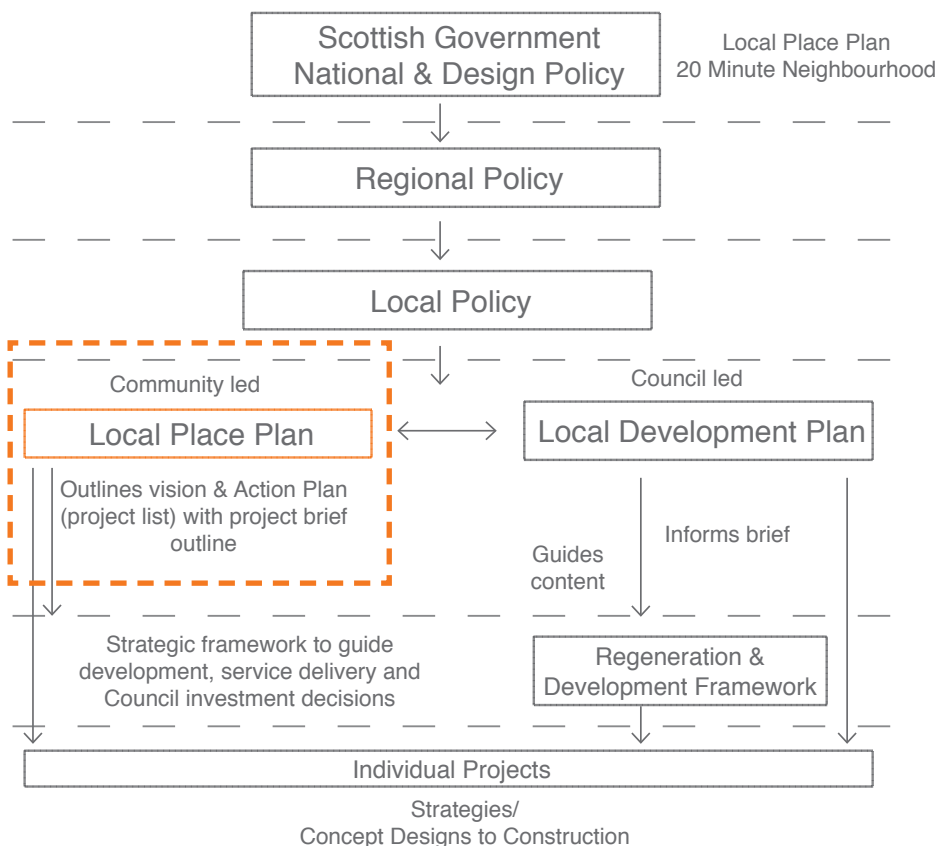
- 0 - 1
- 1 - 4
- 4 - 7
- 7 - 10
- 10 - 14
- 14 - 27

Local Place Plan

“Local Place Plans are proposals from communities about how land is developed and used within their local area. It can describe the types of changes that local people want to see and be taken into account in the local authority development plan.”

www.ourplace.scot/home/local-place-plans

Within the planning hierarchy



A Local Place Plan (LPP) is a new type of plan set out by Section 14 of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, amending the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. It is a new type of plan giving people an opportunity to develop proposals for the development and use of land in the place where they live. It is intended that Local Place Plans will stimulate and encourage debate about the future of a place, enabling communities to focus on their aspirations as well as their needs.

The general way of preparing Local Place Plans will not be fundamentally different from how communities have been preparing community-led plans in the past. However, for a community led plan to be considered as a Local Place Plan and therefore to be able to be registered and to be taken into account by the planning authority for its Local Development Plan development, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Be prepared by a Community Body
- Be a proposal as to the development or use of land
- Fulfil the legal requirements set out in the 1997 Act and the 2021 Regulations

Once completed the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan will be submitted to the Local Authority (The City of Edinburgh Council). Once registered the LPP is to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant Local Development Plan/ City Plan. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 provides the framework legislation for the delivery of LPPs. The regulations setting out the arrangements for the preparation, submission and registration of LPPs, the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 8) Regulations 2021 came into force on 22 January 2022.

Formal guidance for Local Place Plans has been published by the Scottish Government in January '22: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/proposals-regulations-local-place-plans-consultation/documents/>

- The guidance contains four sections:
- Getting ready to prepare a Local Place Plan
 - Preparing a Local Place Plan
 - Submitting a Local Place Plan
 - Registering a Local Place Plan

Summary Local Place Plan 1.0

A group of community-based and community-led organisations: Wester Hailes Community Trust, WHALE Arts and Prospect Community Housing, along with a wider group of organisations based locally worked alongside Ian Gilzean to develop the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan (LPP) 1.0. This piece of work was funded by City of Edinburgh Council with Ian Gilzean, Chief Architect, on a secondment from Scottish Government. A Local Place Plan resource space was created at WHALE Art to support the process, where a Community Conference was held February 2020 to present LPP 1.0 to local residents and organisations of Wester Hailes. The report was published in May 2020.

The LPP 1.0 outlines four key areas:

- Town centre opportunities
- WHEC and Union Canal opportunities
- Greenspace opportunities and The Greenway
- Wider connections opportunities

It further outlines “Let’s Plan For...” categories with action points that have been developed through consultation:

- The Union Canal
- Connectivity
- Greenspace and Nature
- Health and Well-being
- Housing
- Global Impacts
- Economic Opportunities
- Activity

For the development of this LPP 2.0 greater detailed analysis and extensive engagement has been undertaken to develop further detail and specifics on the key areas and action points.

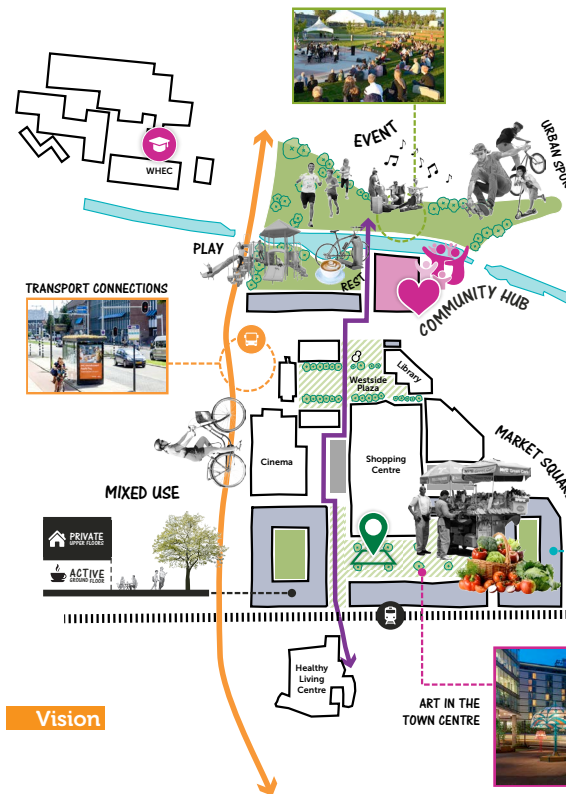
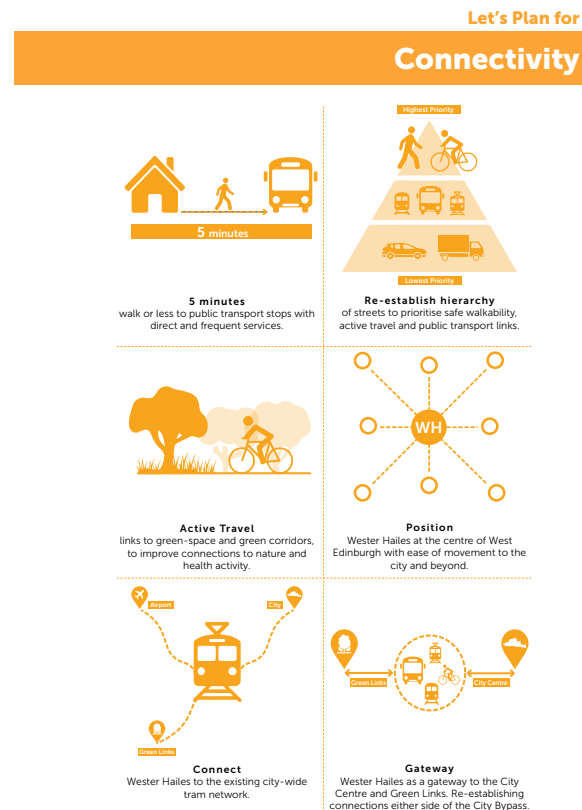


Image sources: Local Place Plan Progress Report, May 2020, p.46 & 67



Local Place Plan 2.0: Brief/ Approach & Methodology

Developing a Local Place Plan for Wester Hailes in consultation with local residents and stakeholders based on the Interim Report and 20-Minute Neighbourhood design features.

The brief for the for the Local Place Plan was developed with the client and steering group and outlined the following:

- **Take the current Local Place Plan from 1.0 to 2.0**
 - Expand LPP 1.0 to include existing situation of Wester Hailes holistically
- **Town Centre and Canal ideas and developments**
 - Private ownership of town centre is something that could be highlighted, or even challenged?
 - Canal towpath; overused and under-provided?
- **Existing and nascent hubs & new more central hub** at canalside 'petrol station/car garage'
- **Creating a 20 Minute Neighbourhood**
 - Local energy to create a more sustainable energy supply system for local residents; not necessarily designing but advocating an energy ambition that reflects the area and needs
 - Connectivity generally; active travel, road network, pedestrian routes, canal etc
 - Greenway running as key connection and greenspace through Wester Hailes
 - Play and recreation
 - Engage council in maintenance and management of green spaces as a means for local empowerment

- Exploration of local resources in relation to actual local use/provision
- **Alignment with the CEC-led master-planning and regeneration programme**
- **Building capacity WHCT through LPP Steering Group**

To develop the **Local Place Plan 2.0** it was critical to establish a baseline by reviewing of existing work done to date and **analysing of the existing situation in regards to the 20-Minute Neighbourhood features.** (Refer to Appendix A)

This site appraisal based on the 20-Minute Neighbourhood features was used to develop the LPP 1.0 to 2.0.

Extensive community consultation has been taking place by speaking to a wide range of residents, community groups and stakeholders in order to understand how people living and working in Wester Hailes view their surroundings based on the 20-Minute Neighbourhood themes.

Based on the site appraisal and engagement the Local Place Plan has outlined **a vision, core values and key**

projects which are to be undertaken and developed in Wester Hailes for the coming years.

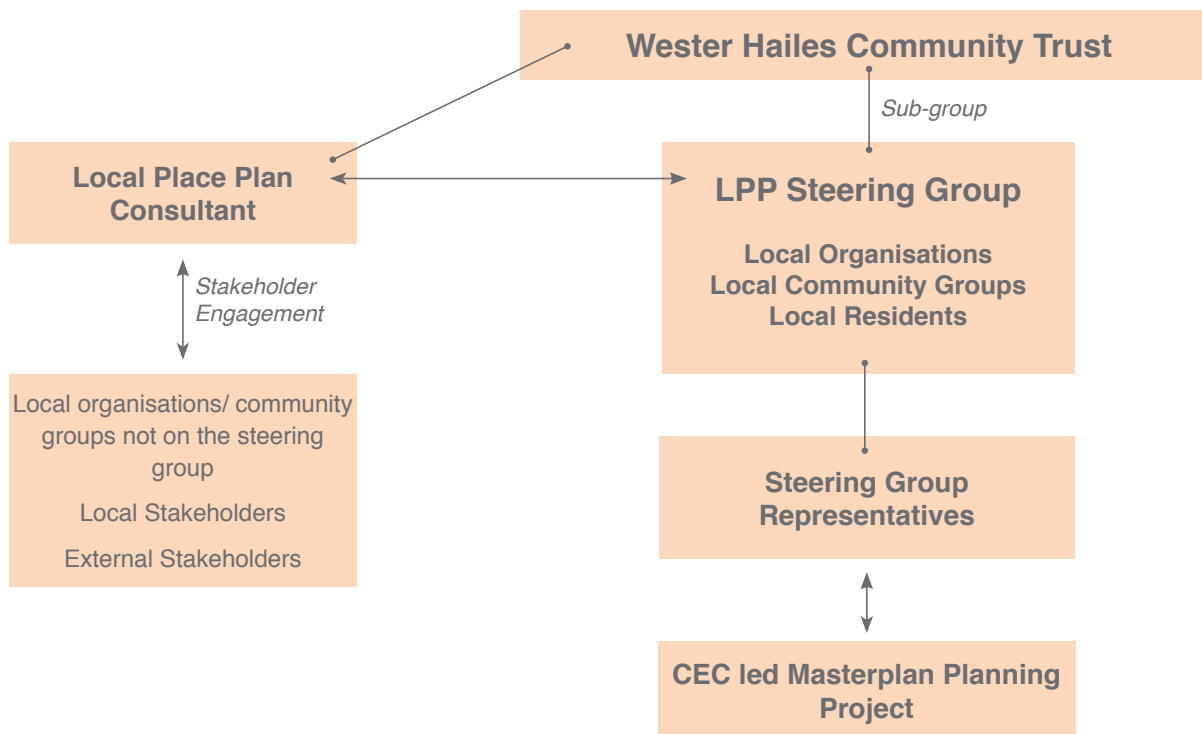
The key projects are outlined within the LPP including Community hubs (existing & new), Local Centre, Canal Improvements, WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School, Community Building addressing the brief requirements.

The **Delivery Action Plan** outlines the key projects to be taken forward outlining the Proposals, Stakeholders, Timescale and Next steps for each.

The draft Local Place Plan including the Delivery Action Plan with the project outlines have been taken to further community and stakeholder engagement to ensure that the final Local Place Plan represents the community views.

Throughout the timeline of the LPP work regular meetings were held with relevant council and design team members from the CEC-led master-planning and regeneration programme.

Steering Group



A steering group has been set up to guide and input to the Local Place Plan (LPP) progress through local organisations, groups and residents invited to join this group. This group has been set up as a sub-group to the Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT) and will report back to the WHCT. WHCT remains the client to the Local Place Plan consultants and will make and ratify any decision made by the subgroup and any final decisions.

The Role of the Steering group will be to:

1. Confirm brief & outcomes of the LPP
2. Guide the LPP process (incl. engagement)
3. Finalising the LPP
4. Hold & chair monthly meetings with the consultants
5. Help to Deliver Action Plan/ Continue work post LPP contract

It was proposed that the Steering Group would include representatives from local organisations, local community groups and local residents and that there will be two tiers of involvement as part of this group:

- **Active members/ attendees** that are actively involved as part of the group
- **‘Sounding board’** which is formed by group and organisation representatives who have been invited to this meeting to date but won’t actively participate and will be kept informed by circulation of presentation slide, meeting minutes and other relevant information

Active Steering Group members during LPP work:

About Youth, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Health Agency, Prospect Community Housing, SCOREscotland, Wester Hailes Growing Communities, WHALE Arts & individual residents
Several Wester Hailes residents joined the steering group through the Local Place Plan engagement work.

Policy Context

The following documents have been considered in the development of the proposed Local Place Plan:

National Policy

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Act was amended by the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, increasing the ambition of Scotland's emissions reduction targets to net zero by 2045 and revising interim and annual emissions reduction targets in line with the UN Paris Agreement.

In April 2019, Scotland's First Minister **declared a global climate emergency**.

The **Climate Change Plan** update (2020) reports on proposals and policies required under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. It sets out a commitment to reduce car km by 20% by 2030.

Protecting **Scotland, Renewing Scotland** (2020) reflects on the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and outlines a recovery plan for health, economy and society. It outlines the idea of 20-Minute neighbourhoods - where people can meet their needs within a 20 minute walk from their house - enabling people to live better, healthier lives and supporting net zero ambitions; to ensure that by 2040 we live in energy efficient, zero carbon housing with access to outdoor space, transport links, digital connectivity and community services.

Planning (Scotland) Bill (2019)

The Planning (Scotland) Bill proposes the introduction of local place plans, to be produced by a community body for its area. The plan must have regard to the National Planning Framework and appropriate Local Development Plan (LDP). The planning authority would have to "have regard" to a local place plan when developing or revising the appropriate LDP.

Scottish Planning Policy (2014) (SPP)

The purpose of the SPP is to set out national planning policies which reflect Scottish Ministers' priorities for the development and use of land and is intended to promote consistency across Scotland whilst allowing sufficient flexibility to reflect local circumstances:

- Planning improves quality of life by helping to create well-designed sustainable places for Scotland's people
- Planning protects and enhances Scotland's built and natural environments as valued national assets
- Planning supports sustainable economic growth and the transition to a low carbon economy.

The SPP sets out two overarching 'Principal Policies' on sustainability and placemaking: supporting economically, environmentally and socially sustainable places & creating high quality places by taking a design-led approach.

The December 2020 update to the SPP was removed following a legal challenge at the Court of Session in August 2021.

The **National Planning Framework (NPF 4) for Scotland 2045** (currently out for consultation) sets the context for development planning in Scotland and provides a framework for the spatial development of Scotland as a whole.

The National Spatial Strategy aims to create:

- **Sustainable places**
- **Livable places**
- **Productive places**
- **Distinctive places**

The NPF sets out six overarching 'Spatial Principles': Compact growth, Local Living (creating 20-Minute neighbourhoods), Balanced development, Conserving and recycling assets, Urban and rural synergy and Just transition.

Actions for the central urban transformation include: Pioneer low-carbon, resilient urban living - creating 20-Minute neighbourhoods; Accelerate urban greening; Reuse land and buildings; Invest in net zero housing

solutions; Grow a wellbeing economy; Improve urban accessibility

National Transport Strategy 2

Sets out a new approach to how we move around the country and its settlements. This puts sustainable modes of movement at the heart of the transport hierarchy with walking, cycling and wheeling at the top and private car use at the bottom. **The Strategic Transport Projects Review 2** which follows this hierarchy is still underway. In its second stage it supports investment in sustainable public transport in Edinburgh as well as active travel.

DRAFT Open Space Strategy (2021)

Sets the requirements of Open Space Strategies, to include policies and proposals as to: the development, maintenance, and use of green infrastructure in the planning authority's district, including open spaces and green networks.

DRAFT Play Sufficiency Assessments (2021)

The requirement that planning authorities must assess the sufficiency of play opportunities in its area for children in preparing the evidence report for their local development plan.

Government Design Policy

Designing Streets (March 2010)

This is the first policy statement in Scotland for street design and provides guidance on street design where the focus is moved from the dominance of motor vehicles towards the creation of place. The document is based on the premise that 'good street design should derive from an intelligent response to location rather than the rigid application of standards'.

Creating Places (June 2013)

Scottish Government policy statement on architecture and place sets out the value good design can deliver, emphasising the strong, established relationship between architecture and place and planning. Successful places can unlock opportunities, build vibrant communities

and contribute to a flourishing economy. It identifies six qualities of successful places: Welcoming, Distinctive, Safe & Pleasant, Easy to move around, Resource efficient and Adaptable.

Green Infrastructure: Design and Placemaking (2011)

This guidance builds on 'Designing Places' and 'Designing Streets' and aims to give practical tips on incorporating green infrastructure into masterplans, which can be achieved e.g. through street trees, swales, permeable paving or multifunctional spaces.

National Roads Development Guide (2011)

This documents outlines the user hierarchy, street design hierarchy with pedestrians and cyclists at the top.

Cycling by Design (2010)

Cycle Design guidance and technical advice as a contemporary source of guidance and best practice.

Reducing car use for a healthier, fairer and greener Scotland (2022)

Sets out a roadmap to reduce car km by 20% by 2030.

Regional Policy

Strategic Development Plan

Edinburgh and South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan (2013) (SESplan) provides the geographical framework of development within Edinburgh. Strategic Development Plans set out a long-term strategy for future development across the city regions. It identifies strategic transport improvements, green network priority areas and strategic growth. These strategies form the basis for local development plans. The second proposed Strategic Development Plan (2017) identifies the housing requirement for both the private and affordable sectors based upon the findings of the SESplan Housing Need and Demand Assessment and promotes sustainable locations for development.

Regional Transport Strategy (RTS)

SEStran is developing this new Strategy that sets out

a clear framework for how transport and mobility will be provided, developed and improved in our region, to meet the aspirations for a sustainable and economically active growth area over the next 10 years and beyond.

Local Policy

Edinburgh City Vision 2050

The Edinburgh 2050 City Vision campaign began in 2016 and has heard from thousands of citizens across the city through which four key themes were confirmed: Welcoming City, Fair City, Thriving City and Pioneering City.

DRAFT 2030 Climate Strategy (2021)

The strategy lays out how we will enable, support and deliver action to meet our net zero ambition through five strands:

- Net zero, climate resilient development and growth
- Net zero Energy generation and Energy Efficient Buildings
- Net zero emission transport
- Business and skills in a net zero economy
- Engaging and empowering citizens to help tackle climate change

DRAFT Economic Strategy (2021)

Sets out 4 Priorities to enable good growth for Edinburgh's economy: Help businesses to innovate and adapt; Promote access to fair work and opportunities for people to progress; Lead a just transition to a net zero economy; Create vibrant places for business and people (incl. 20-Min neighbourhoods); Maintain Edinburgh's place as a global city.

DRAFT Food Growing Strategy (2021)

Sets objectives and outcomes to Grow more locally; Consume more locally by residents and businesses; Increase awareness of and engagement with residents.

Ending Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan 2030 (2020)

Edinburgh has a great quality of life for many, but it is also a city of inequalities. There are still almost 80,000

Edinburgh residents living on incomes below the UK poverty threshold. The final report of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission was published in 2020 and set out 51 actions to end poverty in Edinburgh.

Local Development Plan (LDP)

The LDP outlines the aims of CEC with regards to development in Edinburgh, identifies the main proposed land use changes and sets out policies for the assessment of new development proposals. It includes policies that protect the built and natural environment and requires the design of new development to meet the six qualities of successful places. Section 2.4 gives guidance as to how these policies will be applied.

DRAFT City Plan 2030 (2021) - new LDP

The new local development plan called 'City Plan' has taken account of the Council's three main areas for change – becoming a sustainable and net zero city, ending poverty by 2030, and delivering wellbeing and equalities.

City Mobility Plan 2030 (2021)

The plan sets out Edinburgh's route to achieving sustainable and effective mobility across the city and into the region. It's vision states "Edinburgh will be connected by a safer and more inclusive net zero carbon transport system delivering a healthier, thriving, fairer and compact capital city and a higher quality of life for all residents." Within the City Plan 2030 the City Mobility Plan will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for new development.

South West Edinburgh Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022)

This plan sets out the rationale for community planning arrangements in South West Edinburgh: who we are, how we work together, the key priorities and why they are important.

For Wester Hailes it sets out the following workstream priorities: Employability; Health and social care; Community safety; Children and young people; Team Around Place

Overview Existing Studies

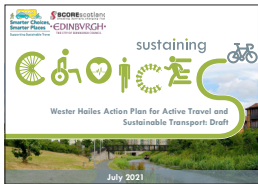
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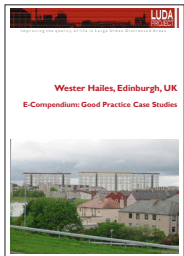
Local Place Plan: Wester Hailes Progress Report
Local Place Plan Focus Group
2020



Wester Hailes Baseline analysis
Collective Architecture
2021



Wester Hailes Action Plan for Active Travel and Sustainable Transport
Smarter Choices, Smarter Places;
SCORScotland; CECC
2021

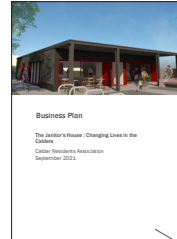


Wester Hailes Good Practice Case Studies
Luda Project
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What if...?
Venice Biennale
7N Architects; local residents
2020

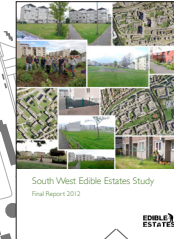
Business Plan
The Janitor's House: Changing Lives in the Calder
Calders Residents Assoc
2021



West Edinburgh Link
CEC; AECOM
2020



South West Edible Estates Study
South West Edible Estates
2012



The Green Way
The City of Play; Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association; South West Edible Estates
2020



Pattern Books (2no)
The City of Play; Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association; South West Edible Estates
2020



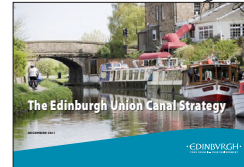
Greenway Community Hub Feasibility Study
South West Edible Estates
To be completed Oct 2022



Union Canal Towpath Study, Edinburgh
Scottish Canals; HarrisonStevens
2017



The Edinburgh Union Canal Strategy
CEC
2011



Whale Arts Asset Transfer Business Plan
WHALE Arts
2022



WH Making Places
Re-imagining Plaza Civic Square
WHCT; HarrisonStevens
2018



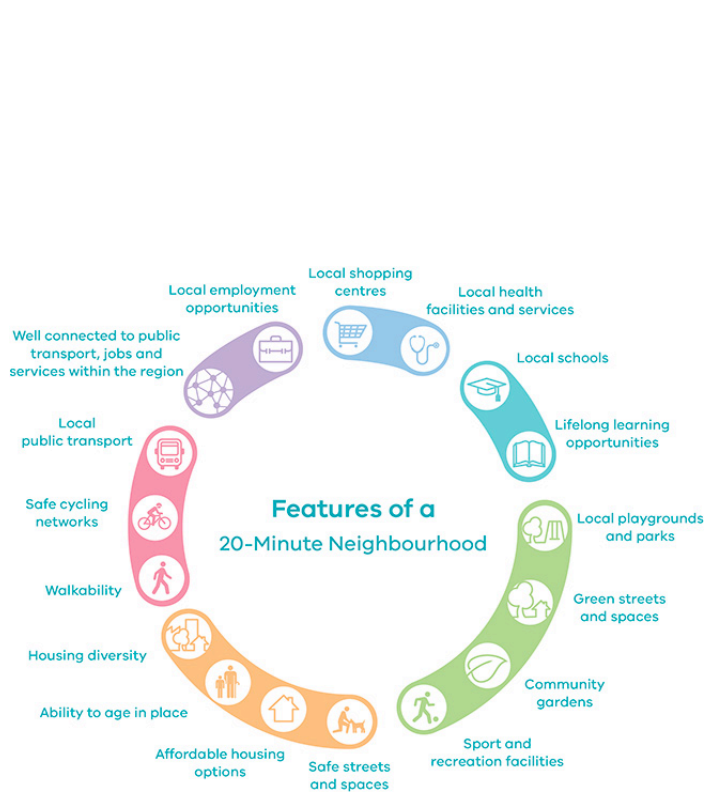
Gehl Plan
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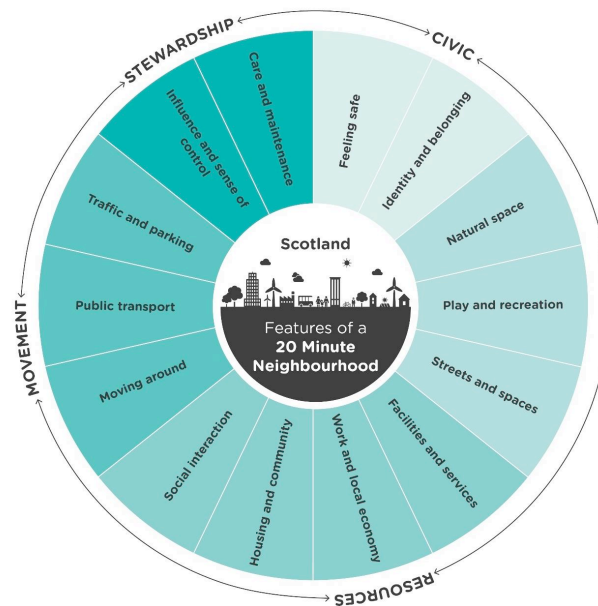
Clovenstone Community Centre & Campus
HarrisonStevens
2018



20-Minute Neighbourhood



Features of a 20-Minute Neighbourhood, Plan Melbourne 2017-2050



CXC - 20-Minute Neighbourhoods in a Scottish context, March 2021 by Climate Exchange

The idea of the ‘20-Minute neighbourhood’, originated in the US and Australia has been gaining momentum over the last years especially in respond to the climate emergency and COVID-19. Cities such as Melbourne and Paris (Paris, who is aiming for a ‘15-Minute city’) are already implementing this concept: **Creating a complete, compact and connected neighbourhood, where people can meet their everyday needs within a short walk or cycle.** This presents multiple benefits including boosting local economies, improving people’s health and wellbeing, increasing social connections in communities, and tackling the climate crisis.

Within Scotland the Features of a 20-Minute Neighbourhood (as shown on the left) include the same 14 Place Standard Tool categories with five Place and Well-being outcomes. These 14 categories from the Place Standard Tool have been already effectively used in community and stakeholder engagement to understand how people feel about a particular place or neighbourhood.

The concept of the 20-Minute Neighbourhood is enshrined in the 2020 Programme for Government which pledges to work with local authorities to implement the concept across the country. It is to be embedded within the Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4). The concept is also being adopted by The City of Edinburgh Council through its Wellbeing and Equalities priority which aims to ensure that both well-being and equality is enhanced for all.

To develop the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan 2.0 the 20-Minute Neighbourhood features have been used as the basis for the site appraisal. (Refer to Appendix A)

20-Minute/ 800m distance

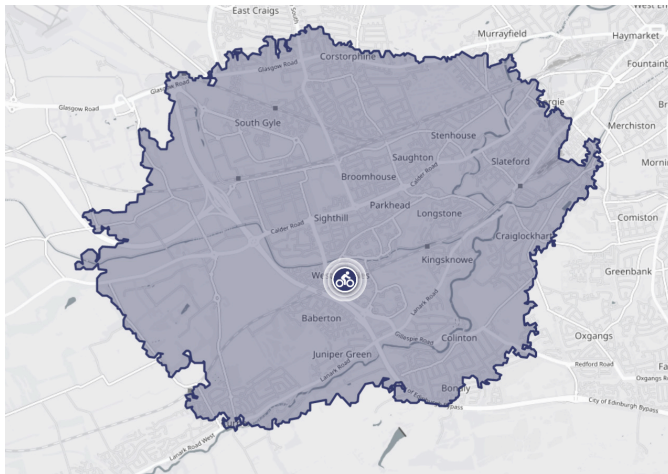
Using the concept of the 20-Minute Neighbourhood as the basis for Wester Hailes and taking the Local Centre location as the central point, a good part of the residential areas of Wester Hailes are within an approx. 20min/ 800m walking distance.

Challenges

However, Clovenstone, most of Calder's and Dumbriden are outwith this distance. The aim would have to be that access to 20-Minute Neighbourhood features would have to be provided for and within these areas.


Opportunities for physical improvements

- Support the 20-Minute Neighbourhood concept to underpin local communities and reduce the need for longer distance journey **City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Place 2 - 20-Minute Neighbourhood**



20min cycling distance from the town centre (based on 15km/h) Created with <https://app.traveltime.com>



 20min/ 800m walking distance from the town centre (based on 0.7m/sec)

Neighbourhoods

Wester Hailes comprises of several small neighbourhoods which form together seven larger neighbourhoods. In the past each neighbourhood selected its own neighbourhood council, which had responsibility for representing the interest of each area. These neighbourhood councils would form a membership of the Wester Hailes Representative Council.

Today there is the Wester Hailes Community Trust, who is leading as the client the LPP work, representing Wester Hailes overall interest.

There are a several residents or garden associations representing some of the neighbourhoods:

- Calders Residents Association
- Calders Regeneration Trust
- Hailesland Gardeners Residents Group
- Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association



03 Engagement

Engagement with the community has been undertaken throughout the process of developing the Local Place Plan guiding and shaping the proposed improvements and projects.

Initial exploration



Initial engagement with organisations, stakeholders, drop in events to inform site appraisal



Understanding the community



Public community engagement on initial findings through walking throughout Wester Hailes with the LPP engagement cart and drop-in events



Shaping key projects



Developing the LPP with long term aspiration and individual projects through community & stakeholder engagement and participative design workshops



Testing LPP proposals



Public community engagement on LPP proposals through exhibition at local facilities and drop-in events



Post LPP Making it happen



Relevant outlined proposals to be developed as part of the CEC-led regeneration masterplan
Local organisations to lead on delivery of some of the outlined projects;
Wester Hailes Community Trust and LPP Steering Group to continue leading this process



Community Engagement

The initial findings outlining aspirations and challenges for developing the Local Place Plan have been collected through community and stakeholder engagement as part of the Local Place Plan 1.0 process, the 7 Kingdoms Project and first months of the Local Place Plan 2.0 work (Nov'21 - Feb '22). Extensive community engagement during this stage was limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

From March - July'22 a wider public engagement was undertaken by using a specific constructed cart with a wooden model and other engagement material to get out in the public realm to reach a wide range of residents as possible, especially those that would usually not attend any organised events or activities. During this engagement phase the team spend three days walking through Wester Hailes as well as attending organised events by local organisations. These session focused consulting on our initial findings such as housing, greenspaces, canal improvements or work & local economy.

In addition workshops for more focused development of the Local Place Plan vision, projects and improvements were held with the steering group, High School pupils and local residents.

The final public engagement phase took place during

August, with the aim of providing the local community with the opportunity to review and comment on the Local Place Plan vision, core values and 36 projects.

Local Place Plan Steering Group

A steering group, as a sub-group to the Wester Hailes Community Trust, has been set up to guide and input on the Local Place Plan progress. This group consists of local organisations, groups and residents. (Refer to p.19 on further information on the steering group.)

Monthly meetings were held for the design team to update and receive guidance and feedback on the LPP progress. In addition a steering group workshop was set up to develop the overall vision, core values and key projects for the Local Place Plan.

Over time several new local residents joined the steering group after having attending LPP community events.

CEC Regeneration Masterplan Liaison Meetings

Monthly meetings were held with relevant CEC officers, regeneration masterplan design team members and steering group representatives to update on the Local Place Plan work and co-ordinate with CEC-led masterplan and other relevant projects.

Stakeholder discussions

During the LPP work meetings with a range of stakeholders have been held, incl. Crime Prevention Officer, Public Health Practitioners, Community Link Workers, Senior Health Policy Officer, Local Organisations (not represented at the steering group), Clovenstone Primary School, Living Well Forum, South West Locality Community Planning Partnership, Saol, South West Youth Providers Forum.

Online engagement

From the start of the LPP work a monthly newsletter was send out updating on the progress and advertising upcoming engagement events. During each public engagement event residents had the opportunity to sign up to the newsletter. Engagement through social media was enabled through Facebook and Twitter.

Delivery

Continuous engagement will be essential for the delivery of the outlined projects with two of the projects being 'Adult Engagement Strategy' and 'Youth Engagement Strategy' to ensure that the community and stakeholders continue being involved.

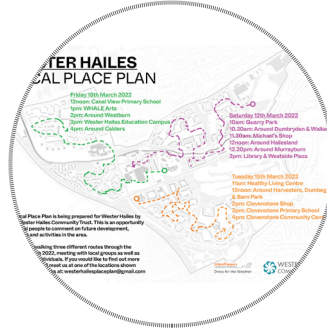
Engagement - Exhibitions & events



Greenspace Engagement Event
Murrayburn & Hailesland Garden
Nov '21



Natural Play Session
Murrayburn & Hailesland Garden
Nov '21



Public Engagement Throughout Wester Hailes
Mar '22



Public Engagement Day 1
Dumbyden, Walkers, Murrayburn, Hailesland, Local Centre
Mar '22



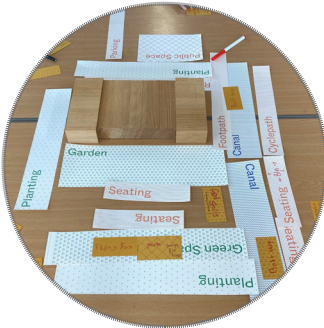
Public Engagement Day 2
Harvesters, Dumbeg, Barn Park, Clovenstone
Mar '22



Public Engagement Day 3
Hailesland, Westburn, Calders
Mar '22



Steering Group Workshop
WHALE Arts
May '22



S1 & S2 Workshop
Wester Hailes High School
May '22



Public Design Workshop
Holy Trinity Church
May '22



Wester Hailes Connections Festival
Union Canal Towpath
May '22



Community Picnic
Calders
June '22



Artisan Food & Craft Market
WHALE Arts
June '22



Calders Fun Day
Calders
July '22



**WHALE Arts
Street Arts session**
Westburn, Calders
Aug '22



**DRAFT LPP
Exhibitions**
Healthy Living Centre, Holy
Trinity Church - Bridge
Cafe, WHALE Arts,
WH Library, West Side
Plaza
1-28th Aug '22



**DRAFT LPP
Drop in session**
Murrayburn &
Hailesland Garden
Aug '22



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Healthy Living Centre
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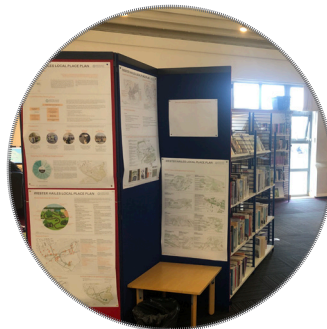
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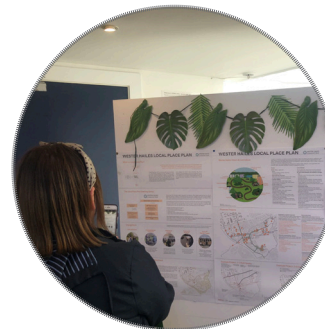
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Clovenstone
Community Centre
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Calder's Flat
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Drop in session**
Wester Hailes Library
Aug '22



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WHALE Arts
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Drop in session**
Westside Plaza
Aug '22

04 Vision & Core Values

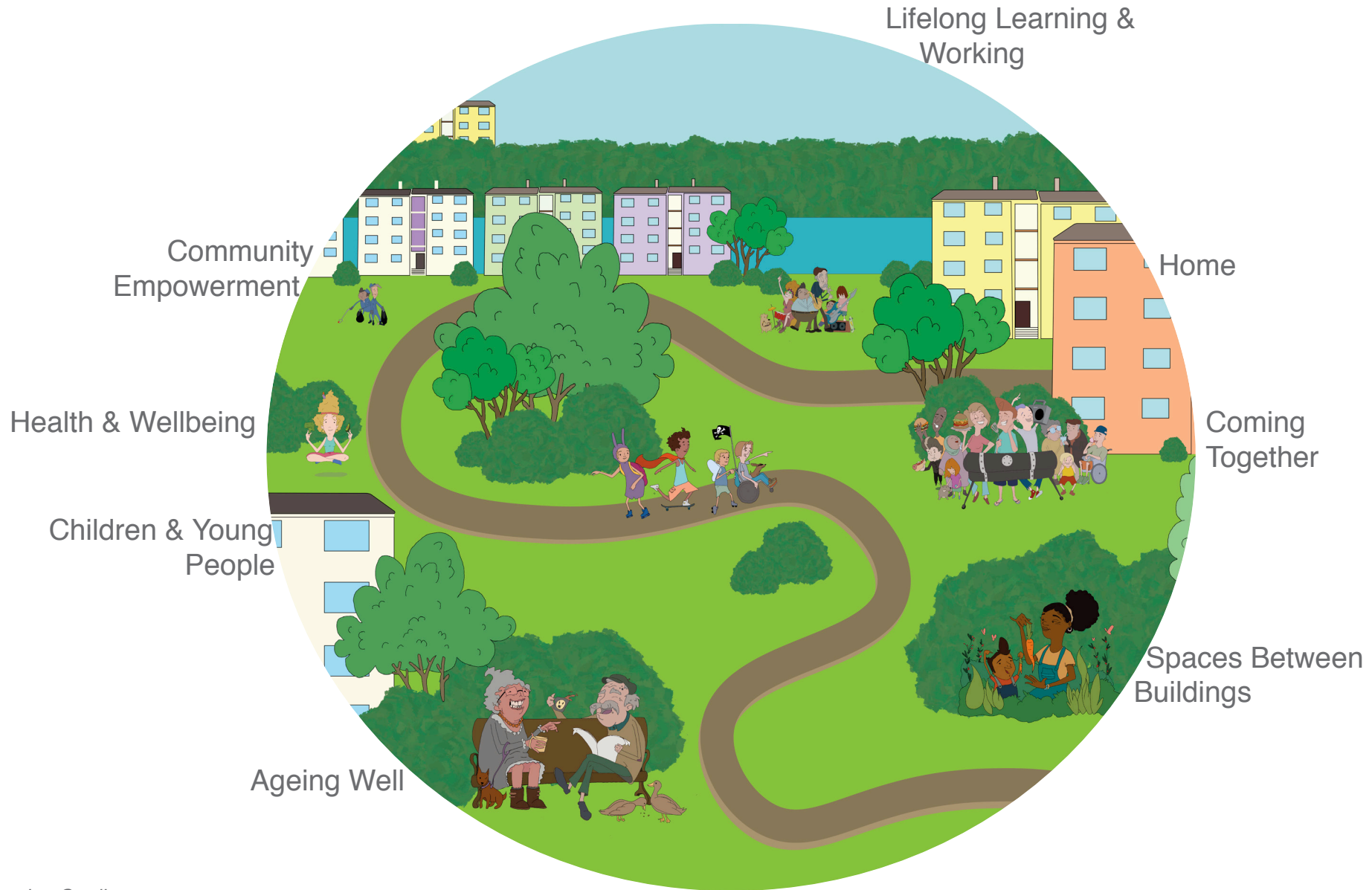


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Callum Townsley - Storyboard Artist
& Naomi Buchan - Digital Artist & Wester Hailes Resident

A majority of residents are really proud to be from Wester Hailes and embrace the layout, architecture and open spaces. They want these values retained moving forward, however significant improvements to the quality, maintenance and facilities and services are required to improve the quality of life in Wester Hailes and achieve the 20-Minute Neighbourhood aims.

Vision

Wester Hailes, a place for

- **Home**
Housing: Quality & Variety, Improved maintenance (CEC)
- **Spaces Between Buildings**
Safe Active Travel, Good community fabric, Green & Public Spaces, Improved maintenance
- **Coming Together**
Services & facilities, Local Centre, Canal Improvements, Community Hubs, Open Access Spaces (indoors & outdoors)
- **Health & Wellbeing**
Food growing & provision, Healthy lifestyles, Mental health & Loneliness
- **Ageing Well**
Services & facilities, Safe outdoor spaces, Intergenerational Opportunities
- **Children & Young People**
Youth Opportunities & Services, Outdoor play, Indoor facilities & spaces, Technology Provision
- **Lifelong Learning & Working**
Local work opportunities, Training & Placement Opportunities, Variety of working spaces, Identity (for local businesses)
- **Community Empowerment**
Involvement & Engagement, Community Factoring

The Vision and Core Values capture the priorities from Wester Hailes residents, local organisation and business, which have been identified through the engagement process.

Core Values

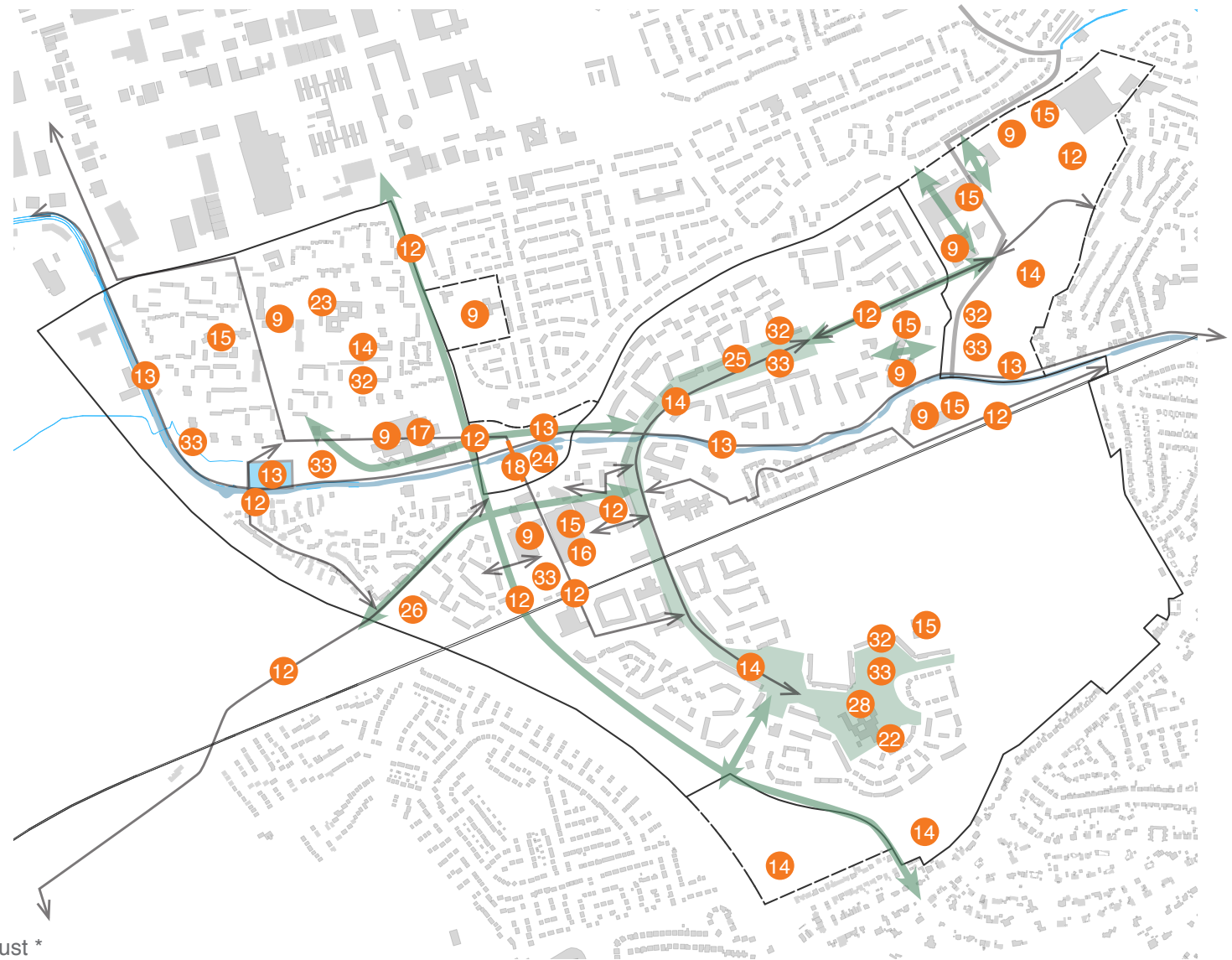
These outline the values that should be attributed when delivering the vision and proposed projects.

All future improvements and projects to include:

- **Arts**
Artworks, Local & non-local artists, Create spaces for arts & culture
- **Circular economy**
Eliminate waste and pollution, Circulate products and materials (at their highest value), Regenerate nature, Support & encourage businesses and organisations that embrace the shift towards circular economy business
- **Community control**
Community involvement in key CEC decision making, Continued involvement and control from beginning to delivery of projects
- **Diversity & Inclusion**
Providing and transforming services, employing people, procuring goods and services, developing policies, communicating, and involving people in all work and projects considering age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- **Sustainability**
Sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (*UN World Commission on Environment and Development*)

05 Local Place Plan: Proposed Projects

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy *
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy *
- (3) CEC Housing Management Strategy *
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy *
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy *
- (6) Food Strategy *
- (7) Health & Wellbeing Strategy *
- (8) Learning Strategy *
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place *
- (11) Path Routes ↔
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (14) Greenspace Improvements ↔↔
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (19) Re-Parking
- (20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services *
- (22) Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
- (23) Calders Community Hub
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site
- (25) Greenway Community Hub
- (26) WHALE Arts
- (27) Seating *
- (28) Food Pantry
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service *
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces *
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces *
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces
- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces
- (34) Virtual Community Hub & Notice boards *
- (35) Capacity building of Wester Hailes Community Trust *
- (36) Reestablish Community Council *



Strategies/ Long-term Approach

These projects set out a plan of action to achieve a long-term and overall aim. The following strategies have been proposed based on the overall vision for Wester Hailes:

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- (8) Learning Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place

Community Hubs

These projects cover improvements to existing community facilities, proposals of new community facilities hubs and the overall co-ordinated management of community facilities & services:

- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services
- (22) Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
- (23) Calders Community Hub
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site
- (25) Greenway Community Hub
- (26) WHALE Arts

Physical Improvements - Overall

These projects consider the Wester Hailes wide approach of physical improvements to the build environment:

- (11) Path Routes
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (14) Greenspace Improvements
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (19) Re-Parking

Community Facilities

These projects propose community facilities and services that provide varied spaces for different activities, encourage social interaction and help to build community.

- (27) Seating
- (28) Food Pantry
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces
- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces
- (34) Virtual Community Hub & Notice boards

Physical Improvements -

Neighbourhoods (20)

These projects consider the approach of physical improvements to the build environment at neighbourhood level. Each typical housing typology within Wester Hailes has been represented with suggested improvements:

Dumbryden - Mid-density blocks

Hailesland - High rises

Walkers - Low-density blocks

Murrayburn & Hailesland - Mid-density blocks

Calders - High rises and Lower-density terraces

Calders - Mid-density housing

Westburn - Low Density blocks

Harvesters - Mid-density housing

Clovenstone - Mid-density housing

Community Building

Projects that build on existing community action and belonging, and re-ignite the community spirit from the past.

- (35) Capacity building of Wester Hailes Community Trust
- (36) Reestablish Community Council

06 Delivery Action Plan

Project	Vision	Time-scale	Local Stakeholders/ Activism	External Stakeholders	Potential/ Key Lead	Next Steps
Strategies/ Long-term Approach						
(1) Adult Engagement	Community Empowerment	Short-term	About Youth, Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, Family Wellness & Walking Community, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Health Agency, Holy Trinity Church, Open Heavens, Prospect Community Housing, SCOREScotland, WHGC, WHALE Arts, WHCT, WithKids, Youth Agency	n/a	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(2) Youth Engagement	Community Empowerment, Children & Young People	Short-term	About Youth, Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, CEC Lifelong Learning Staff, Early years centres, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Family Wellness & Walking Community, Holy Trinity Church, Open Heavens, SCOREScotland, Schools, Starcatchers, WHGC, The Wee Haven Youth Project, WHALE Arts, WHCT, WithKids, Youth Agency	Canal View Primary School, Clovenstone Primary School, Sighthill Primary School, Wester Hailes High School	About Youth Starcatchers Youth Agency	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(3) CEC Housing Management Strategy	Home, Community Empowerment	Short-term	High rise concierges, Local residents, WHCT	Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Scotland, CEC - Housing	CEC - Housing Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy	Spaces between buildings, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Friends of Curriemurend Park, High rise concierges, Local residents, WHCT	CEC - Parks & Greenspace	CEC - Parks & Greenspace Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(5) Arts & Culture Strategy	Coming together, Children & Young People, Lifelong Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing	Short-term	Big Noise, Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, Clovenstone CC Culture Collective, Explorers of Westburn Wood's GoBeyond, The Health Agency, Holy Trinity Church, Open Heavens, Kurdish Community Centre, Mums into Business, SCOREScotland, Starcatchers, Tasting Change, WHGC, WHALE Arts, WithKids, WHCT	CEC - Culture & Wellbeing	WHALE Arts CEC - Development & Regeneration	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(6) Food Strategy	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Friends of Curriemurend Park, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Grass Roots Remedies, The Holy Trinity Church - Bridge Cafe, The Health Agency, Schools (Primaries & High Schools), SCOREScotland, WHGC, WHALE Arts	CEC - Parks & Greenspace, Edible Edinburgh	Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC) CEC - Parks & Greenspace, Edible Edinburgh	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(7) Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Community Wellbeing Collective, Family Wellness & Walking Community, Grass Roots Remedies, The Health Agency, Local GP's, dentists, pharmacists, health professionals	Action on Smoking and health (ASH) Scotland, CEC - Culture & Wellbeing NHS Lothian	NHS Lothian CEC - Culture & Wellbeing The Health Agency	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(8) Learning Strategy	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, Clovenstone CC, GoBeyond, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Health Agency, High & Primary Schools, WHGC, WHALE Arts, Youth Vision	CEC - Lifelong Learning Edinburgh Napier University Edinburgh College Heriot-Watt University	CEC - Lifelong Learning Wester Hailes High School	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(9) Work & Local Economy Strategy	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Bridge 8 Hub, Culture Collective, GoBeyond, Local convenience/ food shops, Local community centres/ hubs, Mums in Business, Holy Trinity Church, WHCT, WHALE Arts	CEC - Lifelong Learning/ Business Growth & Inclusion	CEC - Business Growth & Inclusion Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to lead on strategy development
(10) Ageing in Place Strategy	Coming together, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Clovenstone Community Centre, The Dove Centre, The Health Agency, Holy Trinity Church, Open Heavens, Prospect Community Housing, WHGC, WHALE Arts, WHCT	CEC - Development & Regeneration Saol	CEC - Development & Regeneration Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale: Short-term (1-5 Years)
 Medium-term (5-10 Years)
 Long-term (10-20 Years)

Project	Vision	Time-scale	Local Stakeholders/ Activism	External Stakeholders	Potential/ Key Lead	Next Steps
Physical Improvements - Overall						
(11) Path Routes	Spaces between buildings, Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing	Medium-Long-term	Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council (Education Corridor); Prospect Community Housing; Wester Hailes Community Trust; Wester Hailes Growing Communities	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Active Travel	CEC - Development & Regeneration / Active Travel Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements	Spaces between buildings, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing	Short-Long-term	Wester Hailes Community Trust	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Active Travel	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Active Travel Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project(s), prepare proposals and seek funding
(13) Canal Improvements	Spaces between buildings, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing	Medium-Long-term	Bridge 8 Hub, Holy Trinity Church, Wester Hailes Community Trust	CEC - Development & Regeneration Scottish Canals	CEC - Development & Regeneration Scottish Canals WHCT	Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(14) Greenspace Improvements	Spaces between buildings, Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Hailesland Wildlife Cafe, Explorer's of Westburn Woods, Friends of Curriemurend Park, Friends of Hailes Quarry Park, Hailesland Gardeners Residents Group, Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association, Residents Litter Picking Group 'Walk it Pick it', WHGC, WHCT	CEC - Parks & Greenspace	CEC - Parks & Greenspace Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)	Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(15) Housing	Home, Coming together, Children & Young People, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Prospect Community Housing, WHCT	CEC - Housing	CEC - Housing Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(16) Local Centre	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Big Noise, GoBeyond, Community Wellbeing Collective, Culture Collective, Mums in Business, WHCT	CEC - Development & Regeneration Local Centre Owner	CEC - Development & Regeneration Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(17) WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	About Youth, WHCT, WHGC	CEC - Education WHEC/ High school staff, pupils & parent council CEC - Edinburgh Leisure	CEC - Education Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT) Wester Hailes High School Parent Council	Involve pupils with school & wider improvements. Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan
(18) Canal Footbridge	Coming together, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	WHCT	CEC - Development & Regeneration Scottish Canals	CEC - Development & Regeneration Scottish Canals Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project, undertake feasibility study
(19) Re-Parking	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Prospect Community Housing, WHCT, WHGC	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Transport	CEC - Development & Regeneration Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Agree scope of project, identify appropriate locations, prepare proposals and seek funding
Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods						
(20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods	Home, Spaces between buildings, Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Refer to individual outlined projects	CEC - Development & Regeneration	CEC - Development & Regeneration Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Refer to individual projects to agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale: Short-term (1-5 Years)
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Delivery Action Plan

Project	Vision	Time-scale	Local Stakeholders/ Activism	External Stakeholders	Potential/ Key Lead	Next Steps
Community Hubs						
(21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Life-long Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Bridge 8 Hub, Calders Residents Association, Calders Regeneration Trust, Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club, Clovenstone Community Centre, Health Agency, Kurdish Community Centre, St Nicholas Parish Church, Holy Trinity Church, Wester Hailes Baptist Church, WHGC, WHCT, Wester Hailes Library, WHALE Arts	CEC - Lifelong Learning	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project and prepare proposals.
(22) Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-Medium-term	Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Estates	Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club	To re-arrange lease with CEC
(23) Calders Community Hub	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Life-long Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-Medium-term	Calders Residents Association, Calders Regeneration Trust	CEC - Development & Regeneration / Estates	Calders Regeneration Trust	Prepare and submit application for Scottish Land Fund Trust Stage 2.
(24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Life-long Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-term	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	CEC - Development & Regeneration Scottish Canals	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT) CEC - Development & Regeneration	Set up a project group to develop a brief for the canal site - including the new building and adjacent landscape.
(25) Greenway Community Hub	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Life-long Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-Medium-term	Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association, Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Estates	Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)	Complete feasibility study and business plan, submit application for Scottish Land Fund Trust Stage 1.
(26) WHALE Arts	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Life-long Learning & Working, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-Medium-term	SCOREscotland, WHALE Arts	CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Estates	WHALE Arts	Proceed with Community Asset Transfer (Dec '22 / Jan '23) approval and capital development project.

Timescale: Short-term (1-5 Years)
Medium-term (5-10 Years)
Long-term (10-20 Years)

Delivery Action Plan

Project	Vision	Time-scale	Local Stakeholders/ Activism	External Stakeholders	Potential/ Key Lead	Next Steps
Community Facilities & Services						
(27) Seating	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-Medium-term	Prospect Community Housing, SCOREscotland, Wester Hailes Growing Communities - Growing Youth	CEC - Development & Regeneration	CEC - Development & Regeneration Wester Hailes Growing Communities	Identify locations and type of seating, develop design proposals, seek funding.
(28) Food Pantry	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & wellbeing	Short-Medium-term	Health Agency, WHGC	n/a	Wester Hailes Growing Communities The Health Agency	WHGC are working with the Health Agency to develop the first Pantry at Clovenstone Community Centre towards opening by Autumn 2022.
(29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service	Coming together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Prospect Community Housing, Wester Hailes Growing Communities	CEC - Housing	Wester Hailes Growing Communities CEC - Housing	The contracting of such a service would be a radical change from the current model, it would overlap with the existing maintenance contract, the NEPs programme and the role of housing officers. This would require further examination as to how it could be valued and delivered.
(30) Open Access Indoor Spaces	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Bridge 8 Hub, Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, CEC lifelong learning staff, The Wee Haven Youth Project, Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club, Clovenstone CC, Health Agency, Kurdish Community Centre, Starcatchers, St Nicholas Parish Church, Holy Trinity Church, Wester Hailes Baptist Church, WHGC, WHCT, Wester Hailes Library, WHALE Arts	CEC - Property	CEC - Property Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project, prepare proposals and seek funding.
(31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Bridge 8 Hub, Calder Residents Association, Calder Regeneration Trust, Clovenstone CC, Health Agency, Starcatchers, WHGC, WHCT, WHALE Arts	CEC - Estates; Parks & Greenspace; South West Locality	CEC - Parks & Greenspace Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up group to establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project, prepare proposals and seek funding.
(32) Outdoor Play Spaces	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	About Youth, Prospect Community Housing, Starcatchers, Wester Hailes Growing Communities, Wester Hailes Community Trust	CEC - Parks & Greenspace	CEC - Parks & Greenspace Prospect Community Housing Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)	CEC to undertake 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' of existing play spaces, prepare proposals based on outcome.
(33) Sport/ Activity Pitches & Spaces	Coming Together, Children & Young People, Ageing Well, Health & Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	About Youth, CEC lifelong learning staff, The Wee Haven Youth Project, GoBeyond, Prospect Community Housing, Wester Hailes Growing Communities, Wester Hailes Community Trust, WHALE Arts	CEC - Edinburgh Leisure; Property	CEC - Edinburgh Leisure Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	CEC to undertake 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' of existing play spaces, prepare proposals based on outcome.
(34) Virtual Community Hub & Notice Boards	Coming Together, Community Empowerment	Medium-Long-term	Local residents, Wester Hailes Community Trust, WHALE Arts	CEC - Parks & Greenspace	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Establish if wearewesterhailes.com can be used for the purpose of a virtual community hub. Establish if notice boards are available from the council, otherwise fundraising required. Identify locations and management for updating notice boards.

Timescale: Short-term (1-5 Years)
Medium-term (5-10 Years)
Long-term (10-20 Years)

Delivery Action Plan

Project	Vision	Time-scale	Local Stakeholders/ Activism	External Stakeholders	Potential/ Key Lead	Next Steps
Community Building						
(35) Capacity building of Wester Hailes Community Trust	Coming Together, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Wester Hailes Community Trust	n/a	Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Outline strategy on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person events/ attending events and targeted social media activity to get more residents to join. • Specific skills to support specific task and projects to be undertaken or delivered by the Trust.
(36) Reestablish Community Council	Coming Together, Community Empowerment	Short-term	Wester Hailes Community Trust	CEC - Community Planning Local Cllr's	Local Cllr's Wester Hailes Community Trust (WHCT)	Set up a group of local residents to adopt constitution and get approval from CEC.

Timescale: Short-term (1-5 Years)
 Medium-term (5-10 Years)
 Long-term (10-20 Years)

Strategies/ Long-term Approach

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- (8) Learning Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place

1 Adult Engagement Strategy

Develop and implement an Adult Engagement Strategy for continued input on future improvements and Local Place Plan Projects*



Coming Together



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Proposal

Bring together adults from different areas of Wester Hailes, backgrounds, age and gender to ensure that the community of Wester Hailes stays involved in any improvements in Wester Hailes including the outlined Local Place Plan Projects.

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Building capacity within existing groups to engage with their service users*
- Engagement on specific topics/ projects to avoid engagement fatigue*
- 'Recruit' local residents for taking part in individual Local Place Plan projects
- Ensure different population groups are being engaged with (i.e. Older people; Men (including trans men), Women (including trans women) and Non-binary people (Include issues relating to pregnancy and maternity including same sex parents); Residents with disabilities or long-term medical conditions or mental health problems; Minority ethnic people; People with different religions or beliefs (includes people with no religion or belief); Non-English speakers; Refugees and asylum seekers; LGBTQ+; Those vulnerable to falling into poverty (Unemployed, People on benefits, Single parents, Vulnerable families, Pensioners, Looked after children and young people, Those leaving care settings (including children and young people and those with illness), Homeless people, Carers (including young carers and carers with protected characteristics), Those involved in the criminal justice system, People with low literacy/ numeracy, People misusing substances)

- Different types of engagement (online/ offline/ events/ exhibitions/ flyers / workshops/ walks etc)*
- Any potential language barriers (information available in different languages)*

Other relevant projects to consider

(2) Youth Engagement Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

- About Youth
- Calders Regeneration Trust
- Calders Residents Association
- Friends of Curriemuirend Park
- Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
- Health Agency
- Holy Trinity Church
- Open Heavens
- Prospect Community Housing
- SCOREscotland
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- WHALE Arts
- Wester Hailes Community Trust
- With Kids
- Youth Agency

Key lead

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term



* engagement feedback

Develop and implement a Youth Engagement Strategy for continued input on future improvements and Local Place Plan Projects



Coming Together



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment



Children & Young People

Proposal

Bring children and young adults from different areas of Wester Hailes, backgrounds, age and gender together to ensure that the younger residents of Wester Hailes are involved in any new proposals and projects for Wester Hailes, including the outlined Local Place Plan Projects.*

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Building capacity within existing groups to engage with their service users*
- Engagement on specific topics/ projects to avoid engagement fatigue*
- 'Recruit' local children/ youth for taking part in individual Local Place Plan projects
- Different types of engagement (online/ offline/ events/ exhibitions/ workshops/ walks etc)*
- Provide opportunities to learn about Wester Hailes history*
- Any potential language barriers (information available in different languages)*
- The newly launched Place Standard Tool for Children and Young People could be used for engagement

Other relevant projects to consider

(1) Adult Engagement Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

About Youth
 Calders Residents Association
 Calders Regeneration Trust
 Early years centres
 Friends of Quarry Park
 Family Wellness & Walking Community
 Holy Trinity Church

Open Heavens
 SCOREscotland
 Schools (Primaries & Secondary)
 Starcatchers
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 WHALE Arts
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 With Kids
 Youth Agency

External Stakeholders

Canal View Primary School
 Clovenstone Primary School
 Sighthill Primary School
 Wester Hailes High School

Potential lead

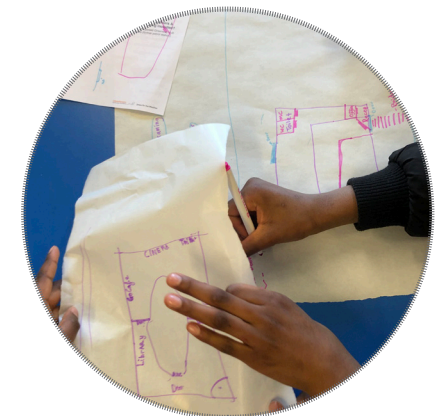
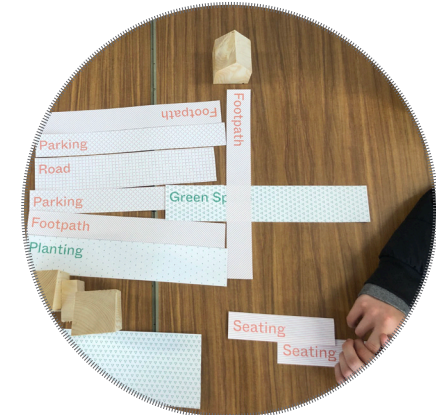
About Youth
 Starcatchers
 Youth Agency

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term



3 CEC Housing Management Strategy



Home



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Improve management of existing council housing*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that improves the communication between local residents and CEC housing management to improve the existing housing and increase quality of life.

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Improve quality of housing: insulation, dampness, mould, broken windows, rats as these have a negative effect on residents quality of life, health & wellbeing*
- Improve faster response to any issues raised by residents and better workmanship*
- Provide safe and covered storage for cycles (standard and non-standard bikes) and mobility scooters (incl. charging opportunities)
- Improve communication between local residents and housing officers on housing improvements and maintenance*
- Re-introduce tenants associations*
- Review of housing ownership/ decision structure (Private residents not having an allocated local housing officer)*
- Address health harms and nuisance caused by second-hand smoking as - smoke-free legislation in Scotland does not cover homes, common stairs, landings or doorways and outside spaces. Second-hand smoke can circulate between property door and window joinery (also called smoke-drift). Work with ASH Scotland to work on appropriate solutions.¹
- Improve communal bin areas (functional & aesthetically*)

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy
- (14) Greenspace Improvements
- (15) Housing

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

High rise concierges
Local residents
Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

¹ Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Scotland
CEC - Housing

Potential lead

CEC - Housing
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

* engagement feedback



Home



Spaces Between Buildings



Coming Together



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Improve management of open spaces and greenspaces*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that improves the communication between local residents and Parks & Greenspaces management to improve the existing maintenance and sense of ownership of the open and greenspaces.

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Improve quality of open and greenspaces: reduce hard surfaces, remove metal barriers/ fencing where not required, improve maintenance*
- How residents can take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses. This would increase feel of ownership, maintenance and care.*
- Support residents with resources (tools, budget) to improve and maintain open and greenspaces adjacent to housing*
- Food growing in public spaces/ in front of homes (no fenced in areas)* **Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy**
- Implementation of Greenspace Community Factoring Service (WHGC)
- Involve teenagers/ young adults in greenspace maintenance/ litter picking (hourly payments) to increase sense of ownership*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (6) Food Strategy
- (3) CEC Housing Management Strategy
- (14) Greenspace Improvements
- (15) Housing
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

High rise concierges
 Local residents
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities

External Stakeholders

CEC - Parks & Greenspace

Potential lead

CEC - Parks & Greenspace
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

* engagement feedback

5 Arts & Culture Strategy

Enrich residents cultural heritage and foster creativity. Organise and arrange events to activate open and indoor spaces.*



Proposal
Focus on increasing cultural activity, bringing a variety of events all year round to open and indoor spaces of Wester Hailes.*

Opportunities for cultural shifts and creative development

- Build upon/ celebrate the history of local activism in Wester Hailes & recognise/celebrate it as culture making*
- Recognise that current community threads/ projects of this kind have a direct linkage to this heritage, e.g. Jeanne van Heeswijk’s project with Edinburgh Arts Festival*
- Map and celebrate all the art that’s already here*
- Recognise that ‘culture already happens here’ – it’s not something that’s shipped in*
- Create a physical and social environment which facilitates the work of and provides opportunities to celebrate local artists, makers and craftspeople*
- Work with existing hubs to include artistic/ creative input/ artwork from local practitioners, e.g. Clovenstone Community Centre, WHALE, Youth Agency etc.
- Encourage the consideration of culture as a means of relating to the local environment, built or otherwise, e.g. Explorers of Westburn Woods
- Link to and embrace new CEC frameworks around culture as much more inclusive/‘bottom up’ rather than ‘top down’ process*
- Find ways to entwine thinking about built environment with creating space(s) for culture ‘to happen’*
- Embrace the learning from recent Culture Collective report into the relationships between national/ city-wide cultural providers/ festivals and local community hubs/ providers*

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Venues to host larger arts or culture activities*
- Create artworks for and with local residents*
- Artworks creating pleasant & welcoming atmosphere
- More colour*
- Open access/ open function spaces/ niches where things can and might happen*
- Functional artworks/ forms that ‘create a space’ that can be occupied/ used in some way*
- Re(un)purpose the pre-existing ‘Neighbourhood Gates’ as placemarkers, artworks or something in between*
- Work and re-invent what’s here already or is pre-existing – how can it be re-imagined/ re-used*

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Bring external art & cultural events to Wester Hailes*
- Music related events*
- Night-time activities for young people*
- Community walks/ explorations/ celebrations*
- New local artist and maker exhibition programme in WHALE Arts café space or other venues*
- Street Arts/ similar activities in the built environment – gives permission for art/culture to happen anywhere*
- Wester Hailes Open Exhibition (running since 2019) – blurs boundaries between amateur/ professional artists*
- Support for local residents requiring venue licences*
- More cultural activities in local centre, in- & outdoors*
- Food markets, market stalls (incl. local produce)*
- Makers fair to showcase designs and products from Wester Hailes*
- Pop-up cafes or cafe vans to temporarily activate open spaces offering an incentive to visit the outdoors. Similar can be achieved with temporary

markets using stalls & mobile vans (butcher, fishmonger, bakery, library, gallery).

- Seasonal events or fairs (such as Xmas market, Gala, Summer fair, Quarry Park Festival)*
- Inter-cultural and faith events - working with community groups of different faith*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (6) Food Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Big Noise	Mums into Business
Calders Residents Association	SCOREscotland
Calders Regeneration Trust	Starcatchers
Clovenstone Community Centre	Tasting Change
Culture Collective	Wester Hailes Growing Communities
Explorers of Westburn Wood’s	WHALE Arts
GoBeyond	WithKids
The Health Agency	Wester Hailes Community Trust
Holy Trinity Church	
Open Heavens	
Kurdish Community Centre	

External Stakeholders
CEC - Culture & Wellbeing

Potential lead
WHALE Arts
CEC - Culture & Wellbeing

Next Steps
Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale
Short-term

* engagement feedback



Spaces Between Buildings



Coming Together



Children & Young People



Ageing Well

Improve local healthy food production, supply & consumption and learning.*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that addresses food deprivation, supports healthy food culture and well-being, increases local food growing.*

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Outline/ research level of food deprivation and how best to address this

Physical Improvements:

- Food growing in public spaces/ in front of homes (no fenced in areas)* [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)
- Food growing at/ with High school pupils* [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)
- Propagation of plants/ plant nursery
- Edible landscaping/ fruit trees/ orchard planting*
- Foraging trail/ walks
- Spaces to grow herbs/ medicinal plants*
- Support community food places
- Establish Food Pantries
- Healthy food cafes*
- Support residents with materials, tools, plant material, funding to support local food growing*

Activities/ events

- Training for food growing, cooking, healthy menus and budgeting are available at community gardens/ hubs/ schools* [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (28) Food Pantry
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Friends of Curriemuirend Park
 Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
 Grass Roots Remedies
 The Holy Trinity Church - Bridge Cafe
 The Health Agency
 Schools (Primaries & High School)
 SCOREscotland
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 WHALE Arts

External Stakeholders

CEC - Parks & Greenspace, Edible Edinburgh

Potential lead

Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 CEC - Parks & Greenspace, Edible Edinburgh

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

"In the survey, the most frequent need identified was physical and mental health, which 85% of these respondents selected. This was followed closely by both food poverty and isolation and loneliness, which 78% of people considered an important challenge, ..."

Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts Feasibility Study





Spaces Between Buildings



Coming Together



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Health & Wellbeing

Identifying priorities for health and wellbeing*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that improves healthy life expectancy, poor mental health, loneliness, and isolation, reduces health inequalities, substance abuse and addresses long term illness and disability demands.

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Outline/ research what are the main health and wellbeing issues that need addressing
- Addressing generational health and wellbeing issues
- Address any shortages of health services (GP's, dentists, pharmacists, health professionals) especially if/ when residents increase through new housing
- Strategic amenities/ initiatives that address the neighbourhood's mental health crisis*
- Addressing addiction, substance abuse - break transgenerational addiction/ abuse starting with focus on children*
- Engage and work with residents and health professionals how best to address health and wellbeing issues*
- Address health harms and nuisance caused by second-hand smoking and smoke-drift and take up smoking. Work with ASH Scotland¹

Physical improvements

- Create a wellbeing hub* (such as the current Community Wellbeing Collective, Edinburgh Arts Festival)
- Facilities that provide healthy food/ products*
- Increase spaces, facilities and services that bring people together*
- A 'zen' garden with water features for relaxing yoga, meditation, and well-being exercises*

- Public access and improvements to open spaces/ courtyard at Healthy Living Centre
- Spaces to grow herbs/ medicinal plants*

Activities/ events

- Business/ support program people living with addiction and mental health disorders*
- More support for people with mental health and for people with disabilities (incl. short waiting time)*
- Mental health support – 'crisis café'*
- Better support for people with addiction*
- Outdoor activities for mental health*
- Support for men's mental health*
- Support of father's roles as a partner, single dads and the role of grandfathers*
- Nutrition education*
- GP's to work with local groups and organisation for 'Nature Prescriptions'*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

¹Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Scotland
 Community Wellbeing Collective
 Family Wellness & Walking Community
 Grass Roots Remedies
 The Health Agency
 The Holy Trinity Church
 Local GP's, dentists, pharmacists, health professionals

External Stakeholders

CEC - Culture & Wellbeing
 NHS Lothian

Potential lead

NHS Lothian
 CEC - Culture & Wellbeing
 The Health Agency

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

"20.8% of people living in the Wester Hailes area have a limiting long-term illness (this is around the average for Scotland, at 19.6%, despite a younger-than-average population).

Disability is more prevalent in working age people living in Wester Hailes, at 19.7%, than Scotland as a whole (15%). 12.3% of working age people living in the area claim PIP (Personal Independence Payments) compared with the Edinburgh average of 5.5% and the Scotland average of 8%. In the survey, the most frequent need identified was physical and mental health, which 85% of these respondents selected. Many felt that there was a need for a place where people could meet informally and establish better relationships."

Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts Feasibility Study

"...very high smoking prevalence rates in areas of high deprivation (32%), compared to the national average (17%) and affluent areas (6%). This brings many issues including high morbidity rates. 37% of all deaths in areas of high deprivation are attributed to smoking."

Source: Jim O'Rorke, Development Officer, ASH Scotland



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Health & Wellbeing



Lifelong Learning & Working

Help to develop and improve residents knowledge, skills, and abilities of all ages.*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that addresses learning opportunities for all ages offering training & placement opportunities and strengthen links to higher education. Improve technology access, provision and skills - especially for children & young people.*

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Improvement of Wester Hailes high school ranking*
- More support for children with additional needs*
- Full-time childcare to help parents to get back into education*
- Create a community (for all ages) learning hub within High School*
- Research the needs for learning opportunities within the community incl. people from different backgrounds, people with addiction or substance abuse or ethnic minorities*
- Link to wider education settings & maximise existing links to Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh College and Heriot Watt University*
- Community hub/ space to support lifelong learning*
- Learning activities for older people*
- Support and encourage learning within green and growing spaces*
- Encourage and introduce visible education on global issues, climate change and the impact of local actions*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (20) Neighbourhood Links Improvements

(21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

(28) Open Access Indoor Spaces

(29) Open Access Outdoor Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Calders Residents Association

Calders Regeneration Trust

Clovenstone Community Centre

GoBeyond

Friends of Hailes Quarry Park

Health Agency

High & Primary Schools

Wester Hailes Growing Communities

WHALE Arts

Youth Vision

External Stakeholders

CEC - Lifelong Learning

Edinburgh Napier University

Edinburgh College

Heriot-Watt University

Potential lead

CEC - Lifelong Learning

Wester Hailes High School

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

“31.3% of people in Wester Hailes have no qualifications, compared with 26.8% across Scotland. 43.6% have either Level 1 (which includes Standard Grade) or Level 2 (which includes Higher and Advanced Higher) qualifications.”

Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts Feasibility Study

9 Work & Local Economy Strategy



Coming Together



Ageing Well



Lifelong Learning & Working



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Improve local work and economic situation and address income deprivation.*

Proposal

Develop a strategy that improves local income deprivation, work, training and placement opportunities as part of the 20-Minute Neighbourhoods aims. To achieve this a variety of working spaces and an identity/ brand for local business should be considered.

Develop a strategy considering the following:

- Research existing employment data within local employment zones*
- Address potential loss of jobs if existing businesses are being replaced with housing; Consider retaining/ integrating existing businesses within new developments*
- Outline/ research reasons for high employment and income deprivation
- Address transgenerational low income deprivation
- Create initiatives to increase employability of residents*
- Addressing issues of young generation to get them into work, internships, training and/ or education*
- The Ageing population is increasing in our society. There is an opportunity for local employment in the sector to happen especially if Wester Hailes is treated as the exemplar form of care of such provision. Required training could be carried out in the local colleges and universities.*

Physical improvements

- New central community hub on canal site*
- Proposed new canal footbridge as key element of local economy infrastructure (e.g. enticing walkers & cyclists directly over from the northern towpath across to the new canalside hub and relevant Westside Plaza amenities generally)*
- Existing local centre employment/ local economy

zone: Maximise local economy, Space for central/ open-air markets, fairs, events, community & local shops, Youth employability/ advice centre*

- A new business hub/ ICT Hub (potential location Gate 55 site) should be linked to High School to get young people into training/ work – addressing issues of young generation*
- Provide spaces with affordable desk space hire and studio/ small business spaces for hire in local centre/ throughout Wester Hailes*
- Support local businesses with central/ open-air markets/ community shop*
- Create a maker's fair to showcase designs and products from Wester Hailes*
- Spaces for people with learning disabilities to work – day time and facilitated spaces*
- Youth employability/ advice centre*
- Small housing units on canal. Church/ local organisations could have these to rent out (visitors, residencies, etc.) for additional income*
- Strengthen active travel links to employment/ economy zones

Services/ Activities/ events

- Full-time childcare to help parents back into work*
- Information/ help with debt collection, job club*
- Work with high school pupils on job/ education opportunities*
- Improve links with wider West Edinburgh for employment and education opportunities
- Support & encourage businesses and institutions that embrace the shift towards circular economy business models such as Circular Edinburgh Programme [Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy](#)
- Investigate linking into Integrated Regional

Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme

[Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy](#)

- Improved access to skills and retraining opportunities and employability support programmes [Edinburgh Economy Strategy](#)
- Create brand/ logo for products from Wester Hailes*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (16) Local Centre
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

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| Bridge 8 Hub | Mums in Business |
| Culture Collective | Wester Hailes Community Trust |
| GoBeyond | WHALE Arts |
| The Holy Trinity Church | |
| Local convenience/ food shops | |
| Local community centres/ hubs | |

External Stakeholders

CEC - Lifelong Learning/ Business Growth & Inclusion

Potential lead

CEC - Business Growth & Inclusion
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale

Short-term

“There is an issue with a low level local economy. Most people commute out of the area to work. 9.8% of working-age people living in Wester Hailes claim unemployment benefit (Scotland 6%), with 16.3% of 18–24-year-olds unemployed (Scotland 8.3%).




10.2% of people claim incapacity benefits (Scotland 6.3%). Between January and October 2020, the percentage of people claiming these benefits more than doubled. 12.3% of working age people living in the area claim PIP (Personal Independence Payments) compared with the Edinburgh average of 5.5% and the Scotland average of 8%. In the survey, the most frequent need identified was physical and mental health, which 85% of these respondents selected. This was followed closely by both food poverty and isolation and loneliness, which 78% of people considered an important challenge, and job losses or job insecurity, chosen by 73%.”

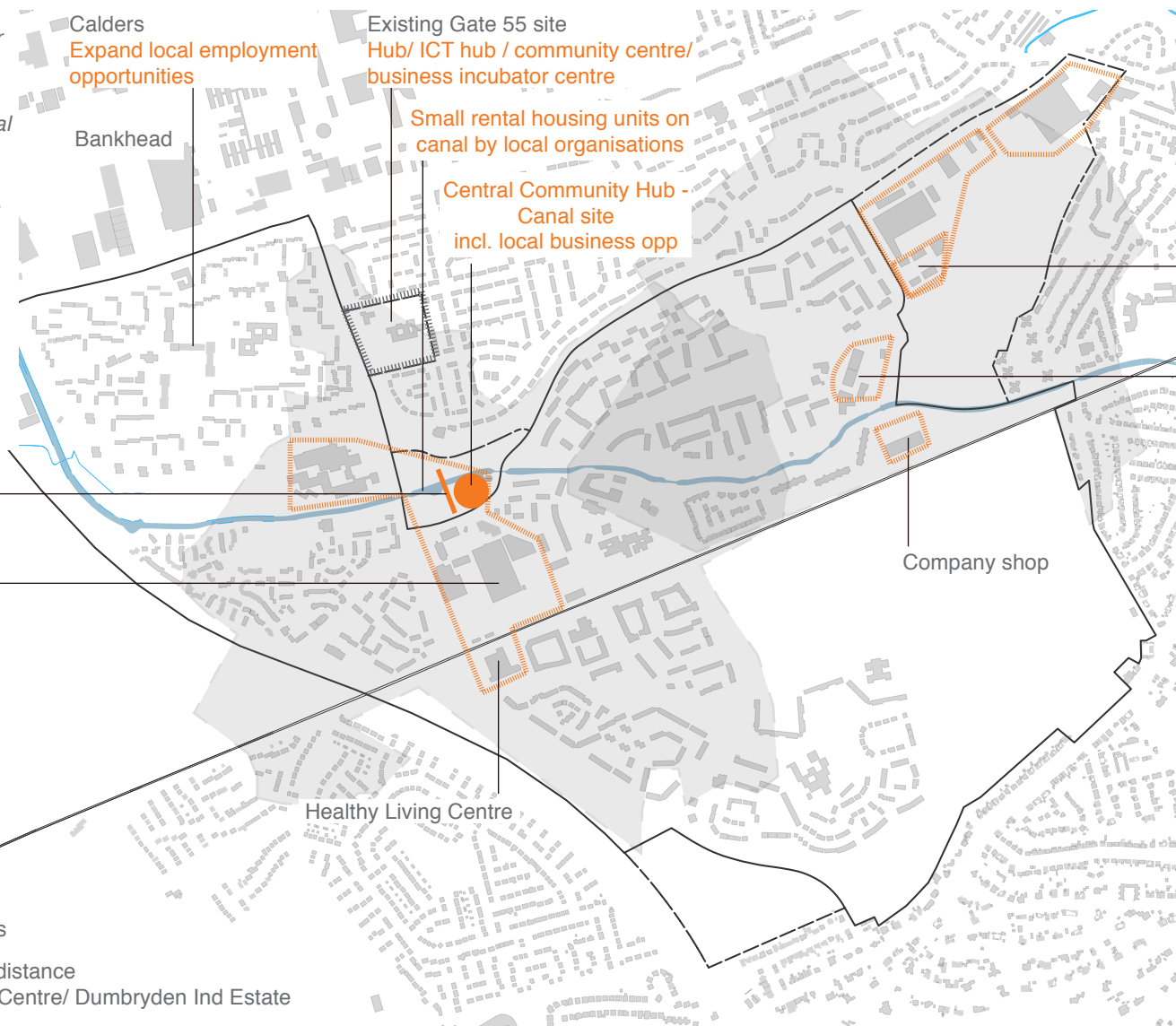
Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts Feasibility Study '21

Proposed canal footbridge
Key element of local economy infrastructure
Active travel link

Existing local centre employment/ local economy zone
Maximise local economy
Central/ open-air markets/ community shop
Youth employability/ advice centre
Space for markets, fairs, events

KEY

-   Key employment areas
-  20min/ 800m walking distance (measured with Local Centre/ Dumbyrden Ind Estate as a starting point)



Existing Hailes Park Industrial Estate
Existing Dumbyrden Industrial Estate
Existing Industrial Sites outlined for housing development (City Plan 2030)
Consider loss of jobs if existing business are being replaced with housing;
Consider retaining/ integrating existing businesses within new developments

10 Ageing in Place Strategy

Ensure the needs for older people are being addressed*



Proposal
Develop a strategy to ensure that the physical environment and social opportunities are improved for older people, allowing residents to continue living in their homes and neighbourhood throughout old age. Provide age appropriate homes within the neighbourhoods for the elderly; beside all of their present infrastructure of medical, health and everyday facilities and services.*

- Develop a strategy considering the following:
- Provide adequate housing for older age: life-time homes; accessible homes; co-housing; intergenerational housing; suitable sizes of homes; care provision/ homes (undertake research/ engagement on what is needed)*
 - Offer specific events and activities for older people, incl intergenerational opportunities (undertake engagement on what is needed)*
 - Provide public toilets throughout Wester Hailes (incl. adult changing and hoists)*
 - Improve outdoor spaces adjacent to facilities used by older people to encourage older people to use outdoors. This offers the possibility to move some of the activities into the outdoors and should include patios, raised planters, fruit shrubs or trees, different types of seating (single & multiple occupancy), outdoor gyms.
 - Regular seating (with back and arm rests) along main routes to key facilities and amenities to offer resting opportunities along the way.*
 - Regular pop-up cafes or cafe vans could temporarily activate greenspaces offering an incentive to visit the outdoors. Similar can be achieved with regular temporary markets using stalls & mobile vans

(butcher, fishmonger, bakery, library, gallery). These could be held on car parking areas within the area, especially close to elderly housing to allow easy access for people with less mobility.

- Apply elderly and dementia-friendly design principles when designing or improving internal & external spaces (Refer to 07 Design Guidelines, p.103)
- Provide learning and work opportunities for older people incl. link to wider education settings as Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh College, Heriott-Watt University*
- Parks/ greenspaces with specific spaces and activities for older people*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (7) Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- (8) Learning Strategy
- (26) Seating

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Clovenstone Community Centre	WHALE Arts
Dove Centre	Wester Hailes Community Trust
The Health Agency	
Holy Trinity Church	
Open Heavens	
Prospect Community Housing	
Wester Hailes Growing Communities	

External Stakeholders

CEC - Development & Regeneration
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Potential lead
CEC - Development & Regeneration
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps
Set up group to lead on strategy development

Timescale
Short-term



Projects

Physical Improvements - Overall

These projects consider the Wester Hailes wide approach of physical improvements to the build environment:

- (11) Path Routes
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (14) Greenspace Improvements
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (19) Re-Parking

Create direct and safe routes to encourage active travel



Spaces Between Buildings



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Health & Wellbeing

Proposal

Improve connectivity throughout Wester Hailes and to wider area by extending and creating new links within the existing network and improving existing paths. Improve connections to local centre and WHCC/ High School.

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Speed reduction from 40 to 30mph (Calder Road & B701) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 21 - Speed Limit Reductions](#)
- Implement segregated cycle lanes on main roads & routes, incl. West Edinburgh Link (Calder & Murrayburn Rd, B701, Greenway) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 25 - Strategic Approach to Road Space Allocation](#)
- Continuous pavement or zebra crossings at side street junctions to prioritise pedestrians & cyclists
- Create a well linked pedestrian & cycle network throughout Wester Hailes and adjacent areas
- Even & smooth ground surfaces - existing paths to be improved*
- Widening of Union Canal Towpath* and Placemaking as outlined in *Union Canal Towpath Study, Edinburgh (Scottish Canals)*; [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 23 - Mitigate conflict in shared spaces](#)
- Greening of paths & roads: Increase tree planting (establishing hierarchy of routes) and biodiversity (long grass, wildflowers, bulbs, low planting)*
- Reduce road space/ hard surfacing where possible, i.e. central green space within road with trees and flowers*

- Pocket gardens throughout Wester Hailes along a trail – small gardens/ parks with more colour, sensory gardens, natural & informal play elements*
- Varied seating, and bins, along path network for rest & to encourage interaction*
- Review street/ path light levels and improve lighting where necessary - considering impact on insects & wildlife*
- Wayfinding/ Signage between different neighbourhoods*
- Wayfinding/ Signage to key destinations within and outwith Wester Hailes*

Activities

- Consistent maintenance of path routes: clearance of vegetation and litter*
- Consistent maintenance of adjacent vegetation*
- Interesting/ fun walking & cycling routes (trails, games)

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (12) Neighbourhoods Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (19) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (28) Greenspace Community Factoring Service

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council
(Education Corridor)
Prospect Community Housing

Wester Hailes Community Trust
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Key Stakeholders

CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Active Travel

Potential lead

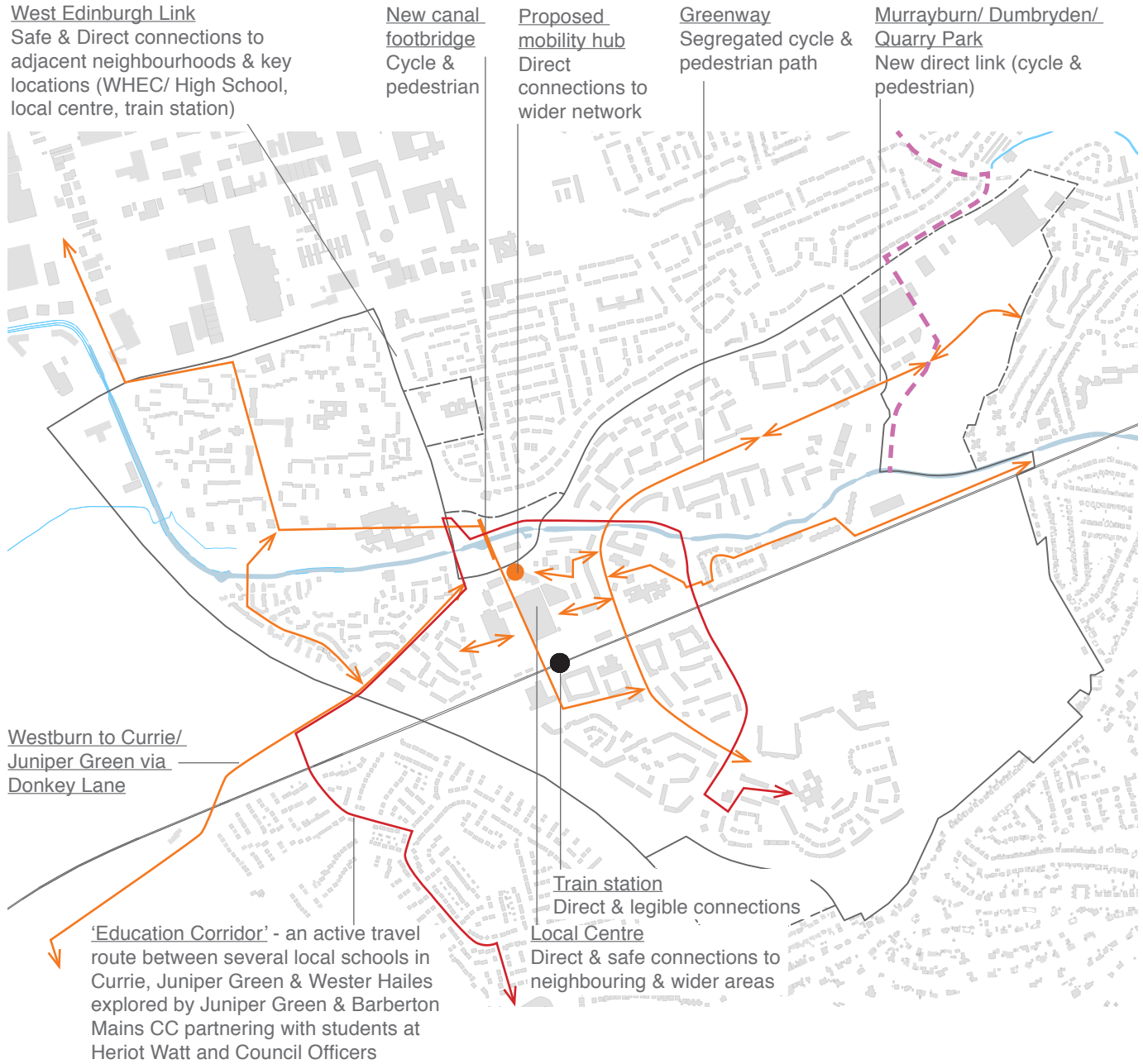
CEC - Development & Regeneration
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale

Medium-Long-term



- KEY**
- Main road - proposed segregated cycle lane
 - Improvements to Canal Towpath (Refer to (10) Canal Improvements)
 - - - Proposed West Edinburgh Link - segregated cycle path
 - - - Proposed CEC active travel link related to development (as per City & Mobility Plan 2030)
 - ↔ Proposed & improved path network (pedestrian & cycle)

12 Neighbourhood Connection Improvements



Create direct and safe connections between neighbourhoods*

Proposal
 Several existing links could be easily improved through simple measures.
Physical Improvements:

- Improve physical connections
- Improve sightlines by i.e. reducing fencing, cutting back vegetation
- Increase visibility of hidden paths
- Install wayfinding to different neighbourhoods, local amenities & facilities etc.
- Review street/ path light levels and improve lighting where necessary*
- Existing underpasses that could be improved with artwork/ murals and lighting*

Other relevant projects to consider

(1) Adult Engagement Strategy	(11) Path Routes
(2) Youth Engagement Strategy	(16) Local Centre
(5) Arts & Culture Strategy	(17) WHEC/ High School
	(18) Canal Footbridge

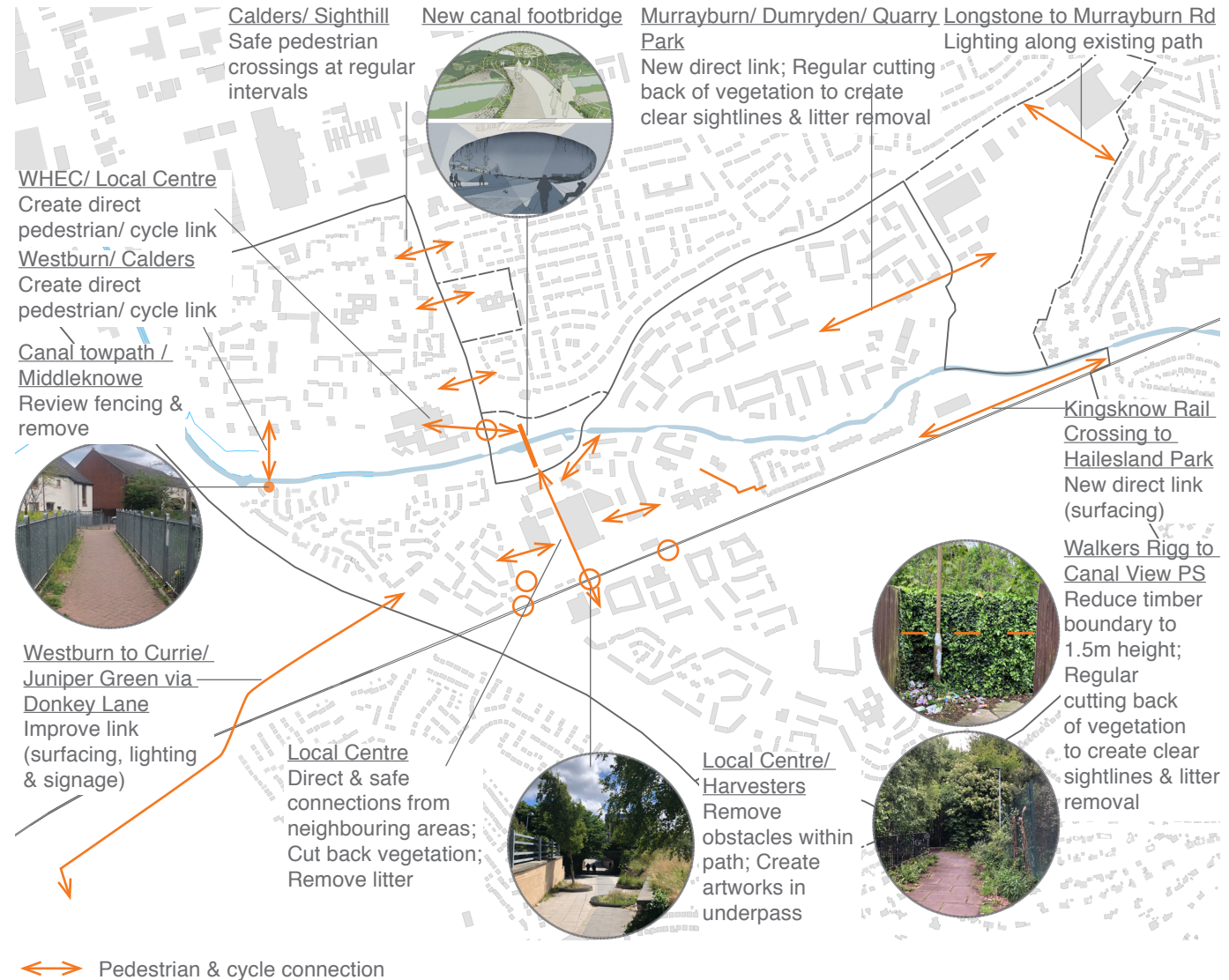
Local Stakeholders/ Activism
 Prospect Community Housing
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Key Stakeholders
 CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Active Travel

Potential lead
 CEC - Development & Regeneration
 Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps
 Agree scope of project, prepare proposals and seek funding

Timescale
 Short-Long-term



Pedestrian & cycle connection

* engagement feedback



Improve access to and along the canal*

Proposal

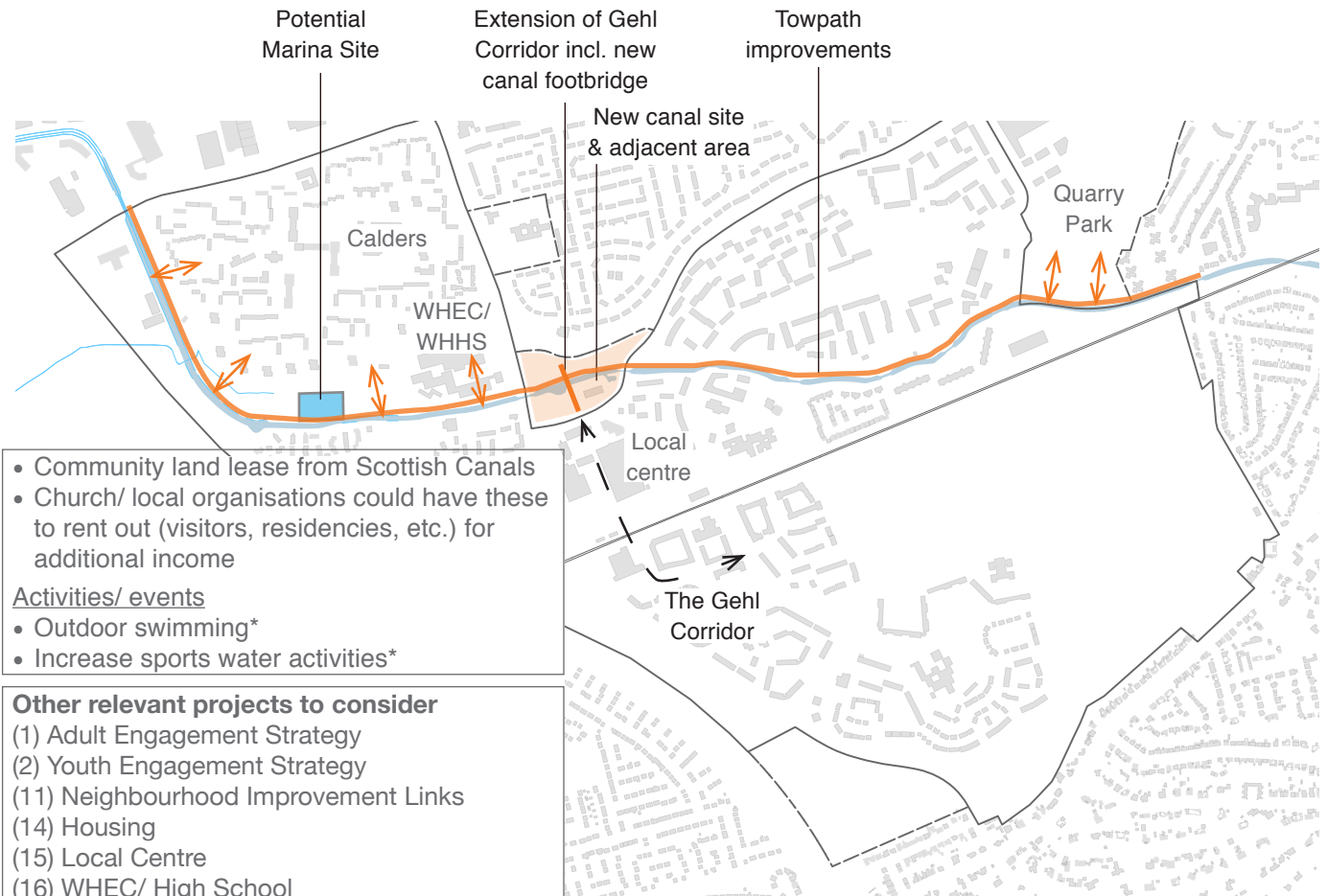
Bringing better physical and visual connections, living on water, sport and recreation, health, wellbeing and community initiatives & events to the canal.

Physical Improvements:

- ↔ Improve physical and visual connection between canal and:
 - Quarry Park
 - Local centre
 - WHEC/ High School
 - Calder
- Calder Marina: Residential development, recreational facilities and amenities
- New bridge over canal as extension of Gehl Corridor (from Healthy Living Centre via local centre to canal)
- Central Community Hub (Canal site) with adjacent landscape improvements*
- — Towpath improvements:
 - As per Edinburgh Union Canal Study (Dec'11): Increase towpath width or alternative route to reduce user conflict*; Create placemaking nodes; Fit ramps to existing bridges
 - Install seating at regular interval* (with back and armrests)
 - Improvements to existing path where uneven*
 - Varied planting & increase biodiversity (long grass/ wildflower/ tree planting)*
 - Regular litter picking (canal and adjacent greenspace/ towpath)*

Housing/ Living on canal*

- Along opposite site from towpath
- Set up housing co-operative for older people 65+, single occupancies, for locals only
- Compact, off-grid living, accessible
- In exchange for larger council tenancies



- Community land lease from Scottish Canals
- Church/ local organisations could have these to rent out (visitors, residencies, etc.) for additional income

Activities/ events

- Outdoor swimming*
- Increase sports water activities*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (11) Neighbourhood Improvement Links
- (14) Housing
- (15) Local Centre
- (16) WHEC/ High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

- Bridge 8 Hub
- Holy Trinity Church
- Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

- CEC - Development & Regeneration
- Scottish Canals

Potential lead

- CEC - Development & Regeneration
- Scottish Canals
- Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale

Medium-Long-term

14 Greenspace Improvements

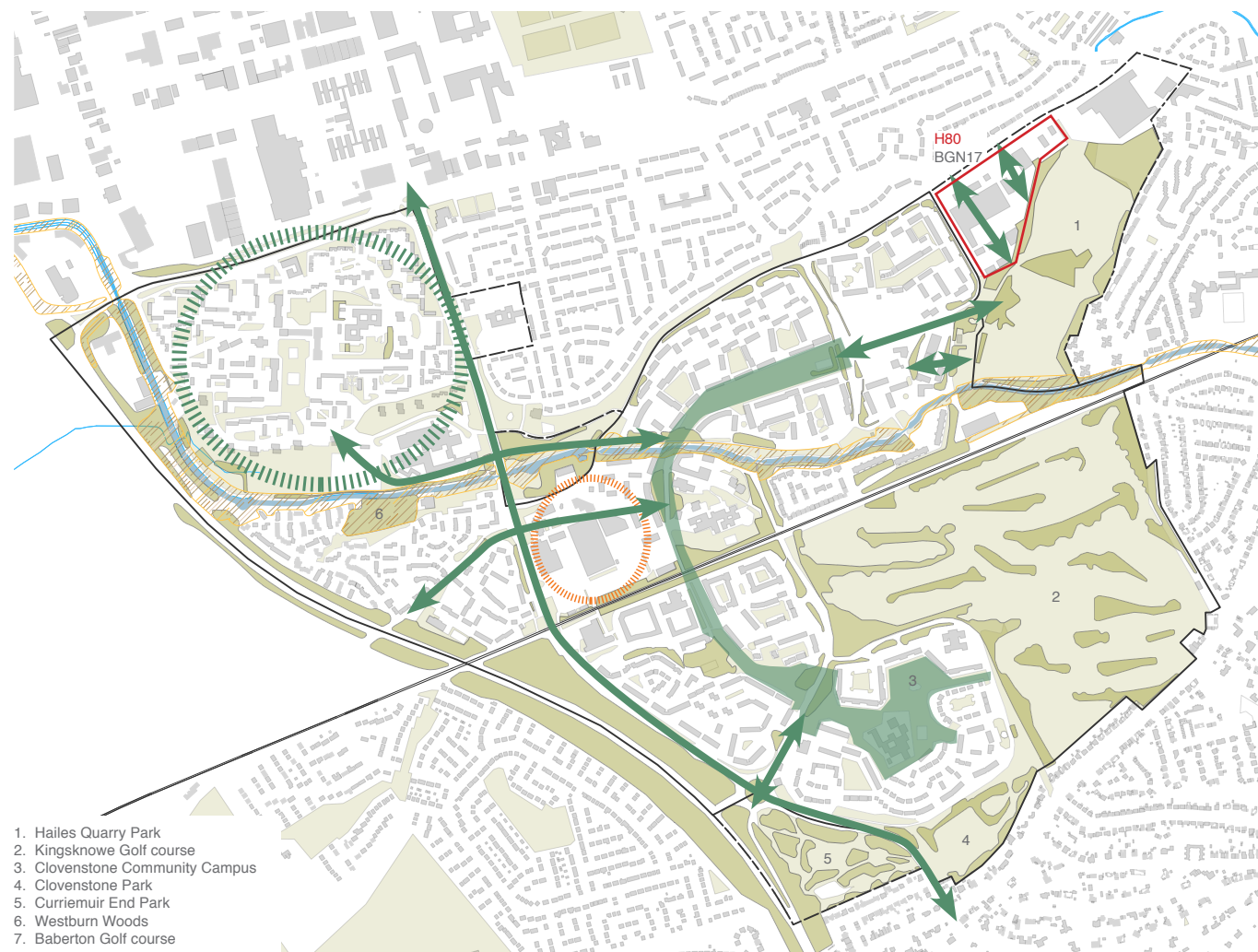
Create a variety of greenspaces by enhancing biodiversity, offer different activities, opportunities and improve health and mental wellbeing.*

Proposal

Provide green infrastructure connections within Wester Hailes, create diverse habitats, increase biodiversity, climate resilience & carbon sequestration.

General physical improvements of existing greenspaces

- Create green connections from The Greenway to other areas within Wester Hailes
- Create new green routes/ links along main roads
- Increase natural spaces within local centre
- Increase greenspaces by reducing hard surfacing (such as recently tarmaced/ resin bound gravel areas; Refer to 'Care and Maintenance', p.129)*
- Enhance biodiversity by creating different micro-habitats, e.g. wetland, grassland, hedges, pile of logs
- Use mainly native specimen to provide habitats for native wildlife
- Reduce clutter: Review existing metal fencing/ barriers/ posts & remove where not required*
- Integrate SUDS/ raingardens/ wetlands
- Diversify & enhance open spaces (biodiversity & activities)*
- Install seating & bins along main routes and within greenspaces
- Increase wildlife - diverse planting, bird / bat boxes*
- Increase tree planting (incl. fruit/ foraging planting)*
- Install wayfinding to different neighbourhoods, local amenities & facilities*
- 'Notches'/ Pocket gardens throughout Wester Hailes – small seating areas & gathering spaces to stop with more colour/ planting/ sensory gardens/ play elements – along a trail*
- Parks/ greenspaces with specific spaces and



1. Hailes Quarry Park
 2. Kingsknowe Golf course
 3. Clovenstone Community Campus
 4. Clovenstone Park
 5. Curriemuir End Park
 6. Westburn Woods
 7. Baberton Golf course
- Amenity greenspace
 - Woodland/ tree planting
 - Local Nature Conservation Site (refer to Local Development Plan & Policy ENV 15)
 - The Greenway
 - Union canal
 - H80 New Housing Led Development as per DRAFT City Plan 2030
 - BGN17 On-site green and blue infrastructure as per DRAFT City Plan 2030, p.148

- Proposed green link/ connection incl tree planting
- Lack of greenspaces
- Lack of woodland/ tree planting



activities for older people*

- Dog park – to reduce dog litter*
- Maintain spaces well*
- Opportunities for Wester Hailes Growing Communities to undertake greenspace management for Council on a social enterprise model*
- Give residents more ownership and control of improvements: Give residents materials and resources to undertake their own improvements; Community tool shed allowing residents to help with maintenance*

Improvements Hailes Quarry Park*

- Open up park and create green links on western edge of park, especially when developing any adjacent sites
- Retain ‘wild/ countryside aspect’ of the park
- Lighting along path from Longstone to Murrayburn Rd
- Extend play area (refer to (32) Outdoor Play Spaces)
- Improve bike track, more activity spaces such as skateboarding (refer to (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces)
- Public toilets
- More varied seating with nearby flowers

Improvements Curriemuirend Park*

- Wildlife meadow. A large area identified was ploughed and prepared for planting but unfortunately it was left unplanted because the park department had no seed available.
- Fitness equipment was investigated to the extent of pricing and locations but unfortunately the council would not allow any permanent structures on the park due to housing proposals.
- A mountain bike cycle track to encourage active cycling

Improvements Greenway

- Undertake Community engagement on any improvements

- Main route to be segregated cycle & pedestrian paths
- Improve existing surfaces (smooth & level)
- Install regular seating opportunities* (variety of seating)
- Include spaces for variety of uses & activities*
- Include unmanaged/ open access spaces*
- Improve variety of planting & increase biodiversity*
- Cut back dense vegetation close to path to ensure good natural surveillance
- Identify and remove unnecessary metal barriers/ fencing*
- Install wayfinding to different neighbourhoods, local amenities & facilities*
- Install notice boards at key nodes* (Refer to project (34) Virtual Community Hub & Notice Boards)

Greenspaces within new housing sites

- Refer to (13) Housing

Activities/ events

- Undertake Community engagement on greenspace improvements in general
- Undertake residents engagement for greenspaces adjacent to housing*
- Residents to adopt newly planted trees
- Foraging trail/ walks
- Use greenspaces and woodland for activities for all ages*
- Workshops with local residents to educate and enhance biodiversity, e.g. inform of the positive biodiversity benefits, undertake events/ workshops making seed bombs, build bug & insect hotels, wildflower seeding, install long grass/ biodiversity signage

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy
- (20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (27) Seating
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Hailesland Wildlife Cafe
 Explorer’s of Westburn Woods
 Friends of Curriemuirend Park
 Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
 Hailesland Gardeners Residents Group
 Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association
 Prospect Community Housing
 Residents Litter Picking Group ‘Walk it Pick it’
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Parks & Greenspace

Potential lead

CEC - Parks & Greenspace
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Next Steps

Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale

Medium - Long-term

Create healthier and social enhanced mixed-used neighbourhoods*



Proposal

Overall there is concern from the community about new housing without increasing amenities and facilities as it would put too much pressure on existing amenities, facilities and public services. There is further concern of encroachment on existing greenspaces through new housing and increasing existing social issues (unemployment, substance abuse, health & wellbeing). Building housing on sites with existing businesses will have an impact on loss of local job opportunities but potentially also increase vehicular travel times if these are being moved further away/ to the outskirts of Edinburgh. Some of the local businesses (i.e. MKM Building supplies) are being used by local residents & tradesmen and locating these further away from Wester Hailes could potentially increase vehicular traffic which would not align with the 20-Minute Neighbourhood principles.

Any new development and/or housing should consider and address these concerns and potential negative impact.

Opportunities for physical improvements existing housing:

- Identify priorities of refurbishments, demolitions and new builds - Most social housing stock in bad condition*
- Improve maintenance & poor workmanship*
- Create better physical and attractive connections between flats within tenement blocks and open spaces. This could be converting immediate open spaces as private space for ground floor flats. This would increase feel of ownership, increase in maintenance and care.*

- Beautifying existing housing/ add more colour*
- Provide safe and covered cycle storage*
- Refer to (18) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods

Opportunities for new housing:

- New housing should incorporate some form of additional community, health, civic, or social amenity
- Residents suggesting the following type of housing are currently in shortage: Ageing in place; Accessible housing; Mixed tenures; 2/3 & 3/4 bedrooms; Small compact accessible 1 bedroom places (to free up larger housing which is currently occupied by single person); Over 6 bedrooms; Co-operative housing; Co-housing to reduce isolation; Units on canal for living*
- Housing needs to be affordable (family members not able to move to area as too expensive)*
- Address health harms and nuisance caused by second-hand smoking as - smoke-free legislation in Scotland does not cover homes, common stairs, landings or doorways and outside spaces. Second-hand smoke can circulate between property door and window joinery (also called smoke-drift). Work with ASH Scotland to work on appropriate solutions.¹

Housing on canal*

- Along opposite site from towpath
- Set up housing co-operative for older people 65+, single occupancies, for locals only
- Compact, off-grid living, accessible
- In exchange for larger council tenancies (2-3 bedrooms)
- Community lease from Scottish Canals for land
- Church/ local organisations could have these to rent

out (visitors, residencies, etc.) for additional income
Opportunities for Gate 55 (or alternative site if this is not being developed)*

- Turn into business hub/ community centre/ business incubator centre
- Business hub should be linked to High School to get young people into training/ work – addressing issues of young generation
- Office/ co-working spaces/ studios/ workshops
- Large community kitchen

Existing Care Home Site (Clovenstone)

- Research and engagement with care providers should be undertaken before replacing the only care home within Wester Hailes with housing
- Although there is a shift to ageing in place and living as long as possible within ones own home, there are still ageing related impairments and illnesses that would require living in a care home. A local care home would allow residents to stay within their local community.

Curriemuir*

- Retain existing woodland and greenspace site for community use - not to be developed for housing

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (3) CEC Housing Management Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/ High School
- (21) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Prospect Community Housing
Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

1Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Scotland
CEC - Housing

Potential lead

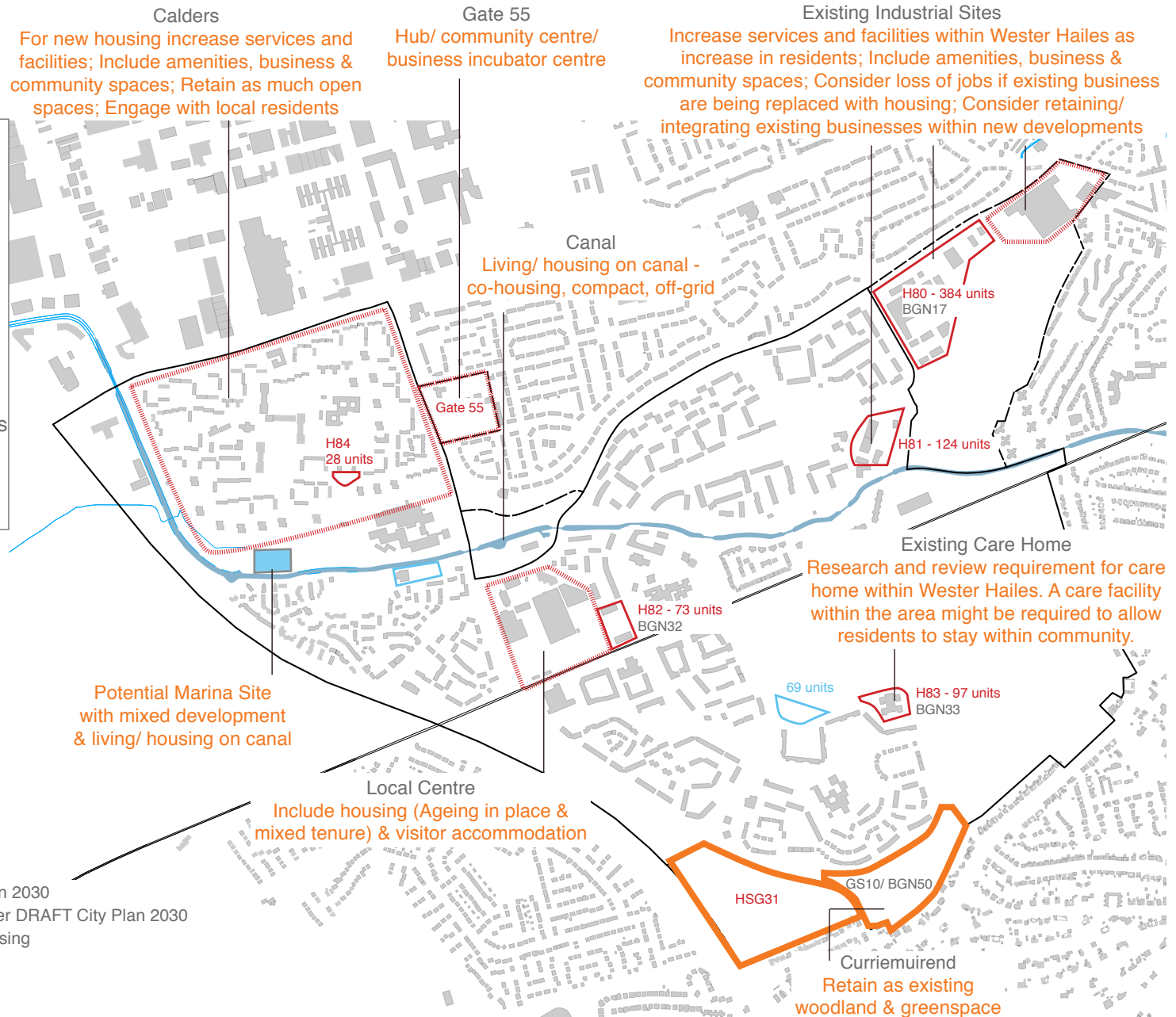
CEC - Housing
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale

Medium - Long-term



Calders
For new housing increase services and facilities; Include amenities, business & community spaces; Retain as much open spaces; Engage with local residents

Gate 55
Hub/ community centre/ business incubator centre

Existing Industrial Sites
Increase services and facilities within Wester Hailes as increase in residents; Include amenities, business & community spaces; Consider loss of jobs if existing business are being replaced with housing; Consider retaining/ integrating existing businesses within new developments

Canal
Living/ housing on canal - co-housing, compact, off-grid

Existing Care Home
Research and review requirement for care home within Wester Hailes. A care facility within the area might be required to allow residents to stay within community.

Potential Marina Site
with mixed development & living/ housing on canal

Local Centre
Include housing (Ageing in place & mixed tenure) & visitor accommodation

Curriemuirend
Retain as existing woodland & greenspace

KEY

- xx Proposed New Build/ Development considerations
- XX Retain existing woodland/ greenspace instead of developing site as per DRAFT City Plan 2030
- H80 New Housing Led Development as per DRAFT City Plan 2030
- BGN32 Green Blue Network/ New play facilities proposals as per DRAFT City Plan 2030
- Housing development site by Prospect Community Housing
- ▤ Sites with Housing/ New Build Opportunity

Housing Strategy

Create healthier and social enhanced mixed-used neighbourhoods

Engagement and discussions with local residents in Wester Hailes identified a sense of pride in the area; but also a recognition that certain areas could be improved. The most common concerns were the condition of the existing housing stock, and the lack of amenity across the area.

There was generally little resistance to the notion of new housing in the area - as long as this was delivered in conjunction with improved amenity. That said, residents noted that they felt some housing sites currently noted in the Local Development Plan might be unsuitable as they remove greenspace (refer to the previous pages).

The existing housing within the areas was also discussed. Local people want to see continued repairs and maintenance, alongside the retrofitting of energy efficient measures and new heating models.

Other notable priorities were that new housing should reflect the current character of Wester Hailes.

Key Aims

Housing in the area should reflect the original design ambition of Wester Hailes;

- Housing with a dual-aspect;
- Housing connecting to public green space;
- Housing should be ambitious

The character of individual neighbourhoods should be reflected in new buildings;

- Block orientation and massing
- Height and density
- Colour and detail

The condition of the current housing stock is a key concern for local residents; who are keen to repair and retrofit their properties. All housing should be well

insulated, with a coherent strategy for renewables. New housing should incorporate some form of additional community, health, civic, or social amenity:

- Services & facilities (GP's/ Health; schools, shops) required to accompany any new housing - there are already large gaps in current services & facilities
- Each new housing site should include business and community spaces/ offices spaces to rent and external community spaces and facilities.

Retrofitting of existing housing

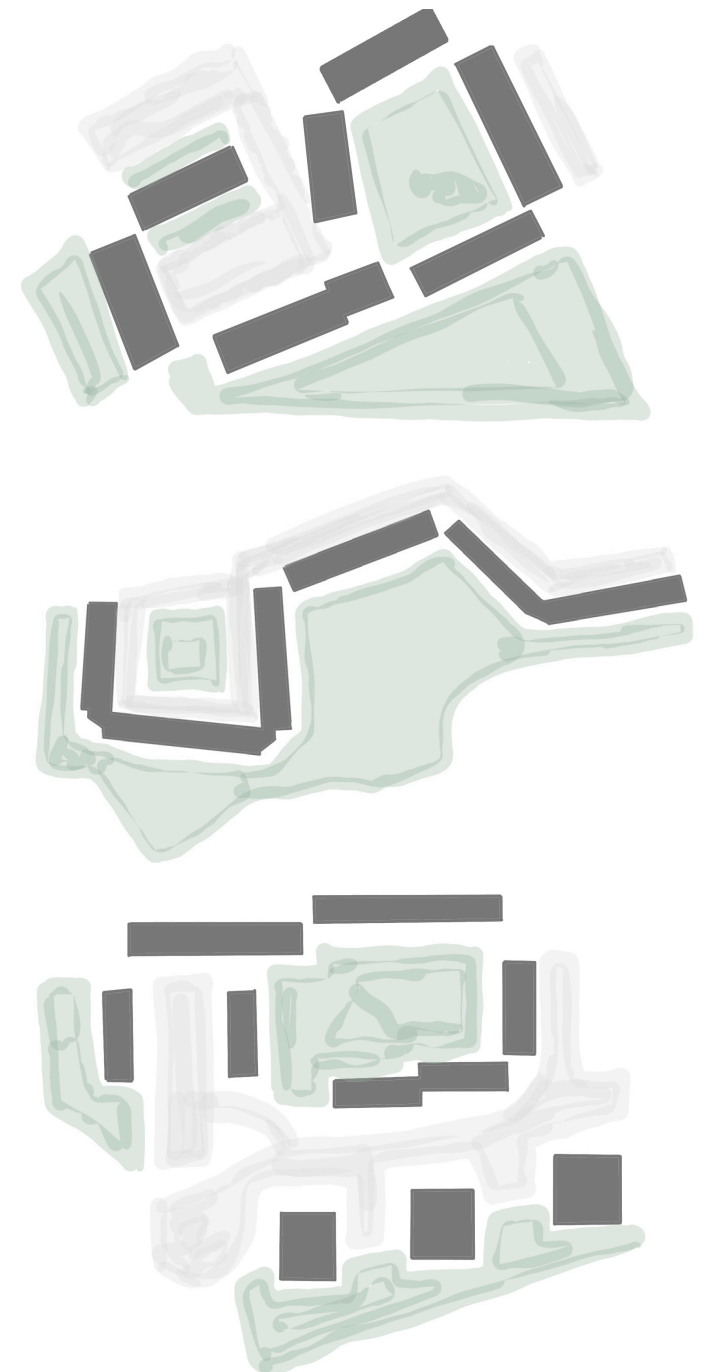
All refurbishments and renovations to existing housing should explore options for energy efficient retrofitting. The external fabric of the building should be upgraded in line with prevailing guidance; due to the construction of the majority of the existing blocks we would suggest External Wall Insulation (EWI) and insulating roof spaces is achievable.

Specific appraisals would need to be undertaken for each building; but we would encourage (reflecting residents comments on both energy costs and carbon emissions) that gas central heating systems are replaced with heat pumps; or other suitable alternative.

New housing

Layouts

1. Sites should be developed to a density similar to the prevailing type in the area. In most cases this would be characterised as 3-5 storey flatted accommodation. Flatted blocks or dense terraces are deemed to be appropriately similar densities in these cases. Westburn, Walkers, and the high flats in Calder and Hailesland, are the notable exceptions to this.



Diagrams of housing layouts in Murrayburn, Clovenstone and Calder

2. New block layouts should define a clear distinction between public space and support space. The exemplars on the previous page all define public green/open spaces between blocks, as well as a defined space for road access and parking. This is an important feature to Wester Hailes housing.
3. There is an overarching network of greenspaces all linked across blocks; and connecting to the Greenway - new housing should become part of this network; and not be designed to be 'fenced off'.
4. New housing should not introduce private garden spaces at the edges of sites. In the past this has led to housing feeling detached from the wider area by way of taller boundary fences being located adjacent to public routes. Generally, if boundaries to sites do need to be introduced; lower height walling is preferred to fencing as this is of a higher visual quality and reflects the historic approach to boundaries in the area.

Buildings

5. New buildings should look to incorporate similar ideas as the existing housing where this is deemed to improve quality. One of the successful aspects of the existing housing is 'relief'; or the depth inherent within the buildings facade. Residents were vocal about the need for private outdoor space; balconies within flatted blocks would provide this. Breaking up the massing of new buildings will help to maintain the sense of variety within the neighbourhood.
6. More natural light should be provided via larger openings, often existing blocks contain Juliet, or smaller scale, balconies. This also allows residents

to 'open up' properties to the adjacent green space; and additional passive surveillance of their neighbourhood.

7. Materials and finishes should be of high quality generally and natural materials; and the exploration of colour is encouraged. Colour is used particularly successfully in Harvesters.

8. Growing walls & greenroofs should be integrated.

Amenity

9. The inclusion of an internal space for use by the wider community should be incorporated into all new housing developments. This should be developed in partnership with the Wester Hailes Community Trust, or another local partner;

It could be a 'community living room' or community hub space where activities could be organised, or groups could meet.

Similarly, it could be a tenanted unit for a use with some kind of local benefit; nursery, healthcare, wellbeing/ support.

It could also be a commercial space that broadened the amenity within the area, e.g. a local shop, or business incubation space. This option should be developed in discussion with the Wester Hailes Community Trust, project partners, and in line with the forthcoming (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy.

10. Public, or shared, green space on new housing sites should be developed with specific uses in mind; for example a shared growing space, play spaces, or flexible community pavilions (as identified in the Local Place Plan Neighbourhoods section).
11. Private outdoor space is encouraged to all new housing units. In flatted blocks this is assumed to be via the inclusion of a balcony space.

12. Sustainable urban drainage should be integrated into all new developments; and this should be implemented as a feature of the development. Blue landscape should provide a focal point to outdoor spaces, or run as linear elements within developments; non-descript 'basins' are to be avoided.

13. Rainwater harvesting for community green spaces is to be applied to developments of suitable scale.

14. Gas central heating as the primary source for heating for new developments should be avoided.

15. Alternative heating solutions should be explored: District heating within all new sites; with a view wider implementation across existing buildings. Ground Source Heat Pump System in order that the community can benefit directly and financially from the production of this sustainable power.

16. A strategy for the urban environment (lighting/ seating/ signage/ wayfinding) around new developments should form part of the early stage design and engagement process.

17. 15. A suitable provision for electric vehicles should be included. This should be based on CEC design guidance at the time of development.

18. Similarly, the provision of secure cycle parking (standard and non-standard spaces) for residents and visitors should be allowed for. Spaces should be located in convenient and short distances to main entrances with natural surveillance. Number of spaces should be based on CEC design guidance.

19. Active travel links should be included within development sites, and branch into existing, and future, networks.

Create a more attractive and active local centre*



Proposal

Create a more vibrant, mixed use local centre*

Opportunities for general provision:

- Better healthy food/ life options & shops*
- Cafe/ restaurant (opening onto square/ open spaces)*
- Community owned shop*
- Tool sharing/ stuff library*
- Local swap shop*
- Independent shops/ entrepreneurs (no chains)*
- Keep local bank branches*
- Space to display and sell local art works/ crafts*
- Clothes shop*
- Look at other local centres with similar issues (i.e. paired neighbourhood in Germany)*

Opportunities for improvement to buildings:

- More colour (it is very bleak and grey)*
- Library to be improved and upgraded. This could act as a key multigenerational gathering space/ community hub.*
- Accommodation for tourists, visitors, visiting family*
- Housing: Ageing in place and mixed tenures*

Opportunities for improvements to bus stop area:

- Establish a mobility hub that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, cycle parking, hire & maintenance, click and collect and electric vehicle charging)* [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs](#); obvious link to train station
- Improve road/ bus area: Pedestrianise road/ front of canal site to local centre/ shopping centre, allowing access for buses*

Opportunities for improvements of open spaces/ public realm:

- Reduce car parking area*
- Increase green infrastructure & green connections (tree planting, greenspaces, biodiversity)
- Levels between plaza and upper level = barrier (especially for anyone wheeling or with mobility issues)*
- More colour (it is very bleak and grey)*
- Central feature (i.e. water feature) that draws people from perimeter of square into centre*
- Include opportunities for older children & intergenerational activities*
- Provide cycle parking to all entrances
- Covered seating/ gazebo type structure to hang out in when the weather is bad. It was suggested that this could be a purpose built space for a youth club affiliated with the library*
- Information point/ Central community notice board*

Activities/ events

- Extend opening hours: Evenings & weekends*
- Temporary markets/ events indoors & outdoors - on Plaza/ car parking area (Food & craft markets, Open air cinema; Ice skating ring; Christmas market)*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (15) Housing
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site

- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Big Noise
Community Wellbeing Collective
Culture Collective
GoBeyond
Mums into Business
Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Development & Regeneration
Local Centre Owner

Potential lead

CEC - Development & Regeneration
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan

Timescale

Medium - Long-term

New North-South Link*:

Establish safe and direct connection from Healthy Living Centre and Rail Station through local centre.

Housing Developments:

See guidance for new developments p.60

Shopping Centre Future*:

Shopping centre should support and encourage more local businesses, respond more to local community needs, and connect better with adjacent civic space.

More Active Civic Space*:

Strategy for local markets and events in civic space. Change to community use in surrounding buildings.

Improve Connections:

New cycle infrastructure planned; ensure centre links in to this.

Transport*:

Establish new green transport hub. Give pedestrian priority across main road as part of new North-South link.

Alternative Housing Models*:

Explore floating accommodation along canal, away from tow-path.

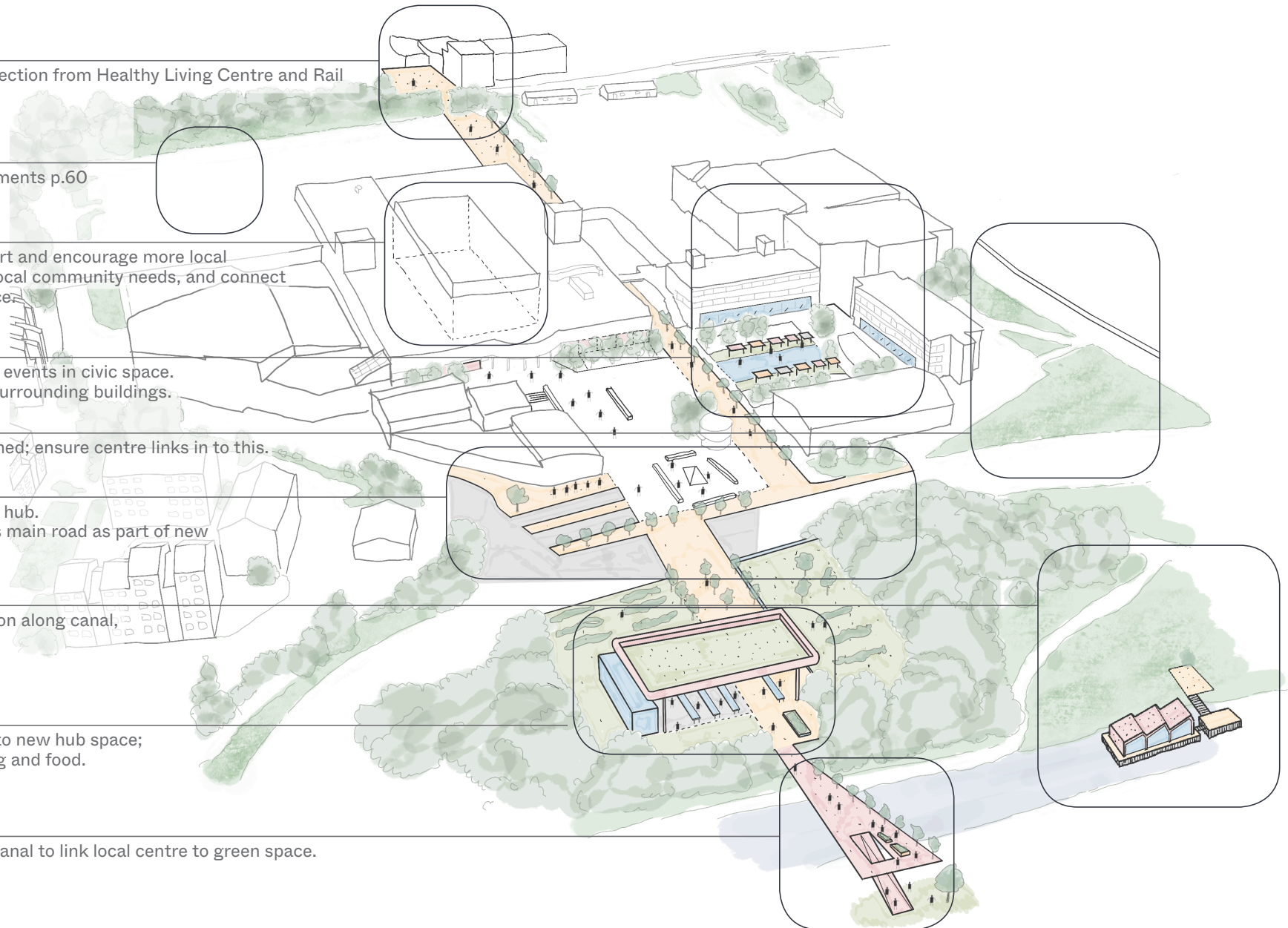
Community Hub*:

Develop 'Petrol Station Site' into new hub space; linked to green spaces, growing and food.

New North-South Link*:

Pedestrian bridge across the canal to link local centre to green space.

* engagement feedback



Improve connections between the Education Centre/ High School and the local centre*



Proposal

Opportunities for access

- Direct connection to local centre*
- Create safe links to the New Edinburgh Link
- Create safe and direct active travel routes for the whole catchment area - especially to the North beyond Calder Road
- New school site to open up to canal & towpath: Improve visual and physical links*

Opportunities for education/ training

- Improve quality of school attainment gap*
- Improve school by giving access to new digital and technical skills – addressing issues of young generation*
- A new business hub (potential location Gate 55 site) should be linked to High School to get young people into training/ work – addressing issues of young generation*
- Additional support/ learning assistants for pupils in general but especially for pupils with additional needs*

Opportunities for indoor community spaces

- Community spaces (open access) for young people/ teens*
- Provide a space for pupils, their families, local residents to be in and keep warm during winter/ colder month as some residents will not be able to heat their own homes sufficiently due to high electricity & gas costs

Opportunities for outdoor community spaces

- Additional outdoor sports/ activity pitches (free to use!) and alternative spaces that everyone can use – something fun to do*
- Food growing spaces for pupils
- Safe & secure cycle parking*

- Use canal for water sports and activities*

Opportunities for engagement

- Develop high school proposals with pupils input
- Engage with parents, carers and wider community

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (12) Neighbourhood Links Improvements
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

About Youth
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities

External Stakeholders

CEC - Education/ Edinburgh Leisure
 WHEC/ High School staff, pupils & parent council

Potential lead

CEC - Education
 Wester Hailes High School Parent Council
 Wester Hailes Community Trust

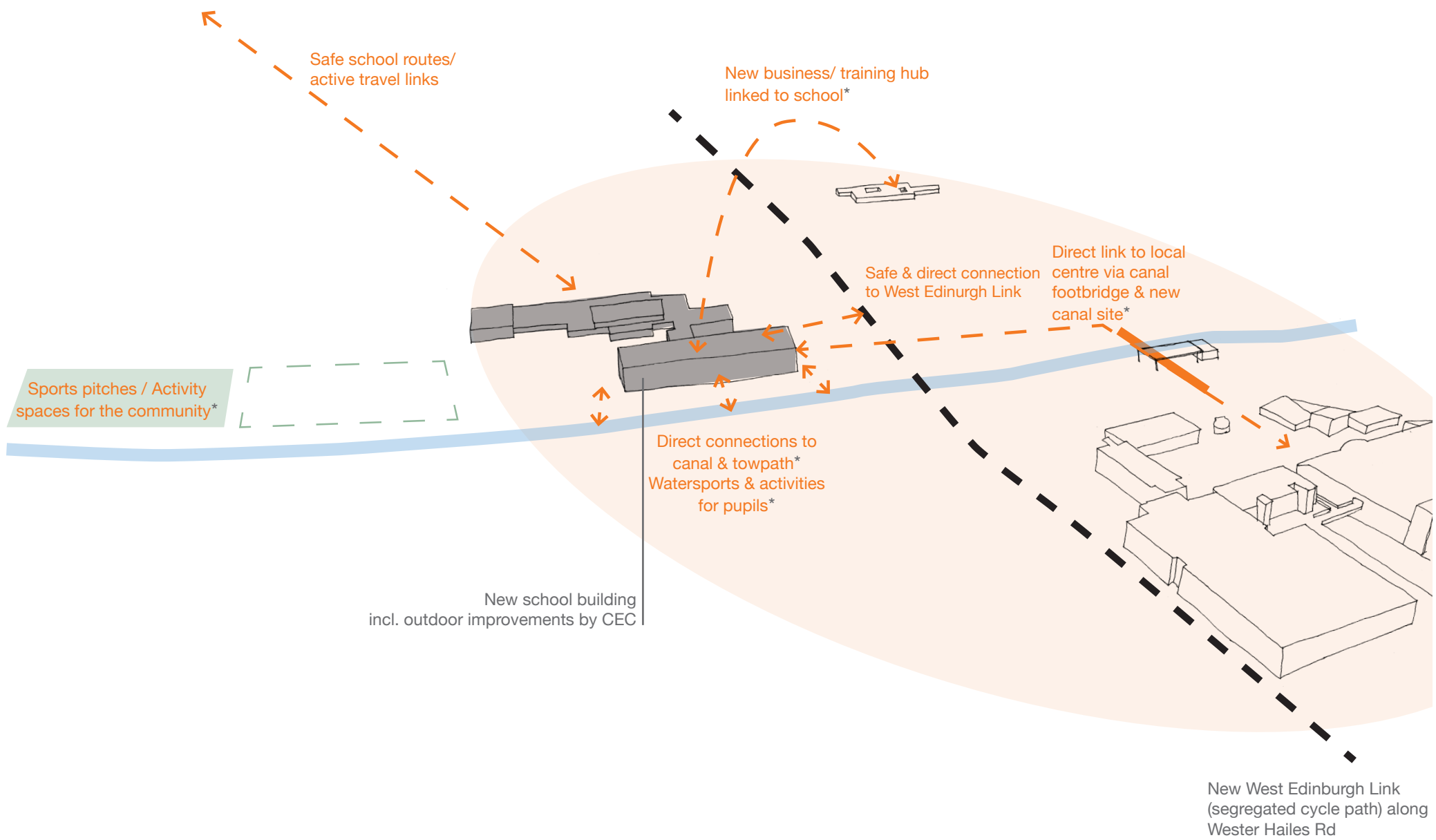
Next Steps

Involve pupils with school and wider improvements.
 Agree scope of project(s), develop design proposals as part of CEC-led regeneration masterplan.

Timescale

Medium - Long-term

* engagement feedback



18 Canal Footbridge



Create a direct link from local centre to canal towpath via new community hub canal site*

Proposal*

You would hardly know that Wester Hailes was so close to Edinburgh's beloved Union Canal. A footbridge would make reaching the canal easy from the town centre. But what if this bridge was more than a way to the other side? What if it was a place to grow; to invigorate green spaces; to display art; to meet; to wonder? A joyous bridge to cross - a gateway that is as much about inviting people in, as improving connections out. (*What if...? Venice Biennale, 7N Architects (lead); Katy Hay and Eoghan Howard & Emily Stevenson, '20*)

Other relevant projects to consider

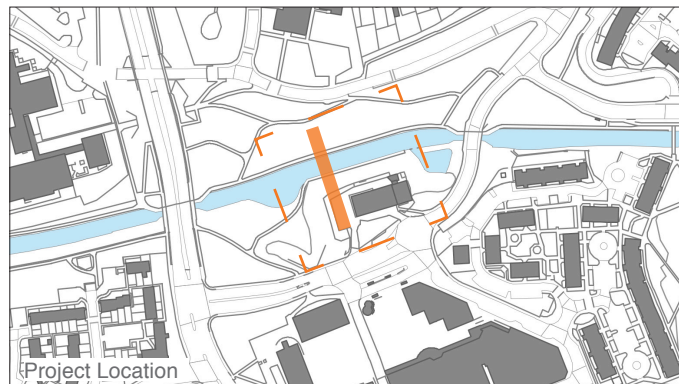
- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (5) Arts & Culture Strategy
- (9) Work & Local Economy Strategy
- (11) Path Routes
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (16) Local Centre
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Development & Regeneration
Scottish Canals



Potential lead

CEC - Development & Regeneration
Scottish Canals
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Agree scope of project, undertake feasibility study.

Timescale

Medium-Long-term



Images source: *What if...? Venice Biennale*
Top: 7N Architects (lead); Ian Gilzean and Eunice Main, 2020
Bottom: 7N Architects (lead); Katy Hay and Eoghan Howard & Emily Stevenson, 2020



Re-purpose parking spaces for green/ blue and social spaces, increase car-sharing and active travel provision.

Proposal
Reduce car dominance throughout Wester Hailes

Opportunities within existing development

- Review existing car parking provision to reduce hard surfacing/ car parking areas where not required and convert to green and play spaces that suit residents needs. Creating more livable places by reducing level of street parking **City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 5 - Streets for People**
- Some areas (Clovenstone) seem to have not sufficient car parking spaces* - review if these areas could be better organised and active travel encouraged to reduce car ownership
- Provide secure resident cycle parking for standard and non-standard bikes (allow for natural surveillance) (Refer to 07 Design Guidelines, p.103)
- Provide secure visitors cycle parking within housing and at local amenities & facilities for standard and non-standard bikes (allow for natural surveillance) (Refer to 07 Design Guidelines, p.103)
- Establish a mobility hub at the local centre* that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, cycle parking, hire & maintenance, click and collect and electric vehicle charging) **City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs**
- Provide car sharing locations throughout the neighbourhood
- Encourage the switch to cleaner vehicles by increasing electric vehicle charging stations throughout the neighbourhoods **City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 32 - Cleaner vehicles**

- Delivering electric vehicle infrastructure **Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy**

Opportunities for new developments

- Limit the level of parking in new developments and include requirements for electric vehicle charging, disabled persons parking places, car club and bike hire space, secure cycle parking (standard & non-standard bikes). **City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 36 - Parking in New Developments**

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service

Local Stakeholders/ Activism
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

External Stakeholders
CEC - Development & Regeneration/ Transport

Potential lead
CEC - Development & Regeneration
Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps
Agree scope of project, identify appropriate locations, prepare proposals and seek funding

Timescale
Medium-Long-term



Projects

Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods

These projects consider the approach of physical improvements to the built environment at neighbourhood level. Each typical housing typology within Wester Hailes has been represented with suggested improvements.

Dumbryden - Mid-density blocks

Hailesland - High rises

Walkers - Low-density blocks

Murrayburn & Hailesland - Mid-density blocks

Calders - High rises and Lower-density terraces

Calders - Mid-density housing

Westburn - Low Density blocks

Harvesters - Mid-density housing

Clovenstone - Mid-density housing

DUMBRYDEN

[MID-DENSITY BLOCKS WITH MIX OF 'GREEN' AND 'PARKING' COURTYARDS]

Housing Improvements:

See guidance on retrofitting of existing housing stock: p.60

General Improvements*:

More structural planting.
Better street lighting.
Improved communal bin areas.
Improve pavements and walking surfaces.
Encourage/support residents to take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Amenity at back of Blocks:

Reduce overall parking to accommodate more amenity space.
Planting as buffer between road and houses.
Upgrade existing play areas*.
Introduce seating areas adjacent to play spaces.

Alterations to Larger Public Greens*:

Create 'notches' in main path - places to rest or gather.
Smaller garden or planting areas to break up larger space.
Encourage/support improvements of individual front gardens.

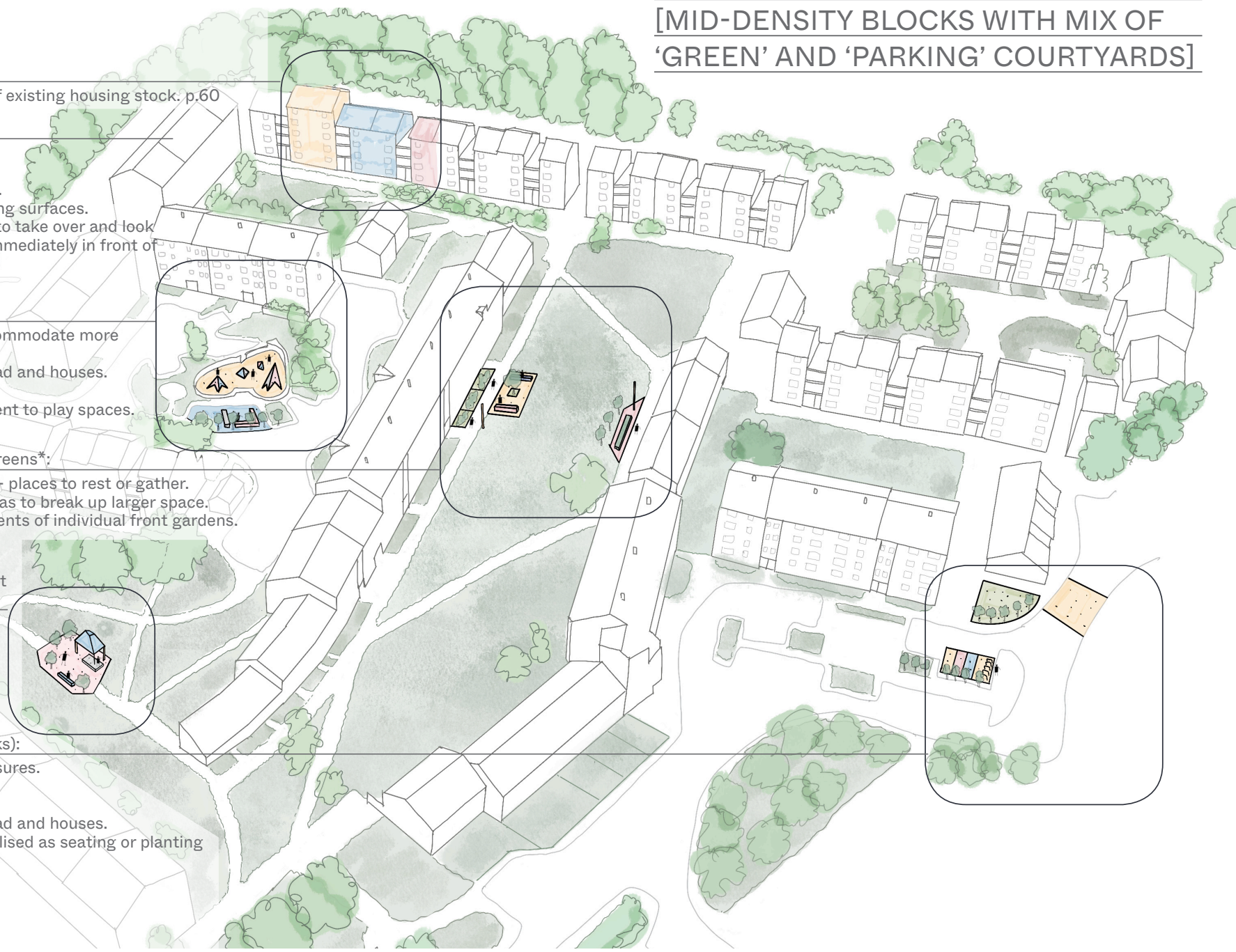
Potential for Unmanaged Event Spaces*:

Small bandstand, or pavilion, structures that allow for informal play, gathering, or community events.

Improvements to 'Block' (Backs):

Introduce traffic calming measures.
Electric car charging.
Cycle parking.
Planting as buffer between road and houses.
Small fenced of areas to be utilised as seating or planting (remove fencing).*

* engagement feedback



HAILES LAND

[HIGH-RISES WITH PARKING FRONTS AND GREENSPACE BACKS]

Housing Improvements:

See guidance on retrofitting of existing housing stock, p.60

Improve Connections:

Improve (11) path routes between areas.

Alternative Housing Models*:

Explore floating accommodation along canal, on opposite side from tow-path..

Improvements to 'Block' (Fronts)*:

Support residents maintaining front garden spaces, and upgrading existing civic/seating areas.

Improvements to 'Block' (Backs):

Small pavilion or structures that allow for informal play, gathering, or community events. Introduce play areas with adjacent seating.

Canal Improvements*:

Widen tow-path.
Introduce separate, designated cycle path.
Develop adjacent greenspaces with more biodiverse planting.
Install signage/ Wayfinding



* engagement feedback

MURRAYBURN AND HAILES LAND

[MID-DENSITY BLOCKS WITH MIX OF 'GREEN' AND 'PARKING' COURTYARDS]

Improvements to 'Block' (Fronts)*:

Benches and seating for informal gathering;
Planting and small garden areas for residents.

Potential for Unmanaged Event Spaces*:

Small bandstand, or pavilion, structures
that allow for informal play, gathering, or
community events.

Alterations to Large Public Space in Greenway*:

Create 'notches' - places to rest or gather.
Designated space for teens and a designated space
for younger children (5 and under).
Smaller garden or planting areas to break up larger
space.
Water fountains or public toilets to allow spending
longer time outdoors.
Introduce segregated cycleway through greenway.

Community Amenity*:

Create small, localised 'hub' spaces for community use.
For events, and to fill gaps in local amenity provision.

Improvements to 'Block' (Backs):

Introduce traffic calming measures, such as raised tables.
Electric car charging.
Cycle parking.
Planting as buffer between road and houses.
Generally, improve energy performance of housing*.

General Improvements*:

Small fenced of areas to be utilised as seating
or planting with fencing removed.
More structural planting.
Upgrade and repair existing play areas.
Improve street lighting.
Improve communal bin areas & more bins.
Improve pavements and walking surfaces.
Encourage/support residents to take over and look
after open and greenspaces immediately in front of
their flats/ houses
Install signage/ Wayfinding

* engagement feedback



CALDERS

[HIGH RISES AND LOWER-DENSITY TERRACES]

Local Shops*:

Improve public space around local shops.
Initiatives to encourage and support more local businesses.

General Improvements*:

Improve surfaces, lighting generally across area.
Encourage/support residents to take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses
More bins
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Communal Spaces formed by 'Blocks':

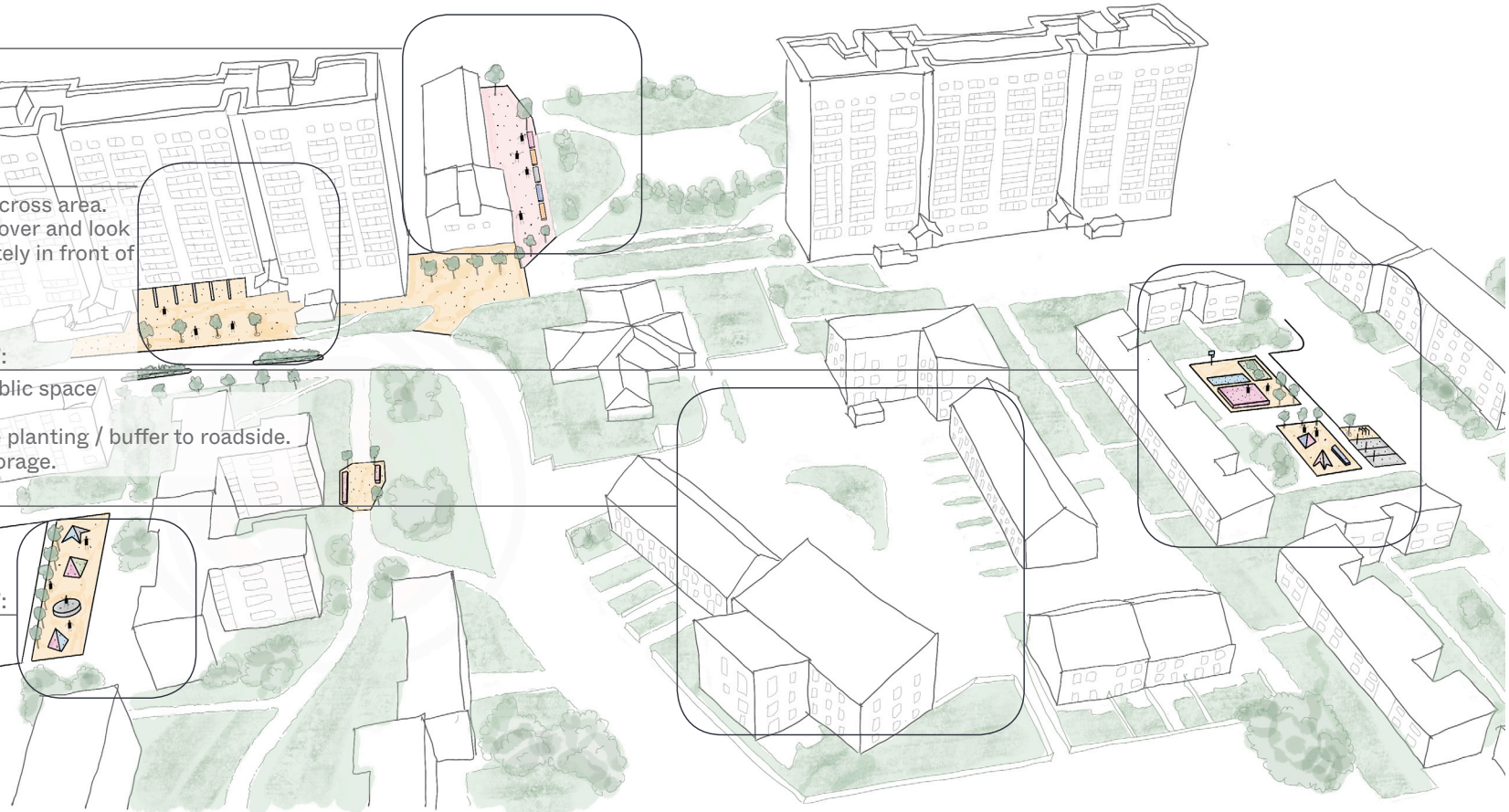
Smaller play areas connected with public space and seating for adults*.
Enclosed (safe) play areas* with more planting / buffer to roadside.
Electric vehicle chargers and cycle storage.

New Housing Site:

Refer to guidance on new housing developments. p.60

Communal Spaces formed by 'Blocks':

Smaller play areas connected with public space and seating for adults*.
Enclosed (safe) play areas*.
More planting / buffer to roadside.



* engagement feedback

CALDERS

[MID-DENSITY HOUSING, IN BLOCK AND STANDALONE ARRANGEMENTS]

Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces*:

Additional spaces for sports and active play for the community

Improvements Access between Neighbourhoods*:

Better access, and path, across greenspace.
Improve surfaces and lighting at tow-path.
Wayfinding strategy across Wester Hailes.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.& vertical structures.
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Adapt Pedestrian Thoroughfares*:

Create 'notches' in main path - places to rest or gather.
Smaller garden or planting areas to break up larger space.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Improvements to Parking Areas:

Introduce traffic calming measures, such as raised tables.
Electric car charging.
Cycle parking.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.

Community Amenity*:

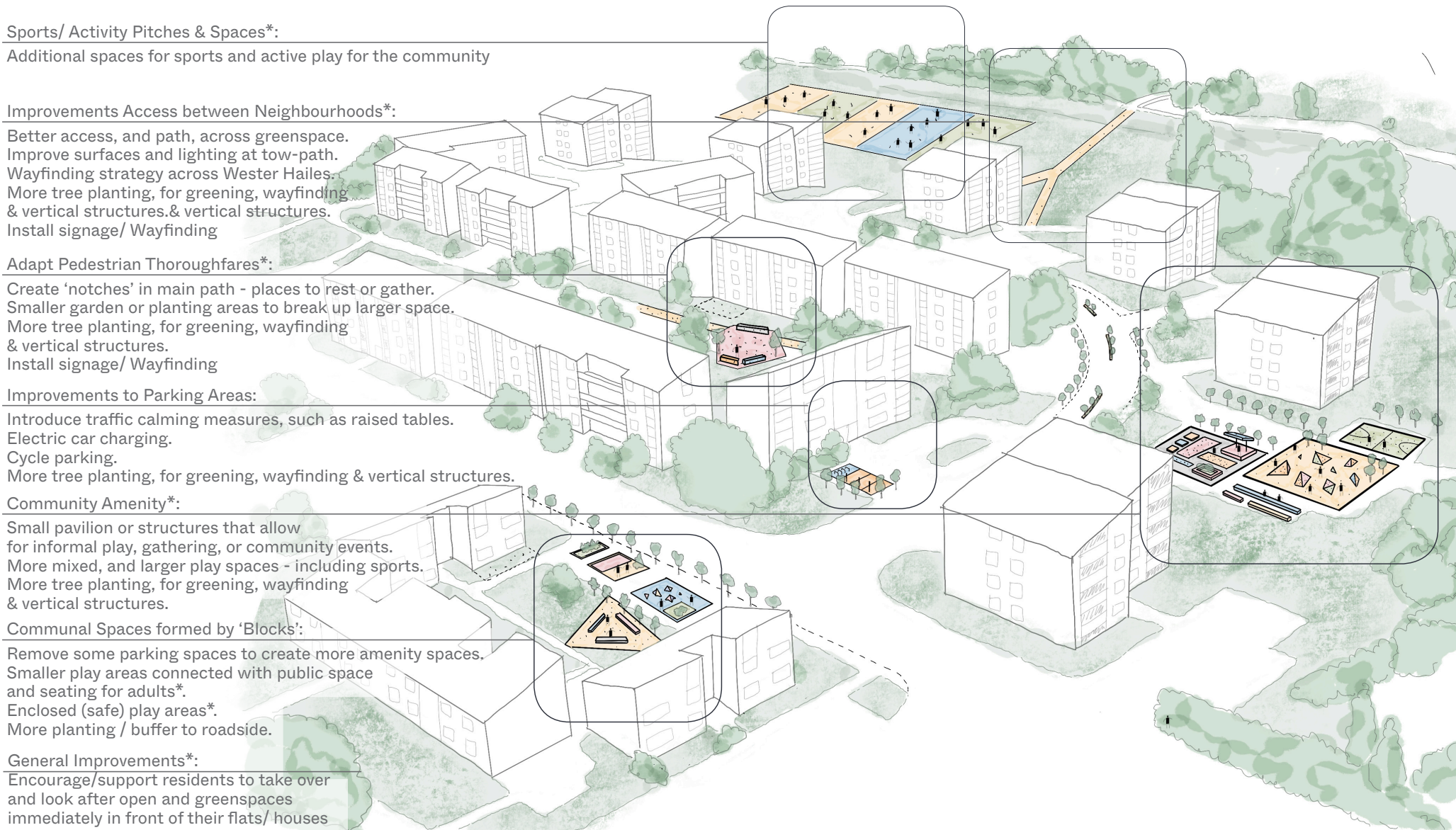
Small pavilion or structures that allow for informal play, gathering, or community events.
More mixed, and larger play spaces - including sports.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.

Communal Spaces formed by 'Blocks':

Remove some parking spaces to create more amenity spaces.
Smaller play areas connected with public space and seating for adults*.
Enclosed (safe) play areas*.
More planting / buffer to roadside.

General Improvements*:

Encourage/support residents to take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses
Improve lighting
More bins



WESTBURN

[LOW-DENSITY BLOCKS WITH DEFINED FRONTS AND BACK GARDENS]

General Improvements*:

More structural planting.
Improve street lighting.
More bins.
Improve pavements and walking surfaces.
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Housing Improvements:

See guidance on retrofitting of existing housing stock. p.60

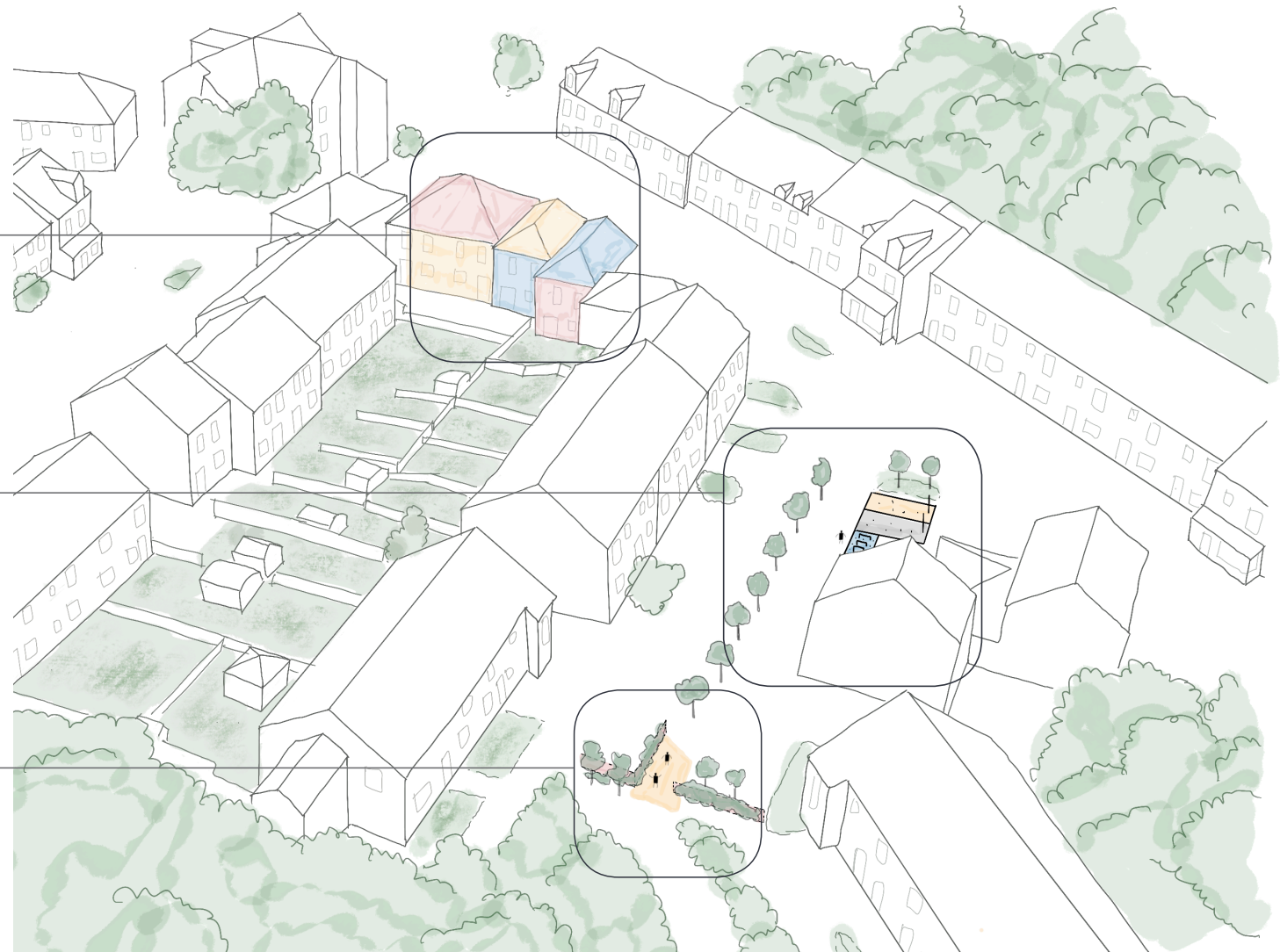
Improvements to 'Block' (Fronts):

Introduce traffic calming measures.
Electric car charging.
Cycle parking.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.

Improve Connections*:

Reduce amount of fencing and barriers;
introduce more green and higher quality edges.
Improve visual surveillance.

* engagement feedback



HARVESTERS

[MID-DENSITY HOUSING WITH DEFINED FRONT AND REAR SPACES]

General Improvements*:

- Encourage/support residents to take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses
- More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.
- Improve lighting
- More bins
- Install signage/ Wayfinding

Improvements to Parking Areas:

- Introduce traffic calming measures.
- Electric car charging.
- Cycle parking.
- Develop larger areas of greenspace into small public & play spaces.

Communal Spaces formed by 'Blocks':

- Remove some parking spaces to create more amenity spaces.
- Smaller play areas connected with public space and seating for adults*.
- Enclosed (safe) play areas*.
- More planting / buffer to roadside.

Community Amenity*:

- Small pavilion or structures that allow for informal play, gathering, or community events.
- More mixed, and larger play spaces - including sports.



* engagement feedback

CLOVENSTONE

[MID-DENSITY HOUSING, GENERALLY FOLLOWING SINGLE LINE]

Improvements to Larger Public Areas*:

Use large central greenspace as outdoor hub.
Small bandstand, or pavilion, structure that allows for informal play, gathering, or community events.
More mixed, and larger play spaces - including sports.
Variety of seating areas.
Mix of planted areas.

Improvements to Parking Areas:

Introduce traffic calming measures.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.*
Electric car charging and cycle parking.
Develop larger areas of greenspace into small public spaces, and more varied play spaces.*

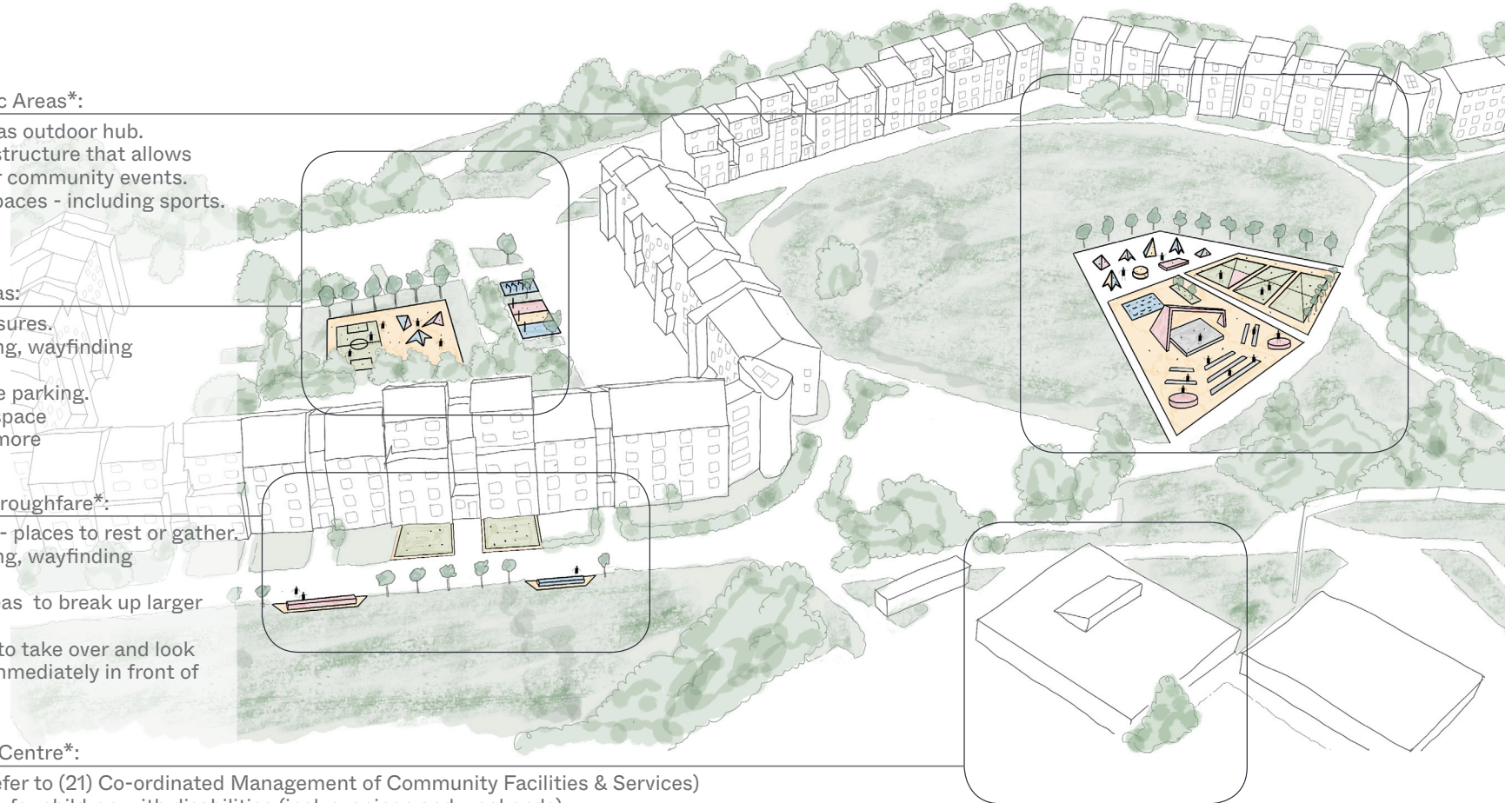
Alterations to Greenway / Thoroughfare*:

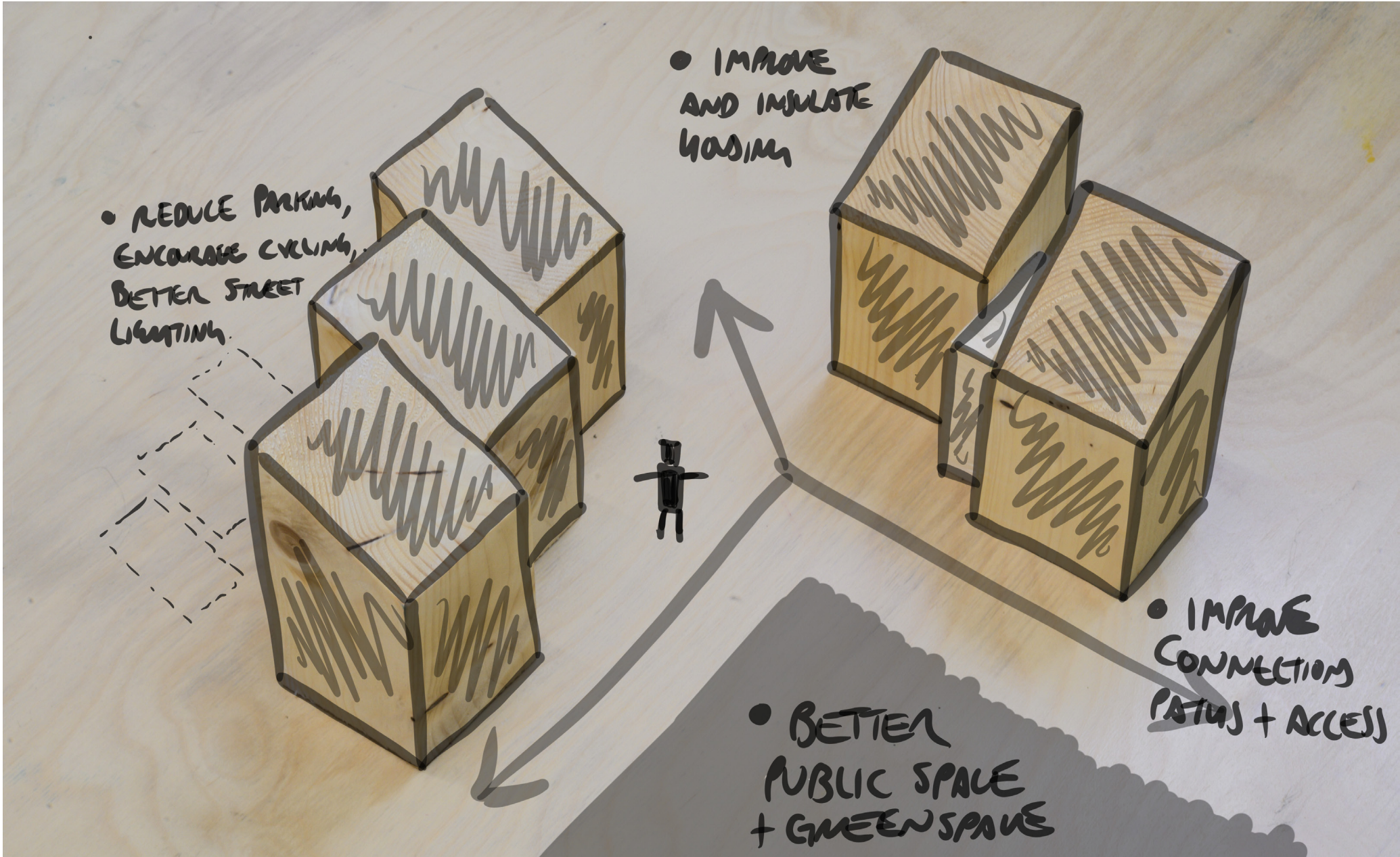
Create 'notches' in main path - places to rest or gather.
More tree planting, for greening, wayfinding & vertical structures.
Smaller garden or planting areas to break up larger space & add more colour.
Encourage/support residents to take over and look after open and greenspaces immediately in front of their flats/ houses.
Install signage/ Wayfinding

Improvements to Community Centre*:

Expand facilities & services (refer to (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services)
More supportive programming for children with disabilities (incl. evenings and weekends).
Open on weekends to increase recreational options over weekend.
Provide space for residents to keep warm during winter/ colder months
Open up building to outdoor spaces & activities
Create a welcoming entrance (external & internal)
Implement (28) Food Pantry

* engagement feedback

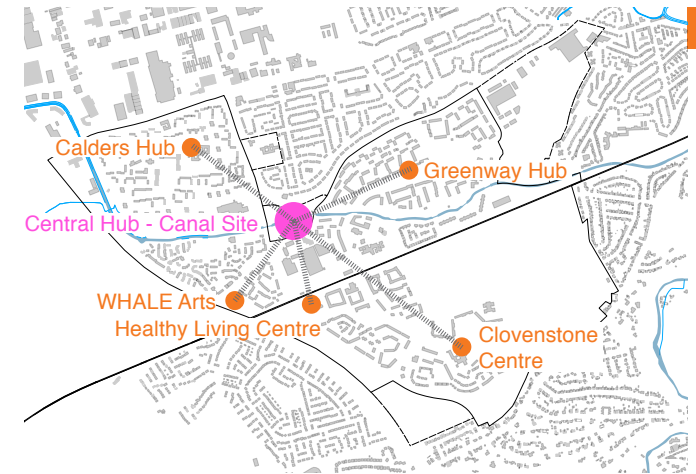




Projects

Community Hubs

These projects cover improvements to existing community facilities (Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club & WHALE Arts), proposals of new community facilities hubs (Calders Community Hub, Central Community Hub - Canal Site & Greenway Community Hub) and the overall co-ordinated management of community facilities & services.



Current Issues

- Existing hubs located within Calders, Clovenstone and Westburn servicing mainly their local neighbourhoods
- No large community space available*
- Closure of social spaces over the years has been replaced by agencies to act as a safety net. Due to reliance on funding it can have an a lack on continuity on their provided services: part-time work, staff moving between jobs, funding not continued. Some of the offered services might not always reflect residents needs.*
- CEC owned community hubs closed during pandemic and left local organisations with limited resources and space to deliver essential services during lockdown

To counteract the current lack of community owned facilities and services the aim is to re-instate community facilities within each neighbourhood. It is proposed to establish a new central hub (canal site) and two new hubs in Calders and Murrayburn & Halesland (Greenway Hub). Overall suggestions and comments on existing and proposed community hubs:

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Community centres/ hubs should be community owned*
- Information/ Heritage/ Holistic well-being centre*
- Multifaith prayer space*

- Dedicated women's space to support women*
- ICT hub*
- A large flexible community space for larger events*
- Cafe/ restaurant (local co-operative/ community space) – open all day & week/ outdoor seating*
- Recreational facility for young people*
- Youth employability/ advice centre*
- Gym hall*
- Nightclub for teens/ young people*
- Accommodation for tourists, visitors, visiting family*
- Small housing units on canal Church/ local organisations could have these to rent out (visitors, residencies, etc.) for additional income*
- Public toilets (accessible incl. adult & baby changing, hoists), open including evenings & weekends*
- Healthy Living Centre - access to outdoor spaces/ courtyards, outdoor seating at entrances, open up for community use
- Provide a space for pupils, their families, local residents to be in and keep warm during winter/ colder months as some residents will not be able to heat their own homes sufficiently due to high electricity & gas costs

Opportunities for activities/ events*

- Inter-cultural and faith events
- Activities/ events that bring different groups within community together
- General support for everyday issues (accessing

services, bills, banking etc.)

- Mental health support – ‘crisis café’
- Addiction support/ activities
- Mother & baby groups; specific activities for fathers
- Activities/ spaces where teenagers/ young adults can hang out
- Sport/ gym/ after school services
- Homework club/ after school/ teenager/ young adult clubs - inclusive and keep them off the streets
- Weekend outings for local children
- Courses on practical skills for kids and teens: budgeting, cooking, applying for jobs. etc.
- Open/ outdoor market/ Food vans
- Repair shop = circular economy
- Opportunities people with learning disabilities to work – day time and facilitated spaces
- More support for men and young men
- Non-alcohol based evening venue with activities
- Open air cinema
- Designated site/ community gathering space for bonfire night
- First aid and basic nature skills
- More programming and resources for residents with disabilities (children & adults), incl. evenings and weekends

Digital opportunities*

- Virtual community hub with accessible information on what is happening in Wester Hailes and wider area

21 Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Co-ordinate management between existing and proposed community facilities & services.*



Proposal*
Co-ordinated management and services to ensure that services are not duplicated but also to identify any gaps and needs throughout Wester Hailes. Engage with wide range of residents to ensure their needs are being met and activities/ events that are needed/ wanted for different groups are being provided and distributed evenly throughout Wester Hailes. Give residents more ownership and control of activities.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (17) WHEC/ High School
- (22) Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
- (23) Calders Community Hub
- (24) Central Community Hub - Canal Site
- (25) Greenway Community Hub
- (26) WHALE Arts
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

- Bridge 8 Hub
- Calders Residents Association
- Calders Regeneration Trust
- Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
- Clovenstone Community Centre
- Health Agency
- Kurdish Community Centre
- St Nicholas Parish Church
- Holy Trinity Church
- Wester Hailes Baptist Church
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- Wester Hailes Community Trust
- Wester Hailes Library

WHALE Arts



External Stakeholders

CEC - Lifelong Learning

Potential lead

Wester Hailes Community Trust

First Steps

Set up group to establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project and prepare proposals.

Timescale

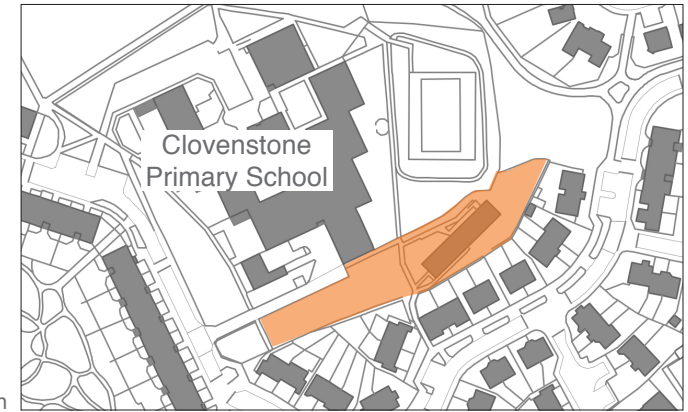
Short-term



New arrangement for lease of land and upgrading & extension of existing building.

Proposal

The Boxing Club would like to take more ownership of the existing building but also the adjacent land in order to be able to upgrade and extend the facilities. To achieve this the club is looking for taking over the lease of the building and adjacent land (as outlined in location plan).



Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club

External Stakeholders

CEC - Regeneration & Development/ Estates

Key lead

Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club

Next Steps

To re-arrange lease with CEC

Timescale

Short to Medium-term





Coming Together



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Lifelong Learning & Working



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Create a new community space within the Calders, in addition to the existing Community Flat.

Proposal

Community Asset Transfer to create this new community hub. A business plan has been prepared by LeeBoyd Architects and Community Enterprise for a building and associated greenspaces with:

- A cafe and gathering space
- Community kitchen
- A retail outlet, most likely a charity shop
- Services for children and young people
- Multi-purpose space for a variety of community groups
- Outdoor performance space

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Calders Residents Association
Calders Regeneration Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Regeneration & Development/ Estates

Key lead

Calders Regeneration Trust

Next Steps

Prepare and submit application for Scottish Land Fund Trust Stage 2.

Timescale

Short - Medium-term



Project Location



Business Plan

The Janitor's House : Changing Lives in the Calders

Calders Residents Association
September 2021

Calders New Community Hub

Janitors House, Sighthill

Calders Residents Association



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Existing condition of the Janitors House



Back Garden
 - Outdoor performances/tutorials
 - Growing produce
 - Community Shed

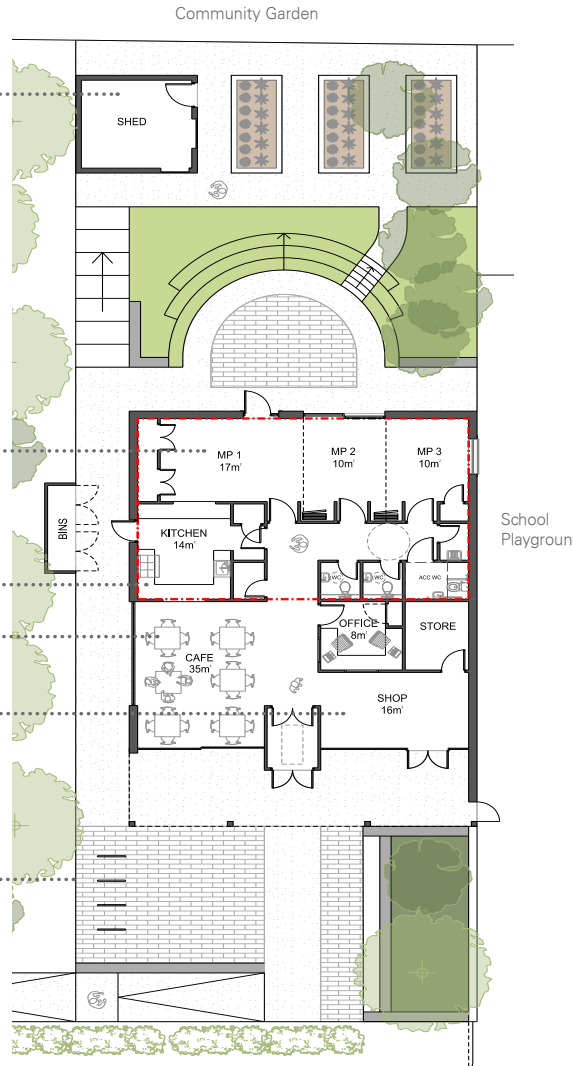
Flexible Multipurpose space
 - Classes
 - Youth Groups
 - Tutorials

Kitchen

Welcome space/Cafe

Community Shop

Front Garden
 - Displays
 - Planting
 - Bike Storage



Rear Visualisation



Front Visualisation



Front Visualisation

24 Central Community Hub - Canal Site

Create a new central community hub for Wester Hailes.*



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Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Proposal*

A lively and welcoming community hub would provide a link between the key asset of the canal, the Westside Plaza shopping centre and the Wester Hailes Education Centre. A new landscaped park would allow a programme of outdoor and indoor events to take place, connecting with existing and proposed active travel routes and delivering a key component of the previous plan by Gehl Architects for Wester Hailes, linking the Healthy Living Centre through Westside Plaza to the canal. (*What if...? Venice Biennale Top: 7N Architects (lead); Ian Gilzean and Eunice Main, 2020*)

Create a new central community led community hub considering the following elements*:

- Site is a natural link to the canal - would a pavilion structure be best suitable and the site opened up & developed into a natural link between canal and local centre?
- Improve road/ bus area: Pedestrianise road/ front of canal site to local centre/ shopping centre, allowing access for buses; Natural barrier from road to hub
- Open accessible and community owned
- Name for this site/ hub important: Visitors might not stop at 'community hub'
- Information centre for Wester Hailes/ SW Edinburgh
- Heritage centre for the canal
- Main hub with connection/ distribution to other hubs (physical & digital)
- Main income from visitors – what would attract people from outside? A hub to attract visitors to the area – leaving the other local hubs for community and not competing with them
- Cultural event space/ Edinburgh festival venue
- Healing centre (mental health & trauma)

- Hireable bigger space/ events hub; exhibition space; Performance space; Music room
- Café/ restaurant; Snack/ breakfast bar/ Community kitchen
- Projector; Video games/ gaming; Library; Fitness room
- Public quiet office/ Co-working space
- Views over canal
- Seating area/ veranda with view over canal
- Garden: nature; bird feeders; play; shed
- Outdoors: parkour; skating - activities that increase natural surveillance; market space
- Making it safer for women in evenings
- Accommodation for tourists, visitors, visiting family

Opportunities for canal*

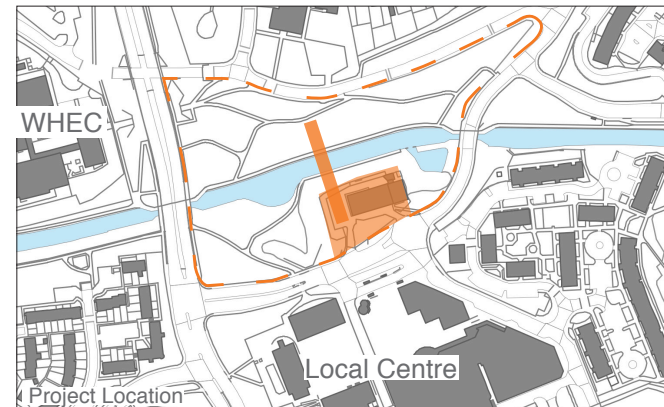
- Bridge as connection between local centre/ canal/ WHEC/ High school & creating entrance to the hub from canal/ towpath
- Cold water outdoor swimming
- Protect wildlife/ wildlife sanctuary
- Towpath over capacity (especially with more e-scooters and e-bikes, e-delivery)
- Path along south side of canal to ease pressure of towpath?

Opportunities for activities/ events*

- Walking groups as an anchor from the hub/ centre
- Different offers of classes
- Activities to activate local centre in evenings and weekends

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy



- (13) Canal Improvements
- (16) Local Centre
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Regeneration & Development
Scottish Canals

Key lead

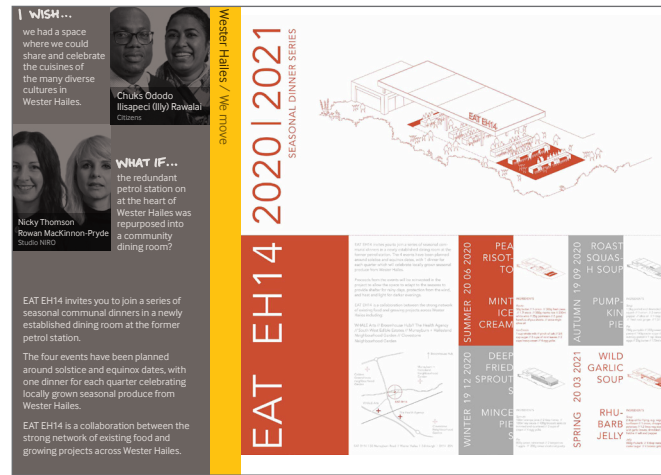
Wester Hailes Community Trust
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Next Steps

Set up a project group to develop a brief for the canal site - including the new building, adjacent landscape and new bridge.

Timescale

Short-Medium-term



Social Digital Physical Cultural Spiritual

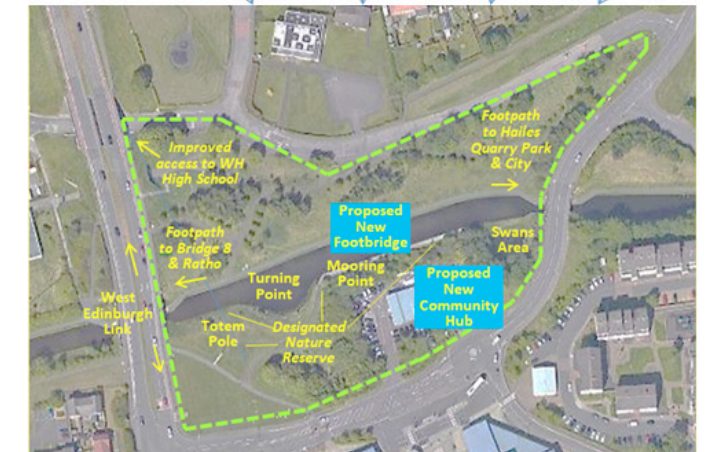


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Transport*:

Establish new mobility transport hub.
 Give pedestrian priority across main road as part of new North-South link.

Alternative Housing Models*:

Explore floating accommodation along canal, away from towpath.

Landscape*:

New landscape park with varied areas; increasing biodiversity and allowing a programme of outdoor events.

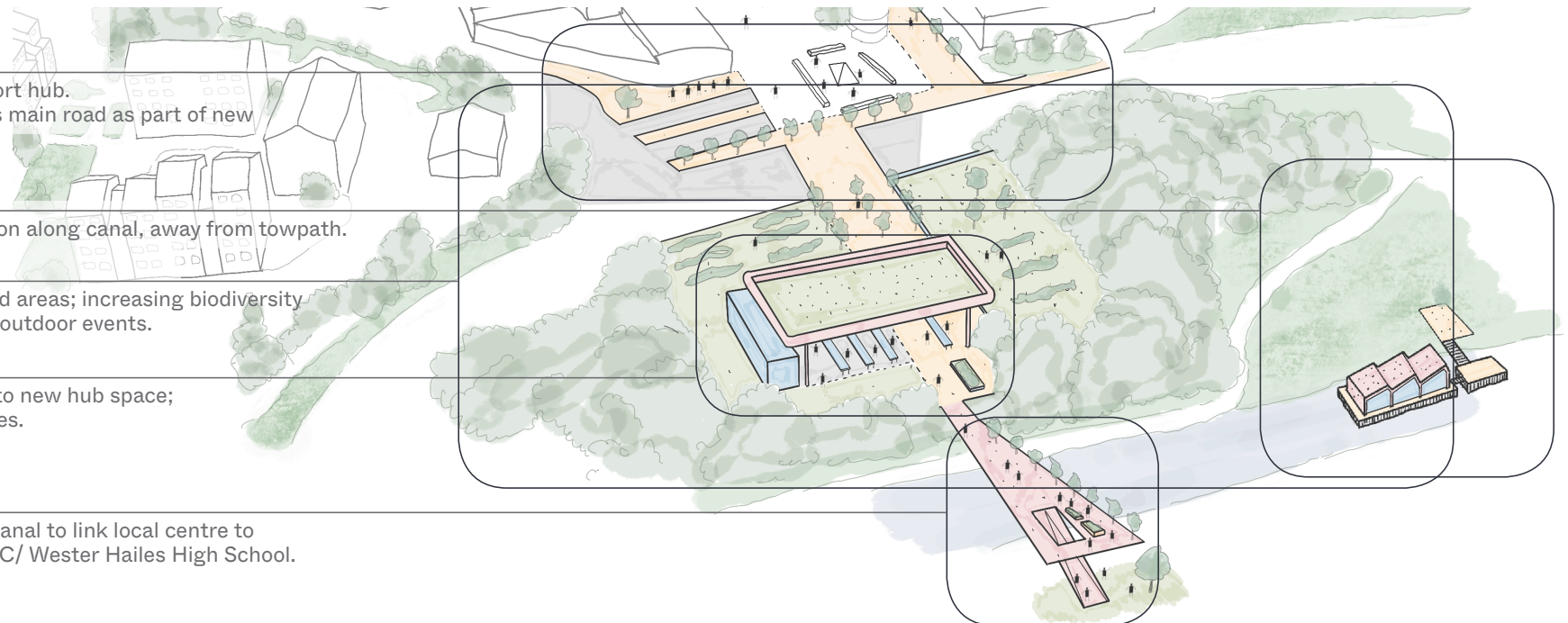
Community Hub*:

Develop 'Petrol Station Site' into new hub space; with new varied outdoor spaces.

New North-South Link*:

Pedestrian bridge across the canal to link local centre to towpath/ greenspace & WHEC/ Wester Hailes High School.

* engagement feedback



25 Greenway Community Hub

Create a new community space within the Murrayburn and Hailesland Greenway.



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Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Lifelong Learning & Working



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Proposal

Community Asset Transfer to create this new community hub.

The Greenway Hub, will be a community centre for Dumbyden, Murrayburn & Hailesland and adjoining communities. It will feature a shared office or Wester Hailes Growing Communities and other local organisations, and a consultation room which can be used by health and wellbeing partners to meet residents. The hub will have a training kitchen and large cafe/ meeting spaces for community event, and will open as a cafe through the week. A space has been provided for the creation of a food pantry to provide low cost food and household items for local residents. An annexe will provide a workshop for the Growing Youth team and support a tool library and Makers Shed/ DIY workshops.

Feasibility study and business plan being prepared by Calum Duncan Architects and Community Enterprise.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (19) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

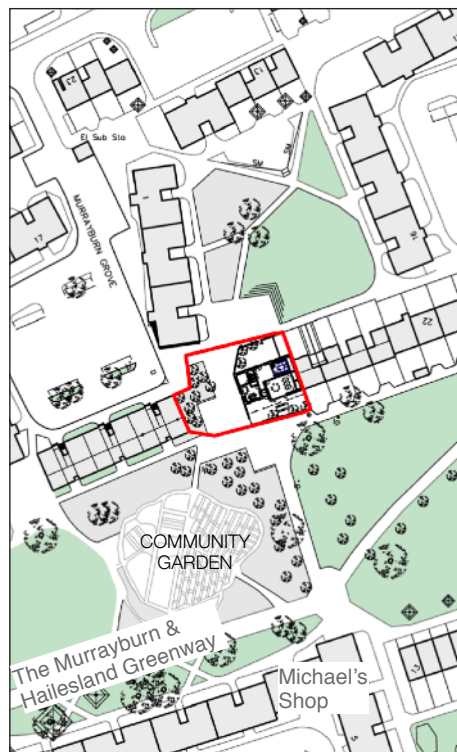
Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

External Stakeholders

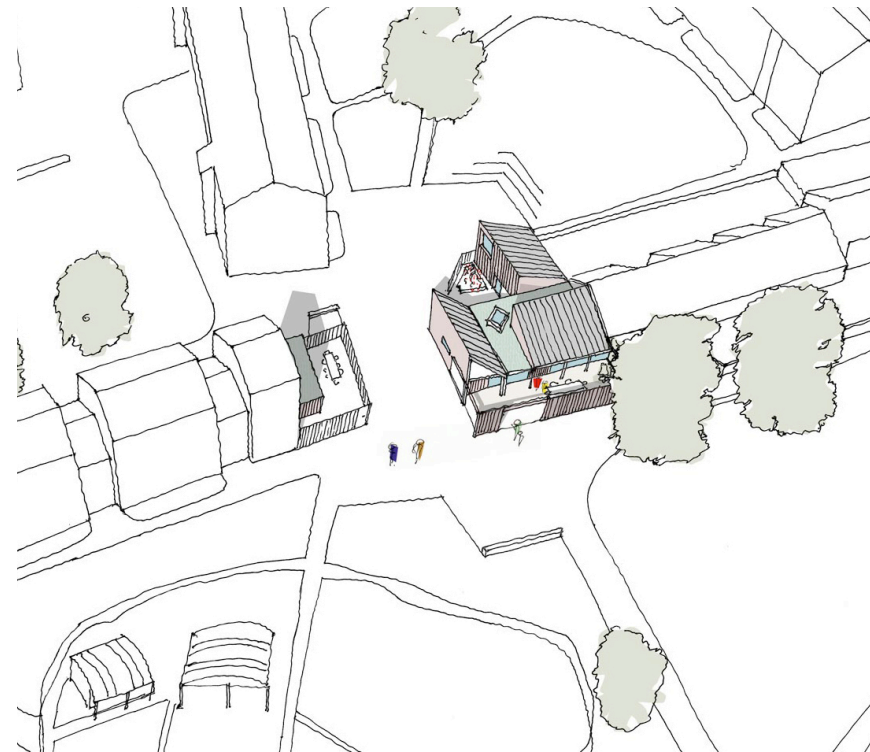
CEC - Regeneration & Development/ Estates

Key Lead

Wester Hailes Growing Communities



Project Location



Draft proposals

Next Steps

Complete feasibility study and business plan, submit application for Scottish Land Fund Trust Stage 1.

Timescale

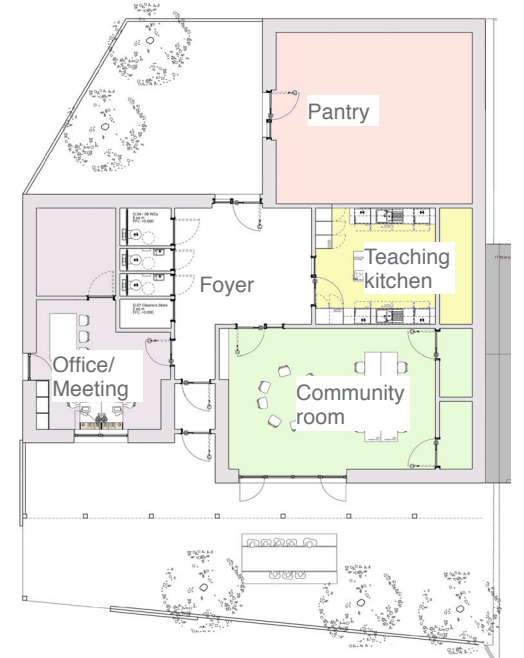
Short to Medium - term



Consultation Event



Draft proposals



Bringing the Space Back into Full Community Ownership.



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Lifelong Learning & Working



Health & Wellbeing



Community Empowerment

Proposal

Community Asset Transfer to Ownership of the WHALE site and surrounding woodland and the extension and alterations to the WHALE Arts Agency building. A business plan has been prepared by Community Enterprise with building alterations proposals by architect Akiko Kobayashi.

The architectural proposal for an extension and alterations to the WHALE Arts Agency building was developed through extensive conversations with multiple people and groups – members, class attendees, staff, trustees, tenants and general visitors. After exploration of various internal alterations that could be made, most consultees felt that an extension was required to make any significant improvement to the level of accommodation offered. The extension would be a prominent addition to the front of the building, allowing separate access directly from the street into a new café and social space, which is much needed to complement formal sessions elsewhere in the building, and to generally prolong visits to WHALE. The kitchen serving the café would be separate from the current kitchen, which will continue to be available for community use associated with existing activities.

New dedicated facilities are proposed for a makers' workshop where materials and tools can be stored long-term away from other multi-use spaces; a risograph studio relocated from the first-floor landing to the ground floor for better access to a wider range of users; and a recording studio that will allow introduction to the available music production equipment.

Externally, landscaping and operational improvements are proposed: provision of stepped and safe step-free access to the well-used external decking area; infill roofing to the overhead decking frame to allow use of the area in wet weather; amphitheatre style seating built into the existing banking to facilitate use of the decking as a performance space; a glazed replacement front door for better visibility paired with additional security shutters to the entrance vestibule; a potential new opening to a new flexible front workshop space to allow activities to spread out to the building frontage; a dedicated bin area to enable more effective waste management.

The WHALE Arts Agency building is a very hardworking facility which, with modest alterations and a strategically sized extension can better deliver and increase their range of activities and support for continued benefit to the local community.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services
- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

WHALE Arts
SCOREscotland

External Stakeholders

CEC - Regeneration & Development/ Estates



Project Location

Key lead

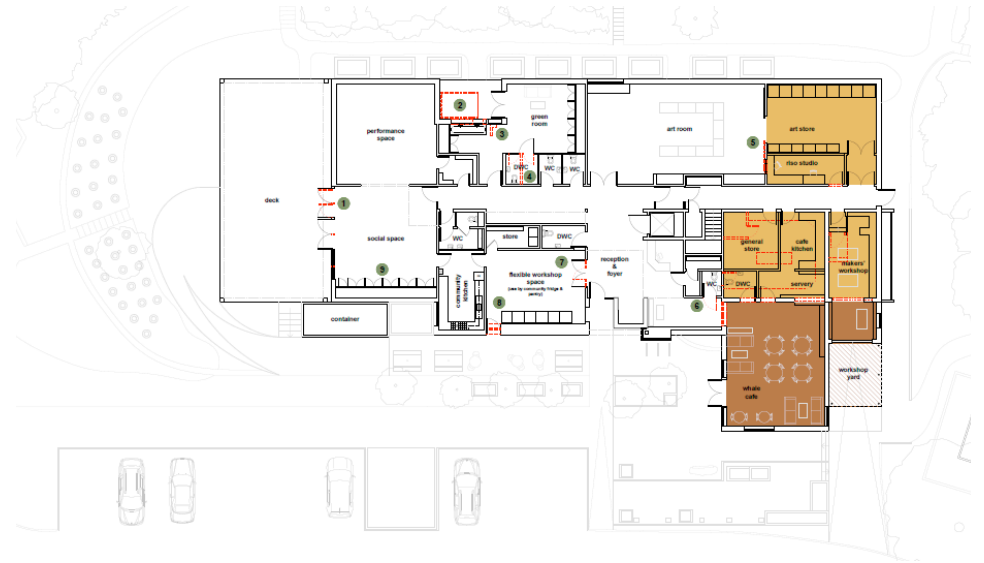
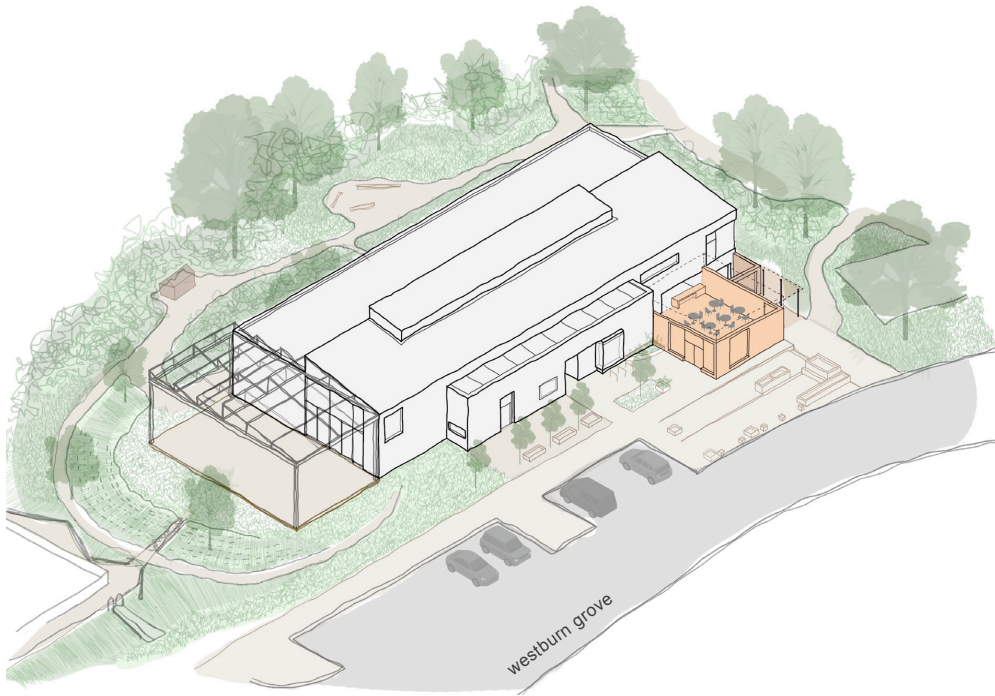
WHALE Arts

Next Steps

Proceed with Community Asset Transfer (Dec '22 / Jan '23) approval and capital development project.

Timescale

Short to Medium-term



Whale Arts Asset Transfer
Business Plan

October 2021, updated 0622

WHALEARTS

Bringing Our Space Back into Full Community Ownership

WHALE Arts Business Plan 2022 1

Projects

Community Facilities & Services

These projects propose community facilities and services that provide varied spaces for different activities, encourage social interaction and help to build community.

- (27) Seating
- (28) Food Pantry
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces
- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces
- (34) Virtual Community Hub & Notice boards



Increase opportunities to meet, rest and observe.*

Proposal

Install a variety of seating along main walking routes, canal towpath, public spaces and at main entrances to public facilities (i.e. Healthy Living Centre, cinema). Where suitable/ relevant integrate art, interpretation (history, wildlife etc.) and/ or wayfinding. Some seating to be designed and installed by local organisations to engage local residents and increase buy-in from community.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (10) Ageing in Place
- (20) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Prospect Community Housing
SCOREscotland
Wester Hailes Growing Communities - Growing Youth

External Stakeholders

CEC - Regeneration & Development

Key Lead

CEC - Regeneration & Development
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Next Steps

Identify locations and type of seating, develop design proposals, seek funding.

Timescale

Short-Medium-term

Design Principles

Type of Seating

Different styles of furniture: Benches (straight, circular), single seats, picnic benches, perhaps also platforms/ stepped seating where you can sit in groups/ create informal play/ small stage. Have some seating sheltered from the elements.

Location

Older people/ people with disability can tire very easily so frequent seating along main routes and in greenspaces. Ideally every 100-125m and clearly visible from each preceding seating area.

- Consider shade, sun, shelter and views for location of benches (ideally offering a range).
- Consider prevailing winds when positioning seating. Use planting to provide shelter from winds.
- Consider the views from seating position: Provide views of interest, something to observe.

Height of Seating

There should be a variety of seat heights, ranging from 400mm to 500mm (a height of 480mm is suitable for wheelchair users, and around 500mm higher than normal tends to be suitable for those with hip replacements) for adults

Children seating 300-450mm height

Design of Seating/ Materials

Circular benches or two benches positioned at right angle seating enable people to see each other - important for people with poor hearing to converse. Seating and furniture should be age friendly with back- and armrests robustly constructed and stable and ideally ergonomic formed. The armrests should be comfortable to use when sitting down/ getting up.

Use warm materials for seating such as timber. There should be high colour contrast between the furniture and ground surface and high colour contrast between arm rest and seating surface. Consider colour to brighten up the area.

Adjacent Planting

Planting beside seating works well as this provides additional stimulation through close proximity sight, smell, touch or taste but also provide shelter especially in windy conditions (check the prevailing wind direction)



28 Food Pantry

Creating a more sustainable and longer term solution to food poverty.



Proposal

Set up a food pantry with the 'Dignity in Practice' principles at its heart. The food pantry seeks to ensure that all members feel a greater sense of control in being able to choose their own food products, pay a small fee to contribute and feel able to participate in their local community.

Rather than establish one central pantry, we are working towards developing three pantries across Wester Hailes, in Clovenstone, the Calder, and Murrayburn & Hailesland. This is partly due to the difficulty in identifying an affordable and accessible central location, and the benefits of being integrated in each local community. Each pantry would be developed with a range of partners specific to those areas.

Next Steps

WHGC are working with the Health Agency to develop the first Pantry at Clovenstone Community Centre towards opening by Autumn 2022.

Timescale

Short - Medium-term

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (6) Food Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Clovenstone Community Centre
The Health Agency
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Key lead

Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)
The Health Agency



Improve greenspace & public realm maintenance* through community involvement and empowerment

Proposal

Community Factoring of the management and maintenance of the greenspace and public realm around council housing (HRA) to provide better value for money and better outcomes for local communities.

The service would include:

- Greenspace maintenance and litter picking across the public realm areas, which would normally be managed by Parks & Greenspace;
- Engagement with local communities to identify greenspace/ public realm priorities, and community programmes to facilitate the involvement of local residents in greenspace management and use. Incorporation of greenspace management into the anchor organisations projects and services, will create opportunities for additional funding to support wellbeing.
- Liaison with housing officers to report progress and communicate priorities of local community which may require hard landscaping works through NEPs contractors.

Other improvements

- Reduce clutter: Review existing metal fencing/ barriers/ posts & remove where not required*
- Community tool shed allowing residents to help with maintenance*
- Tools/ plants/ seeds/ small budgets for local residents to maintain smaller greenspaces in front of their homes*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy
- (6) Food Strategy
- (7) Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- (21) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Prospect Community Housing
Wester Hailes Growing Communities

External Stakeholders

CEC - Housing

Key lead

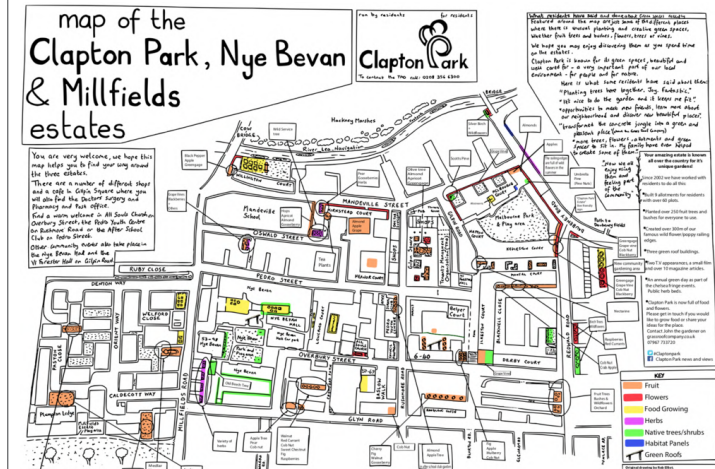
Wester Hailes Growing Communities
CEC - Housing

Next Steps

The contracting of such a service would be a radical change from the current model, it would overlap with the existing maintenance contract, the NEPs programme and the role of housing officers. This would require further examination as to how it could be valued and delivered.

Timescale

Short-Long-term



* engagement feedback

30 Open Access Indoor Spaces

Provide open access spaces within existing and new community facilities*



Coming Together



Children & Young People



Ageing Well



Health & Wellbeing



Lifelong Learning & Working



Community Empowerment

Proposal

Open access indoor spaces allow the community to provide and manage activities and events that suits their needs and wishes.*

Research which groups are currently under-provided for with play/ activity spaces and where these should be located; i.e. spaces for children, young adults and adults with different disabilities or needs, girls, older children, queer spaces & ethnic minority groups.

- Spaces should be community owned*
- Give residents more ownership and control of activities*
- Give residents material and resources to undertake their own improvements*
- More accessible spaces, the current lack of this makes it feel like people with disabilities and long-term illnesses don't matter in the community*
- Flexible and spaces of varied sizes that can accommodate different functions*
- Spaces within community facilities that can be utilised and used for different functions and activities by local organisations but also individual residents, such as exhibitions, events, celebrations, culture events, nightclubs, group meetings, markets, performances*
- Spaces for teenagers & young adults to use and put on their own activities*
- Multifaith prayer space*
- Connecting inside and outside spaces - views and direct access to external spaces for different activities
- Provide a space for pupils, their families, local residents to be in and keep warm during winter/ colder month as some residents will not be able to heat their own homes sufficiently due to high electricity & gas costs

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (21) Co-ordinated Management of Community Facilities & Services
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Bridge 8 Hub
 Calders Regeneration Trust
 CEC lifelong learning staff
 The Wee Haven Youth Project
 Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club
 Clovenstone Community Centre
 Health Agency
 Kurdish Community Centre
 Starcatchers
 St Nicholas Parish Church
 Holy Trinity Church
 Wester Hailes Baptist Church
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 Wester Hailes Library
 WHALE Arts

External Stakeholders

CEC - Property

Potential Lead

CEC - Property
 Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Set up group to establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project & prepare proposals

Timescale

Medium-Long-term

Provide open access spaces within existing and new open and greenspaces*



Spaces Between Buildings



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Community Empowerment

Proposal

Open access and 'unmanaged' outdoor spaces allow the community to provide and manage activities and events that suits their needs and wishes.*

Research which groups are currently under-provided for with play/ activity spaces and where these should be located; i.e. spaces for children and adults with different disabilities or needs, girls, older children, queer spaces & ethnic minority groups

Develop a strategy for considering the following:

- Covered outdoor spaces* (varied sizes) - structures that allow for informal play, gathering, or community spaces
- Regular and varied seating and bins at open access/ 'unmanaged' spaces*
- Dedicated event & art spaces*
- Some spaces connected to indoor spaces to bring people from the indoors into the outdoors
- Community contact for accessing outdoor spaces for events etc.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (30) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (27) Seating
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (32) Outdoor Play Spaces
- (33) Sports/ Activity Pitches & Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Bridge 8 Hub
 Calders Residents Association
 Calders Regeneration Trust
 Clovenstone Community Centre
 Health Agency
 Starcatchers
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 WHALE Arts

External Stakeholders

CEC - Parks & Greenspace

Potential Lead

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 Wester Hailes Community Trust

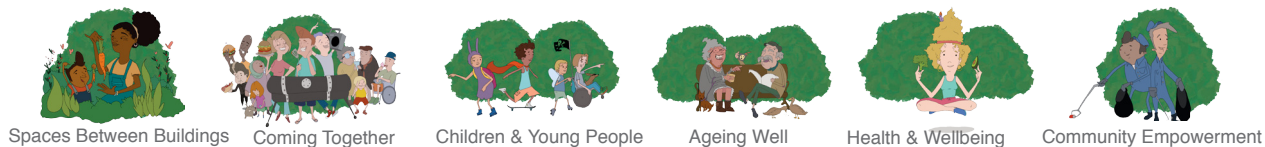
Next Steps

Set up group to establish available resources and residents needs, agree scope of project & prepare proposals

Timescale

Short-Medium-term

32 Outdoor Play Spaces



Provide a hierarchy of play spaces throughout the neighbourhoods that offer play value and different experiences for all ages, disabilities/ long-term illnesses, gender & background

Proposal

- CEC to undertake 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' of existing play spaces (in line with Planning (Scotland) Act 2019). Upgrade existing play spaces and provide new play spaces accordingly.
- Research which groups are currently under-provided for and where these spaces should be located; i.e. spaces for children and young adults, adults with different disabilities or needs, girls, older children, queer spaces & ethnic minority groups

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Provision for inclusive play and recreation (different ages, gender, mobility, disabilities, backgrounds)*
- More focus on active play
- Integrate informal/ natural/ unstructured play
- Enclosed (safe) play areas* for smaller children with more planting / buffer to roadside.
- Integrate planting within the play areas
- Covered outdoor spaces*
- Include varied seating and bins*
- Additional play spaces close to housing for smaller children*
- More health & leisure activities for women and older people*

Activities/ events

- Have groups/ training linked to outdoor play/ sport provision*

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (18) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (25) Seating
- (28) Open Access Outdoor Spaces

(31) Sports/ Activity Pitches and Spaces

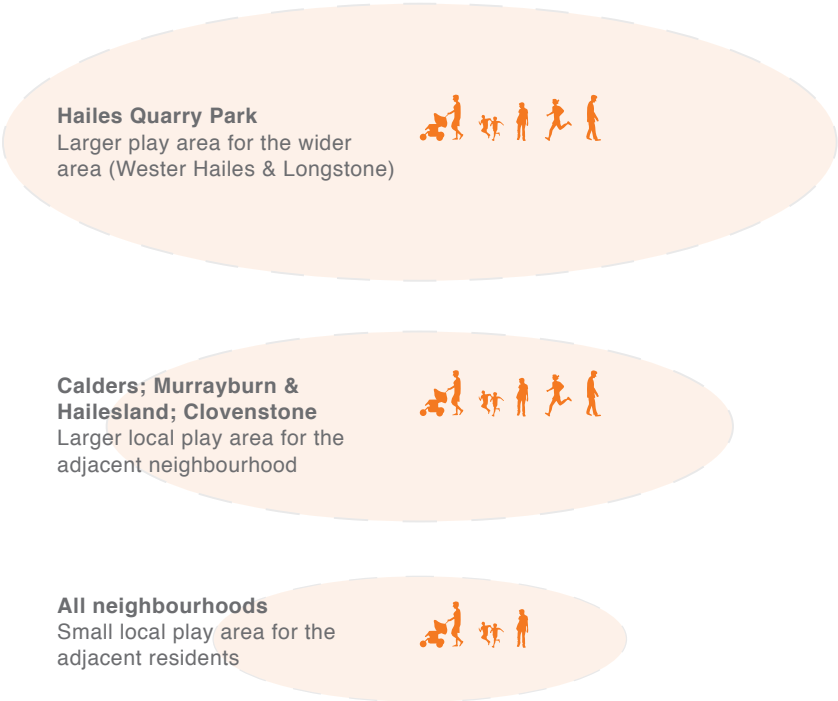
Local Stakeholders/ Activism
 About Youth
 Prospect Community Housing
 Starcatchers
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders
 CEC - Parks & Greenspace

Potential Lead
 CEC - Parks & Greenspace
 Prospect Community Housing
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities

Next steps
 CEC to undertake 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' of existing play spaces, prepare proposals based on outcome.

Timescale
 Medium-Long-term



Play for age groups:

- 0-5 yrs (Pre-school)
- 5-10 yrs (Primary school)
- 10-18 yrs (High school)
- 18-40 yrs (Young adult)
- 40-65 yrs (Older adult)

“People in Wester Hailes are younger than those of Scotland as a whole, with 20.8% are under the age of 16 (Scotland 16.9%), and 11.5% over the age of 65 (Scotland 19.1%).”

Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts Feasibility Study '21

- Proposed larger play area for the wider neighbourhood: Focus on older children/ teenagers/ young adults, for different activities - similar to Saughton Park
- Proposed larger local play area - similar size to the one in Calder's; Age provision: Pre-school, Primary school & High school
- ⋯ Small local play areas to be installed for adjacent residents; in close proximity of housing, to be overlooked for natural surveillance, this could include natural play
- ⊙ Existing larger play area - to be upgraded & improved; Age provision: Pre-school, Primary school & High school
- Existing small play areas - to be upgraded
Age provision: Pre-school & Primary school
- Temporary play structure (WHGC)
Age provision: Pre-school & Primary school



33 Sports/ Activity Pitches and Spaces



Provide beyond football pitches: Pitches and spaces for a variety of activities, groups, accessibility, ages and gender.*

Proposal

Opportunities for physical improvements:

- Offer varied pitches and spaces especially for older children: ball sports/ MUGA's, skate park, climbing, outdoor gym, incl. temp. spaces (ice skating ring)*
- Create an activity route that connects these spaces
- Facilities that are free to use*
- Covered outdoor spaces/ seating
- Varied seating opportunities, incl. for meeting & observing*
- Include spaces for children, young adults and adults with different disabilities or needs*, girls, older children, queer spaces & ethnic minority groups

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy
- (18) Physical Improvements - Neighbourhoods
- (25) Seating
- (28) Open Access Indoor Spaces
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- (30) Outdoor Play Spaces

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

- About Youth
- GoBeyond
- CEC lifelong learning staff
- Prospect Community Housing
- The Wee Haven Youth Project
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- Wester Hailes Community Trust
- WHALE Arts

External Stakeholders

- CEC - Edinburgh Leisure/ Property



Potential Lead

- CEC - Edinburgh Leisure
- Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

CEC to undertake 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' of existing play spaces, prepare proposals based on outcome.

Timescale

Medium-Long-term

- Proposed Sports/ Activity Pitches or Spaces
Age provision: High school, Young & Older adult
- ▤ Proposed Sports/ Activity Route connecting Pitches or Spaces
- Existing school MUGA/ Sports pitch (usually not open to general public)
Age provision: High school, Young & Older adult
- Existing MUGA/ Sports pitch to be improved
Age provision: High school, Young & Older adult
- Existing climbing elements
Age provision: High school, Young & Older adult
- Existing other provision
Age provision: Varies



Improve and co-ordinate information on what's on in Wester Hailes and promote existing community facilities.*

Proposal*

Create a virtual community hub (website) where the different community centres/ hubs/ spaces, community organisations and groups, council services are being represented and events and activities listed. Increase social media presence. Position physical notice boards at key path/ nodes for local residents/ groups/ organisations etc. to promote local activities, events and information. Include wayfinding to key local facilities/ amenities. Establish management and maintenance of notice boards.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Local residents
Wester Hailes Community Trust
WHALE Arts

External Stakeholders

CEC - Parks & Greenspace

Key Lead

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Establish if wearewesterhailes.com can be used for the purpose of a virtual community hub.
Establish if notice boards are available from the council, otherwise fund raising required.

Timescale

Short-term



● Proposed potential locations at key spaces (public amenities & facilities, key routes) for notice boards

Image source: What if...? Venice Biennale
7N Architects (lead); Mike Harrison and Bahiya Basheikh, 2020

Projects

Community Building

Projects that build on existing community action and belonging, and re-ignite the community spirit from the past.

(35) Capacity building of Wester Hailes Community Trust

(36) Reestablish Community Council



Continue to expand members of the Wester Hailes Community Trust and increase its activities

Proposal

- Build on existing undertaken work such as the recent refurbishment of Westside Plaza
- Bring people together for action. Expand membership that includes residents from different backgrounds, age or gender
- Expand membership that includes residents with specialised skills to support specific tasks and projects to be undertaken or delivered by the Trust
- Ensure that a wide range of residents are being engaged with.
- Increase use of social media to spread information on the Trust work and also use it as a tool to tackle issues such as litter or maintenance
- Increase use of social media as a community tool (spread information on happenings in Wester Hailes, Reporting issues such as litter, overgrown vegetation, poor workmanship etc.)
- Liaise with CEC on different CEC-lead projects within Wester Hailes and outlined Local Place Plan projects

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Key Lead

Wester Hailes Community Trust

Next Steps

Outline strategy on:

- In person events/ attending events and targeted social media activity to get more residents to join.
- Specific skills to support specific task and projects to be undertaken or delivered by the Trust.

Timescale

Short-term



Recent refurbishment of Westside Plaza

36 Reestablish Community Council



Reestablish Wester Hailes Community Council as a statutory body.

Proposal

By reestablishing a Wester Hailes community councils it will be able to act as a voice for its local area. Bring people together for action.

Each community council is required to adopt a Constitution, based upon the Scottish Government Model Constitution, which has been produced for national use, together with Model Standing Orders, to encourage and maintain consistency for all community councils and to facilitate their proceedings being properly structured and regulated, to ensure that items of business relevant to the community are properly debated and decisions reached in a democratic manner. The community council's Constitution is required to be approved by the local authority.

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils might be able to help with this process.

Other relevant projects to consider

- (1) Adult Engagement Strategy
- (2) Youth Engagement Strategy

Local Stakeholders/ Activism

Wester Hailes Community Trust

External Stakeholders

CEC - Community Planning

Key Lead

Wester Hailes Community Trust
Local Cllr's

Next Steps

Set up a group of local residents to adopt constitution and get approval from CEC.

Timescale

Short-term

**CRAIGLOCKHART
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Email Request

SCAN ME

Alternatively follow the link on our website
www.craiglockhart.org

Help us reach out to you by email

CRAIGLOCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Email Request

If you live or work in the Craiglockhart area and haven't already shared your email address with us, we would urge you to scan the QR Code (see over) or follow the link on our website www.craiglockhart.org

Why?

To act as a voice for the Craiglockhart area, Craiglockhart Community Council (CCC) needs a simple and effective tool to reach out and communicate with the Craiglockhart community it represents.

Email is one channel to help meet this requirement.

Help us make you aware of public meetings, agendas and minutes, as well as important issues affecting our community.

From a community perspective you can contact us, raise a concern or issue, suggest an item for one of our meetings, tell us about a local event you'd like to 'advertise' on our website, etc.

Thank you

Precedent image: Craiglockhart Community Council flyer for informing about their work

Setting out the characteristics of well-designed places and for good design in practice.

Cycle parking

- Provide visitors cycle parking close to entrances
- Provide spaces for children and non-standard bikes
- Avoid two tier cycle parking as these are difficult to use for older people or people with mobility issues
- Residents parking should be secure and covered
- All cycle parking should be close to 'busy' public spaces and well overlooked to increase security

Child-friendly cities

- Non-discrimination: The rights of all children are respected, without discrimination of any kind irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.
- Best interests of the child: The best interests of children are a primary consideration in decisions that may affect them with the government assuring the care and protection necessary for their wellbeing.
- The inherent right to life, survival and development: Children have the right to life, with the government committed to ensuring the maximum extent possible, their right to survival and healthy development.
- Respect for the views of the child: Children have the right to voice their opinions and have these be taken into account in decisions that affect them.
- Equity and inclusion: A child-friendly city aims to create equal opportunities for all children. This entails identifying the most marginalized and vulnerable children, the barriers to inclusion that they face and removing these barriers.
- Accountability and transparency: Building a child-

friendly city requires clearly identifying who is responsible for each aspect of implementation and holding them accountable. Transparency calls for clarity and openness in the decision-making process.

- Public Participation: Building a child-friendly city requires having a system in place to facilitate public participation in decision-making to promote local accountability for children's rights.
- Effectiveness and responsiveness: Building a child-friendly city requires that governments undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other measures to implement child rights to the maximum extent of their available resources and, where needed, within the framework of international co-operation. The process is responsive to the needs of the children and families affected.
- Adaptability and sustainability: Building a child-friendly city requires a flexible management approach in order to be able to anticipate and respond to changing circumstances and be sustainable over time.

<https://childfriendlycities.org/guiding-principles/>

- Consider using the newly launched Place Standard Tool for newly launched Place Standard Tool for Children and Young People

Lighting

- Evenly distributed and along main routes – including greenspaces/ non-traffic spaces
- Bright for the ageing eye
- Not below eye level
- Lighting at level changes

Insect friendly lighting:

- Even light distribution
- Light should not cast into adjacent greenspaces
- Leaving dark greenspaces/ planting at night to allow for insect pollination
- No light should enter private front garden or windows
- Low uplight
- Facade illumination without radiation into night sky
- Closed luminaires (no trapping of insects)
- Reduced light levels - not brighter than required
- Light control - operational according to use

Older People & Dementia-friendly

- Familiar - to help understand recognise & understand streets¹
- Legible & distinctive - to aid wayfinding¹
- Easy to move around - to navigate the neighbourhood regardless of any impairments¹
- Comfortable & welcoming - to enable older & people with dementia visiting places they want to go¹
- Safe & pleasant - to enable older & people with dementia use, enjoy and move around without fear or anxiety¹
- Views & aspect - to enable sense of connection¹

Open & Greenspaces

- Enable connection to nature
- Improve greenspaces adjacent to facilities for older people, e.g. large hard surface, seating, fitness/ therapeutic equipment, raised planters, attractive planting
- Offer fitness/ therapeutic & inter-generational equipment within greenspaces/ along main routes

- Provide pop-up cafe or temporary market within open or greenspace as an incentive for going outside; temporary markets using stalls & mobile vans (butcher, fishmonger, bakery, library, gallery) could be held on car parking areas within the area, especially close to elderly housing to allow easy access for people with less mobility.

Access

- Provide good access to bus and train services
- Provide accessible public toilets (with adult changing facilities and hoists), to be open evenings & weekends
- Provide highly legible entrances to public facilities & amenities and sheltered opportunities to wait and meet (outdoors & indoors)

Paths

- Pedestrian-only walkways (segregated cycle lanes)
- Seamless, wide footpath with well-defined edges and dropped kerbs
- Shuffle friendly & even surfaces, avoid slippery surfaces
- Provide seating and resting points at regular intervals
- Ensure handrails at steps & slopes
- Ensure good lighting along paths and within greenspaces
- Avoid high contrast between surfaces where there is no change in level (this can be seen as a change in level by someone with ageing eye or visibility issues)

Furniture

- Avoid cluttering
- Avoid obscuring areas for movement
- Furniture to be elderly friendly (e.g. timber surfaces, back- & armrests)
- Provide high contrast between furniture and ground surfaces

Zoning

- Provide clear definition between different zones, especially private
- Separate private / semi-private but still allowing natural surveillance

- Public spaces and buildings should have clear image and cues of their use and obvious entrance

Public Buildings

- Clear visible and obvious main entrance with legible signage and sheltered opportunities to wait and meet (outdoors & indoors)
- Reduce unobtrusively risks
- Provide a human scale
- Allow people to see and to be seen (Wayfinding, Views)
- Reduce unhelpful stimulation (Over-stimulating entrances; Noise and temperature)
- Optimise helpful stimulation (Signage; Using familiar materials and objects; Contrast; Good illumination)
- Support movement and engagement (Provide safe and easy access to outdoors; Opportunities for engagement)
- Create a familiar place
- Create different types of spaces (Spaces to be alone and being able to observe' Different sizes of groups)
- Toilets are in close proximity to main entrance and with dementia-friendly signage (for easy identification all toilet doors should have the same door colour and signage)

Dementia Friendly Design Tool: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/health-and-well-being/pdf/kirklees-dementia-design-guide.pdf>

Seating

Type of Seating

Different styles of furniture: Benches (straight, circular), single seats, picnic benches, perhaps also platforms/stepped seating where you can sit in groups/ create informal play/ small stage. Have some seating sheltered from the elements.

Location

Older people/ people with disability can tire very easily so frequent seating along main routes and in

greenspaces. Ideally every 100-125m and clearly visible from each preceding seating area.

- Consider shade, sun, shelter and views for location of benches (ideally offering a range).
- Consider prevailing winds when positioning seating. Use planting to provide shelter from winds.
- Consider the views from seating position: Provide views of interest, something to observe.

Height of Seating

There should be a variety of seat heights, ranging from 400mm to 500mm (a height of 480mm is suitable for wheelchair users, and around 500mm higher than normal tends to be suitable for those with hip replacements) for adults

Children seating 300-450mm height

Design of Seating/ Materials

Circular benches or two benches positioned at right angle seating enable people to see each other - important for people with poor hearing to converse. Seating and furniture should be age friendly with back- and armrests robustly constructed and stable and ideally ergonomic formed. The armrests should be comfortable to use when sitting down/ getting up. Use warm materials for seating such as timber. There should be high colour contrast between the furniture and ground surface and high colour contrast between arm rest and seating surface. Consider colour to brighten up the area.

Adjacent Planting

Planting beside seating works well as this provides additional stimulation through close proximity sight, smell, touch or taste but also provide shelter especially in windy conditions (check the prevailing wind direction)

Spaces for Girls

Few spaces are available or designed for girls. Guidance on accommodate their different needs can be found here: <https://makespaceforgirls.co.uk/>

Queering Public Space

It is important to design safe public spaces for all. To design safe spaces especially for groups that might be exposed to hate crime, some information and considerations can be found here: <https://thedeveloper.live/podcasts/with-attacks-are-on-the-rise-can-we-design-public-spaces-to-prevent-hate-crime>

Tree Planting

- Involve and work with local residents to create tree partnerships and adoption for each new tree planted

Street trees

- Select tree species to aid visual wayfinding (these might be non-native species)
- Where sufficient space provide row of street trees either in soft or hard landscaping
- Clear stem of 2.2m
- Long grass/ wildflower seeding or groundcover within soft landscaping

Along paths within open greenspaces

- Row of smaller trees along main paths to guide through space
- Clear stem of 2.2m
- Suitable fruit trees could be used to become part of a community growing space/ foraging trail

Group of trees within open greenspaces

- Where sufficient space provide group(s) of trees with long grass
- Offering a vertical element with different habitat and point of interest as well as play opportunities
- Select trees for improving biodiversity
- Use of mainly native species
- Include fruit trees/ trees for foraging



Tree Partnership/ Adoption

Assign a resident or local group to each newly planted tree. This creates a positive link to each tree and can help to reduce vandalism.

Wayfinding/ signage

- Provide dementia-friendly symbols and signage
- Provide unique objects or landmarks and waymarkers throughout area especially key junctions for orientation
- Wayfinding between different facilities, amenities and open spaces
- Include walking distance on signs and maps
- Directional signage: on posts, single pointers
- Signs ideally perpendicular to wall – restricted to essential shops, services and facilities
- Signs flush on buildings should contrast with wall
- Minimal signs with essential and unambiguous information
- All unclear & unnecessary signage to be removed
- Text, realistic graphics and symbols in clear contrast to background (no black / white)
- Descriptive text with clear lettering
- Signs to be non-glare and non-reflective
- Messages on signs separated from each other



Appendix

A Site Appraisal

Public Transport

The majority of Wester Hailes is well served by the local bus network, with most of the residents having a bus stop located within approx 5 minutes walk. Busses connect to the city centre, Edinburgh Airport, Heriot-Watt University, areas to the North East and South East of the city.

The Wester Hailes train station is located within the local centre of Wester Hailes with direct and quick connection to Edinburgh City Centre and Glasgow. However as the train service runs less frequently (hourly only) than the bus service it is often not an alternative option to use.

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Railway connection to Edinburgh city centre and Glasgow, however only offers mainly hourly service
- Improve North - South connections of the bus network [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 2 - Bus Network Review](#)
- Explore opportunity to establish a mobility hub that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, click and collect and electric vehicle charging) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs](#)
[The DRAFT City Plan 2030 only proposes a Mobility Hub at Broomhouse Terrace \(ATPR33\)](#)
- An Orbital bus route (for better east west connections and avoiding going through city centre) and improved bus connections [DRAFT City Plan 2030](#)

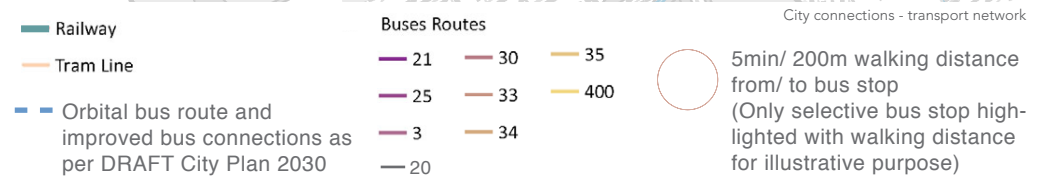
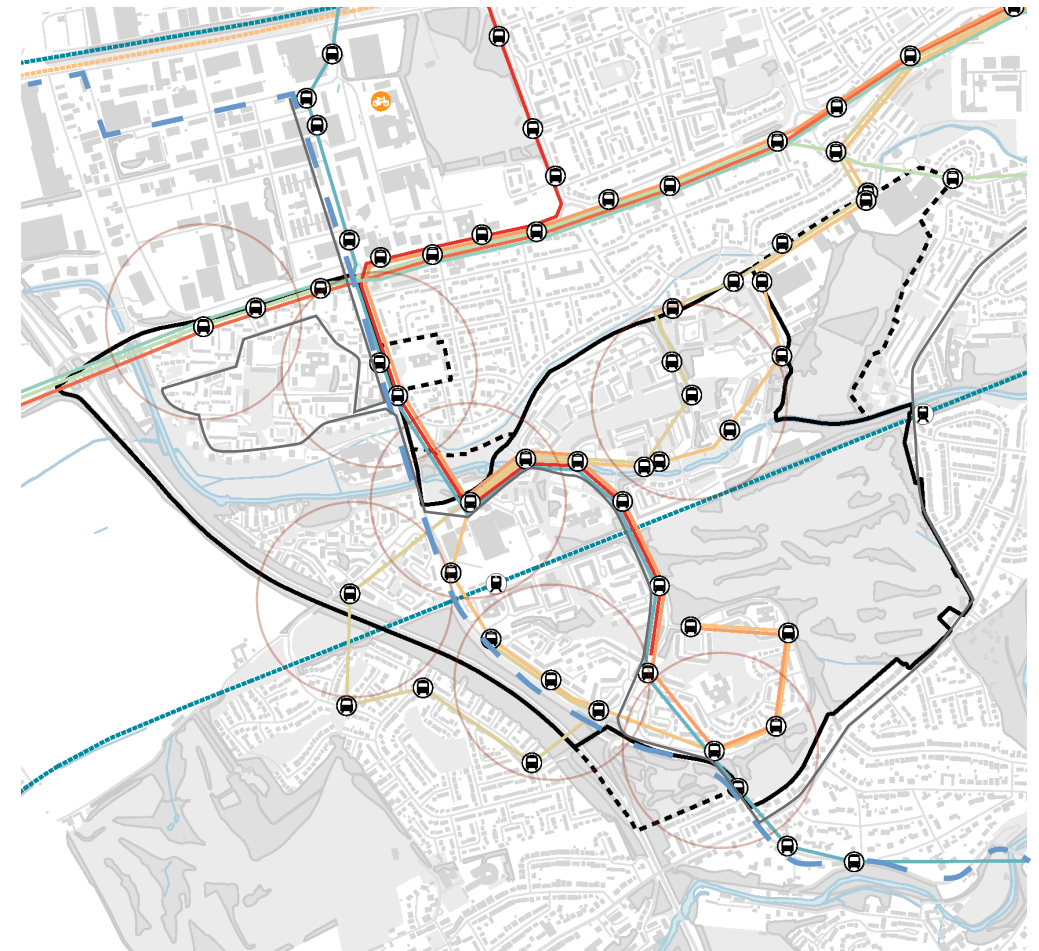
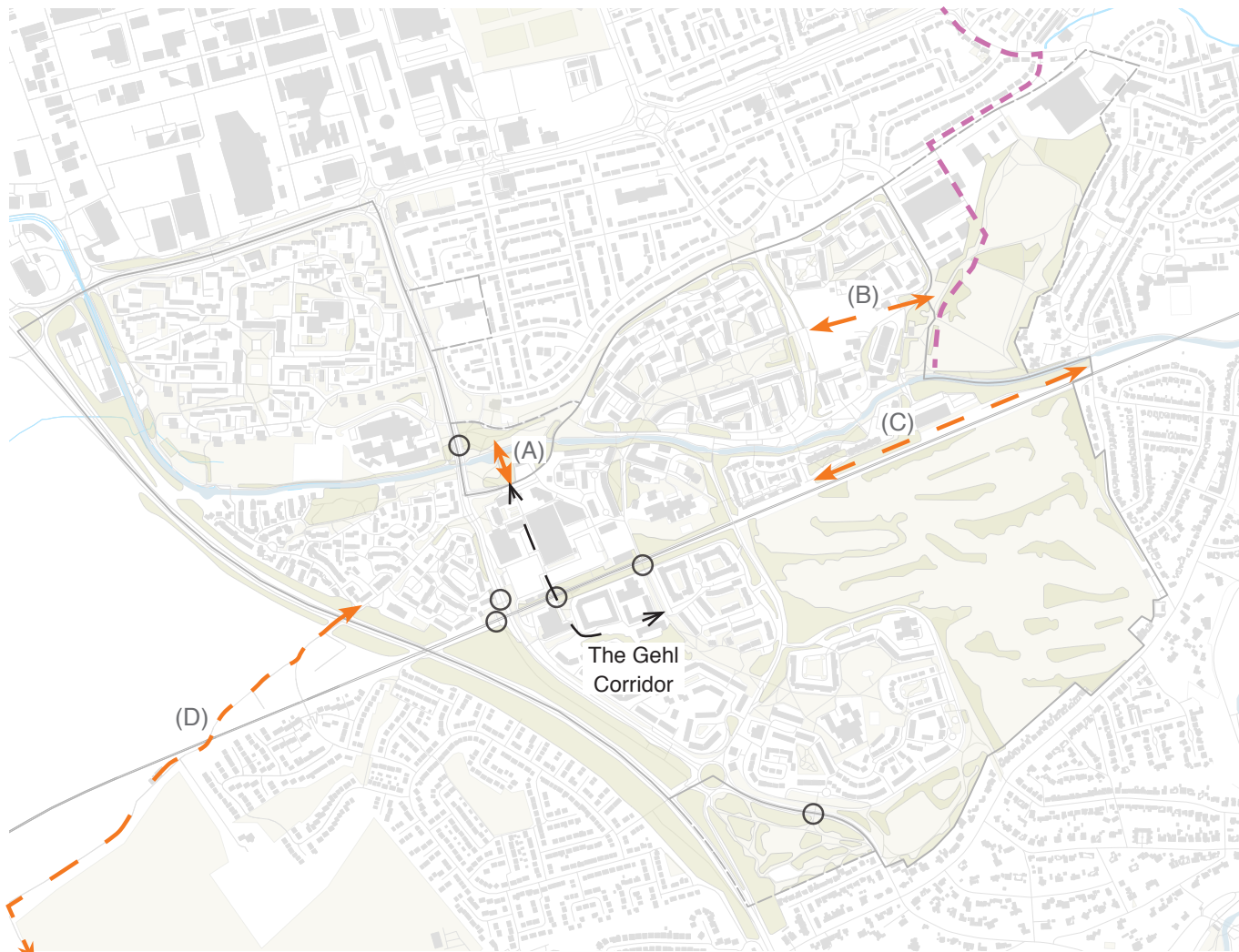


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To Currie/ Juniper Green via Donkey Lane

Existing

- Bypass - no cycling
- Main road - no cycle provision
- Main road - advisory cycle lane
- Main road - segregated cycle lane
- Canal Towpath (pedestrian & cycle)
- Local path
- Underground pedestrian pathway

Proposed

- Proposed segregated cycle path (West Edinburgh Link)
- Active travel proposals related to development (as per Mobility Plan 2030)
- To be improved local shared path link (pedestrian & cycle)

Challenges

- Main roads creating barriers between neighbourhoods
- No safe local cycle infrastructure
- Safe cycle access only proposed for North South direction for wider network access
- Local path system disconnected

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Explore speed reduction from 40 to 30mph (Calder Road & B701) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 21 - Speed Limit Reductions](#)
- Provide safe pedestrian crossings across main roads
- Explore opportunity to establish a mobility hub that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, click and collect and electric vehicle charging) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs](#)
- Widening of Union Canal Towpath and Placemaking as outlined in *Union Canal Towpath Study, Edinburgh (Scottish Canals)*; [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 23 - Mitigate conflict in shared spaces](#)
- Implement segregated cycle lanes on main roads, incl West Edinburgh Link [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 25 - Strategic Approach to Road Space Allocation](#)
- Continuous pavement or zebra crossings at side street junctions to prioritise pedestrians & cyclists
- Connecting Wester Hailes better with the canal; Investigate potential footbridge over canal (A) (Venice Biennale proposal)
- Create/ improve direct link from The Greenway to Hailes Quarry Park (B) and Kingsknowe rail crossing to Hailesland Park (incl Company shop site) (C)
- Improve link from Westburn to Currie/ Juniper Green via Donkey Lane (D)
- Improve local path network for better direct access
- Signage between different neighbourhoods
- Signage to key destinations within and outwith WH
- Interesting/ fun walking & cycling routes (trails, games)

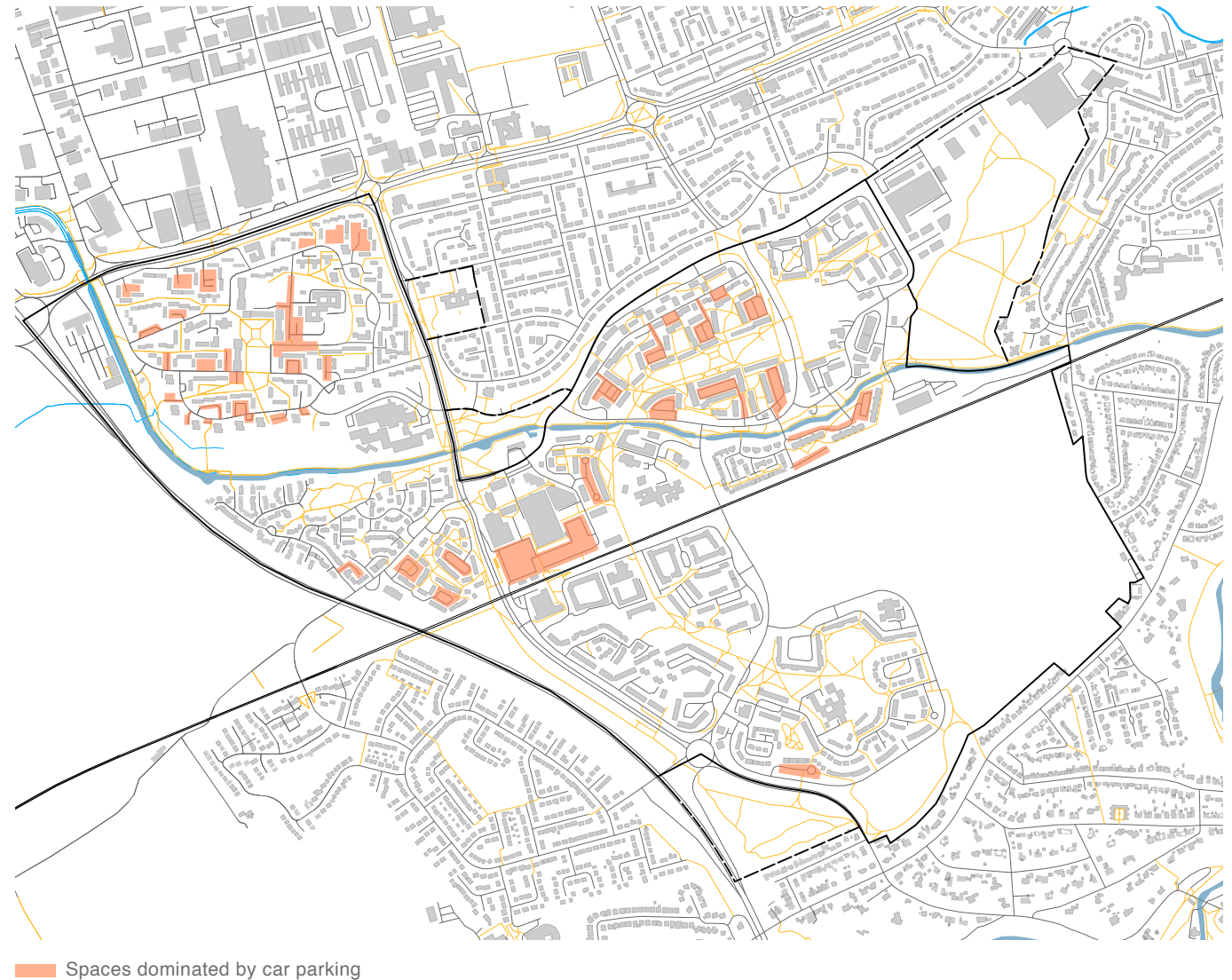
Streets and Spaces

Challenges

- Vehicular infrastructure dominating the area
- Pavement/ pedestrian area mainly functional space for movement rather than for different activities
- 'Organised' crossing points between pedestrian spaces across road
- Greenspaces: non-functional & not diverse
- No larger pedestrian area or square which forms central point or space for events

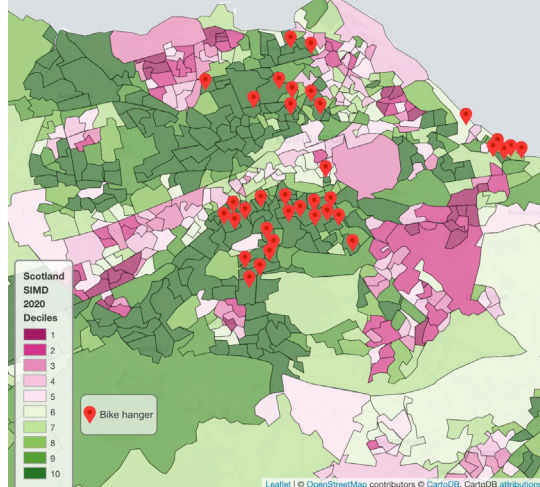
Opportunities for physical improvements

- Establish hierarchy of streets to prioritise safe walkability, wheeling, active travel and public transport over private vehicular travel
- Create more liveable places by reducing level of street parking [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Place 5 - Streets for People](#)
- Implement green infrastructure (tree planting, swales/ rain gardens) along roads, streets and spaces to enhance ecology, biodiversity and well-being
- Use tree planting (variety of species) for vertical elements and wayfinding





Location of bike hangers against areas of multiple deprivation Image source: Dave McCraw



- ▭ Future congestion hotspots (as per Mobility Plan 2030)
- ▲ Traffic accident - serious injury (2019 Edinburgh casualty data)
- ||||| Bypass
- ▬▬▬▬ Main roads along / through Wester Hailes

- ▭ Car parking dominating open space
- Electric car charger (1no public slow charger)
- Car club parking (1no electric car at charger)
- Cycle parking

Challenges

- Bypass and main roads are running adjacent and through Wester Hailes with mainly vehicular traffic passing Wester Hailes rather than for local traffic
- These bring congestion to the area, it can be assumed that these also contribute to pollution and lower air quality
- Car parking spaces dominating the open space despite never being used to full capacity

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Reduce car parking area
- Increase car club provision
- Identify opportunity to establish a mobility hub that provides a range of sustainable travel choices (public transport, shared mobility, click and collect and electric vehicle charging) [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 19 - Mobility Hubs](#)
- Encourage the switch to cleaner vehicles by increasing electric vehicle charging stations [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 32 - Cleaner vehicles](#)
- Delivering electric vehicle infrastructure [Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy](#)
- Limit the level of parking in new developments and include requirements for electric vehicle charging, disabled persons parking places, car club and bike hire space. [City Mobility Plan 2030, Policy Measure Movement 36 - Parking in New Developments](#)
- Install safe cycle parking for residents

Natural Space

Challenges

- Lack of connectivity
- Greenspaces = Green deserts, lack of diversity
- Lack of maintenance

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Create green connections from The Greenway to other areas within Wester Hailes
- Create additional green routes such as along B701
- Increase natural spaces within local centre
- Increase greenspaces by reducing hard surfacing and fencing/ metal barriers (such as recently tarmaced/ resin bound gravel areas, refer to p.43)
- Increase biodiversity within greenspaces by creating different types of greenspaces
- Integrate SUDS/ raingardens
- Undertake Community engagement especially for greenspace adjacent to housing
- Diversify & enhance open spaces (biodiversity & activities)
- Maintain spaces well
- Opportunities for Wester Hailes Growing Communities to undertake greenspace management for Council on a social enterprise model
- More wildlife - bird boxes, feeders
- More tree planting

Local activism





Hailesland Wildlife Cafe
 Explorer's of Westburn Woods
 Friends of Quarry Park
 Hailesland Gardeners Residents Group
 Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Association
 Residents Litter Picking Group
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 Wester Hailes Allotment Association



Natural Space - Woodland



- 1. Hailes Quarry Park
- 2. Kingsknowe Golfcourse
- 3. Westburn Woods

-  Existing Woodland/ tree planting
-  Existing Local Nature Conservation Site (refer to Local Development Plan & Policy ENV 15)
-  Lack of woodland/ tree planting
-  Proposed tree planting

Challenges

Majority of woodland/ tree planting is situated along bypass. and located further away from by-pass, at the golf course. Although important for biodiversity and carbon sequestration, these areas not accessible or only accessible for paying members (golf course). Hailes Quarry Park and Westburn Woods are important accessible spaces with tree planting.

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Implement green infrastructure links (tree planting) along roads, streets and spaces to connect larger areas of woodland/ tree planting
- Use tree planting (variety of species) for vertical elements and wayfinding
- Increase small wooded areas/ tree planting within the Calders
- Plant fruit/ foraging trees
- Ensure clear sightlines and natural surveillance when planting along path and greenspaces

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Adopt a newly planted tree
- Foraging trail/ walks
- Woodland activities for all ages

Local activism

Friend's of Hailes Quarry Park
Explorers of Westburn Woods

Growing Spaces

Two allotment sites are situated within Wester Hailes (one just outwith the site boundary). These are managed by CEC.

The majority of the growing spaces are community growing spaces established and managed by local organisations (Garden Assoc., Health Agency, Primary schools, WHGC, WHALE Arts) and a few by local groups (Friends of Hailes Quarry Park). Local residents can obtain beds for growing within these gardens. Produce from several of the community gardens is being used for local use such as community meals.

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Food growing in public spaces (no fenced in areas) [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)
- Food growing at/ with High school pupils [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)
- Fruit tree/ orchard planting
- Foraging trail/ walks

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Training for food growing, cooking, healthy menus and budgeting are available at community hubs/ schools [Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy](#)

Local activism

Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
 Health Agency
 Local residents
 Schools
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)
 WHALE Arts

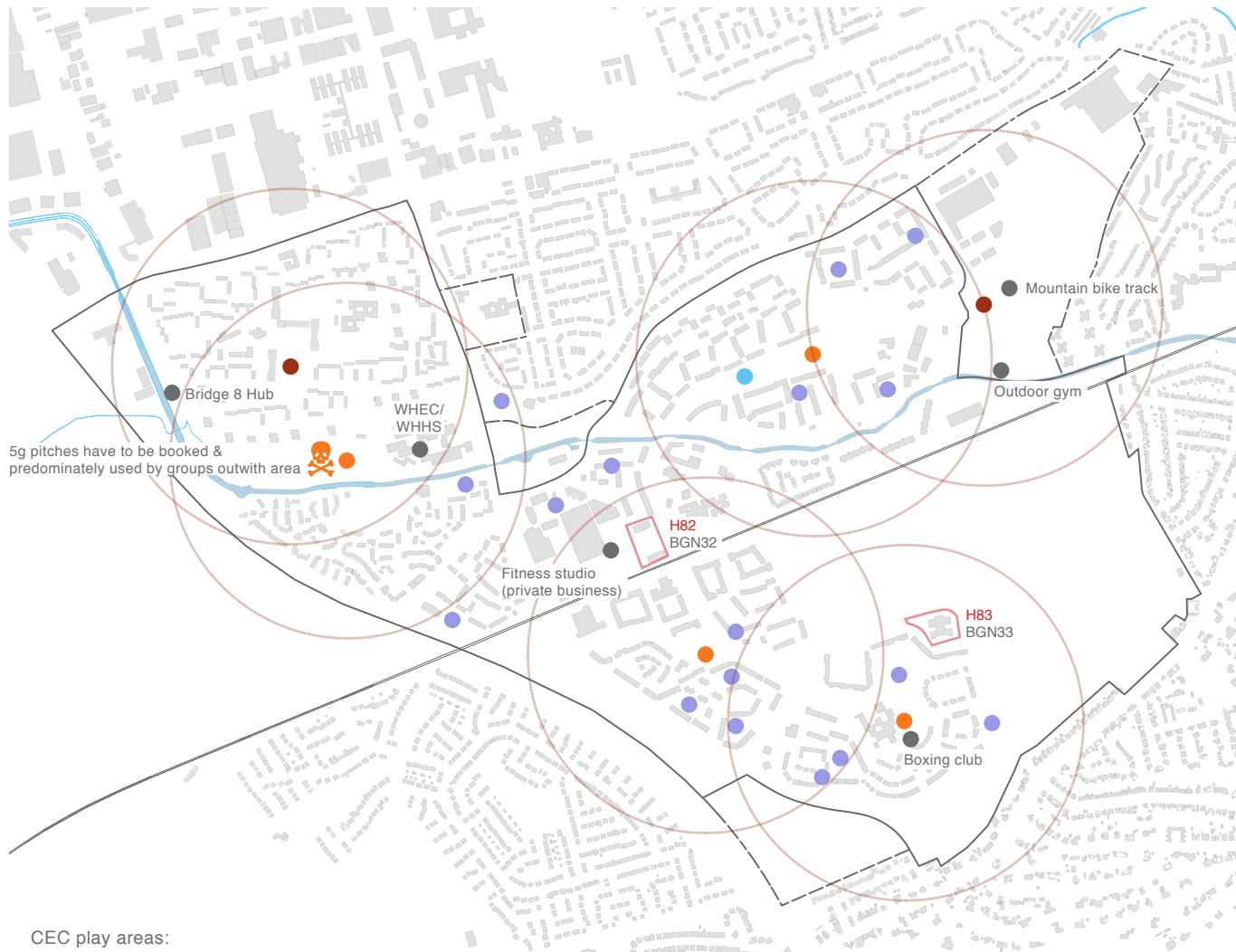


1. Dumbryden Allotments (CEC)
2. Hailes Quarry Park Herb Garden (Friends of Hailes Quarry Park)
3. Murrayburn & Hailesland Neighbourhood Garden (WHGC)
4. Soup Garden (currently overgrown/ unused)
5. Canal View Crops (WHGC & School)
6. Kitchen Garden (Health Agency)
7. Clovenstone Neighbourhood Garden (Clovenstone Garden Assoc./ WHGC)
8. Clovenstone Community Orchard (CEC)
9. WHALE Arts Garden
10. Wester Hailes Allotments (Wester Hailes Allotment Association)
11. Calders Community Garden (Health Agency)
12. Plinth Growing Space (?)
13. Calders Green Shoots Neighbourhood Garden (Garden Assoc./ WHGC)
14. Sighthill School Farm (WHGC & School)

- Allotments
- Community Growing Spaces
- Allotments as proposed within housing development as per Local Development Plan (HSG31), p.81 and DRAFT City Plan 2030 (BGN50), p.

“There are no areas for young people to play in” Local resident

“I don’t feel safe sending my kids to the park because there is dog poo everywhere” Local resident



In the late 1970s and early 1980s, a series of wooden structures (Adventure Playgrounds) affectionately called the Venchies were built by the local community after concern that there was nowhere for children to play. Today there is a shortage of play and recreation areas again with most of the existing play spaces in poor condition but also offering limited play value. Over the last years WHGC has been taken the initiative to develop and install play structure(s) (inspired by the Venchies) that are cost effective but offer unstructured play and greater play value than standard equipment.

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Upgrade and provide play areas with play equipment that offers play value and different experiences
- Integrate planting within the play areas
- Public/ free provision for older children, young adults and older adults
- Provision for inclusive play and recreation (different ages, gender, mobility, disabilities)
- Integrate informal/ natural/ unstructured play
- Integrate skate boarding elements within public realm
- Affordable indoor activities for children/ young people

Opportunities for activities/ events

- CEC to undertake ‘Play Sufficiency Assessment’ of existing play spaces (will become a Scottish Government requirement)
- Investigate which groups are most in need of play spaces and where these should be located
- More health & leisure activities for women
- Activities/ space for teenagers and active children
- Have groups/ training linked to play/ sport provision

Local activism

About Youth
Bridge 8 Hub
Clovenstone Boxing Club
Friends of Quarry Park
Health Agency

Murrayburn & Hailesland
Community Park Association
Wester Hailes Growing
Communities
WHALE Arts
With Kids
Youth Agency

CEC play areas:

- Small play area
Age provision: Pre-school & Primary school
- Larger play area (with 10min/ 400m walking distance)
Age provision: Pre-school, Primary school & High school
- MUGA/ Sports pitch (with 10min/ 400m walking distance)
Age provision: High school, Young & Older adult
- Other provision (with 20min/ 800m walking distance)
Age provision: Varies

- Temporary play structure (WHGC)
Age provision: Pre-school & Primary school

- H80
BGN32 New Housing Led Development as per DRAFT City Plan 2030
- H83
BGN33 New play facilities to be provided for a range of users, including those with disabilities as per DRAFT City Plan 2030, p.151

Social Interaction

Challenges

- Seating mainly limited to play areas and West Side Plaza
- Several seating not suitable for elderly or people with disabilities - cold concrete seating surface, no arm- or backrests

Opportunities for physical improvements

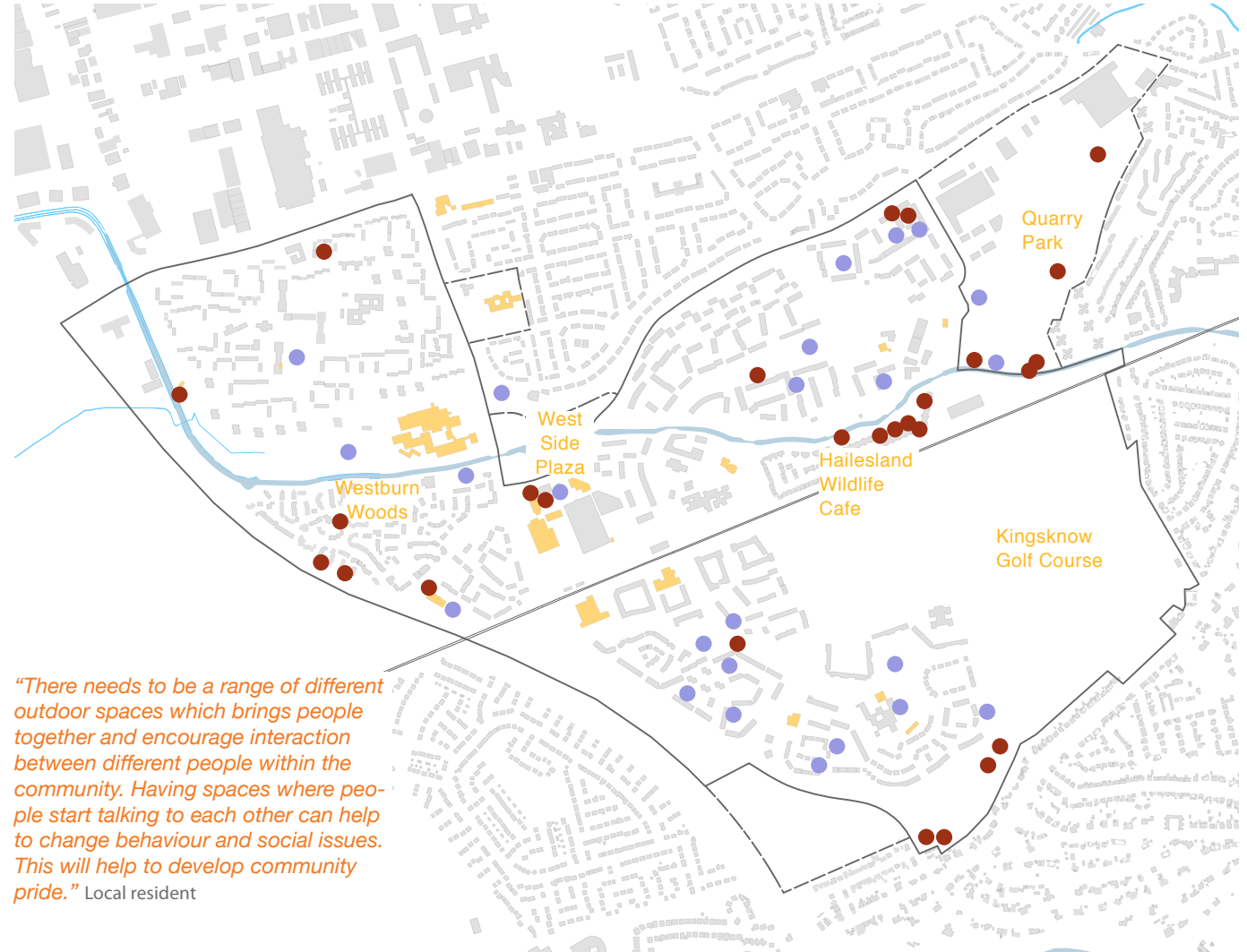
- Create lively streets
- Provide facilities or amenities that activate outdoor spaces, e.g cafes, restaurant, market stalls, outdoor events
- Provide outdoor activity spaces with direct access from internal community spaces, i.e Clovenstone CC, churches, Healthy Living Centre
- Provide activities (indoor & outdoor) for young people
- Supporting local communities to develop community assets, such as renovating janitors houses, or new build to provide community facilities
- Develop and improve community assets
- Install a variety of seating along main walking routes and at main entrances to public facilities (cinema, Healthy Living & shopping centre)
- Seating areas to observe wildlife/ nature

Opportunities for activities/ events

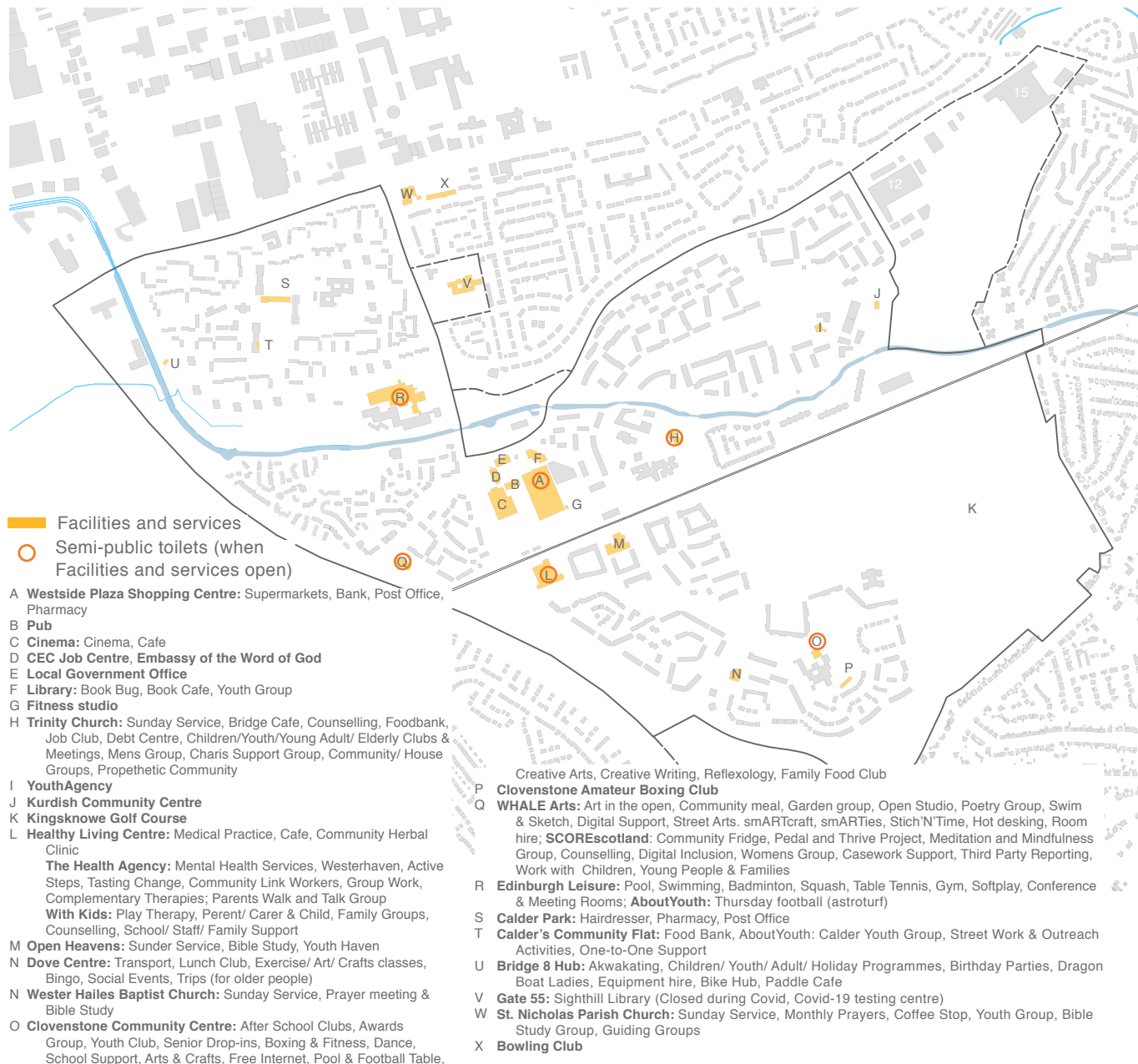
- Market stalls, outdoor events, seasonal events
- More social activities and trips to bring people together
- Working with other communities and faiths

Local activism

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| About Youth | Open Heavens |
| Bridge 8 Hub | SCOREscotland |
| Calders Residents Assoc. | Wester Hailes Growing Communities |
| CEC | WHALE Arts |
| Clovenstone Boxing Club | Wester Hailes Community Trust |
| Friends of Quarry Park | With Kids |
| Health Agency | Youth Agency |
| Holy Trinity Church | |
| Kurdish Community | |



- Facilities (For more detail refer to p.117 Facilities)
- Play/ sports area (incl seating/ benches)
- Seating locations - public locations only, can indicate more than one bench at location (excl bus stop seating & seating at play areas)



Challenges

- Shopping centre closed from 6pm and on weekends, leaving an inactive centre in evenings and on weekends

Opportunities for physical improvements

- More places to eat and socialise - "A café where you can just sit. There is no place which has regular opening times to just get a coffee/ tea etc"
- Public toilets (accessible, incl. adult and baby changing facilities) are required
- Apply inclusive, elderly and dementia-friendly design principles when designing or improving facilities and services

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Market stalls, outdoor events, seasonal events

Local activism

- About Youth
- Baptist Church
- Bridge 8 Hub
- Calders Residents Assoc.
- Clovenstone Community Centre
- Clovenstone Boxing Club
- Dove Centre
- Health Agency
- Holy Trinity Church
- Kurdish Community
- Open Heavens
- SCOREScotland
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- St Nicholas Parish Church
- WHALE Arts
- With Kids
- Youth Agency

Community Hubs

Challenges

- CEC owned community hubs closed during pandemic and left local organisations with limited resources and space to deliver essential services during lockdown
- Existing hubs located within Calder, Clovenstone and Westburn servicing mainly their local neighbourhoods
- No large community space available

Opportunities for physical improvements

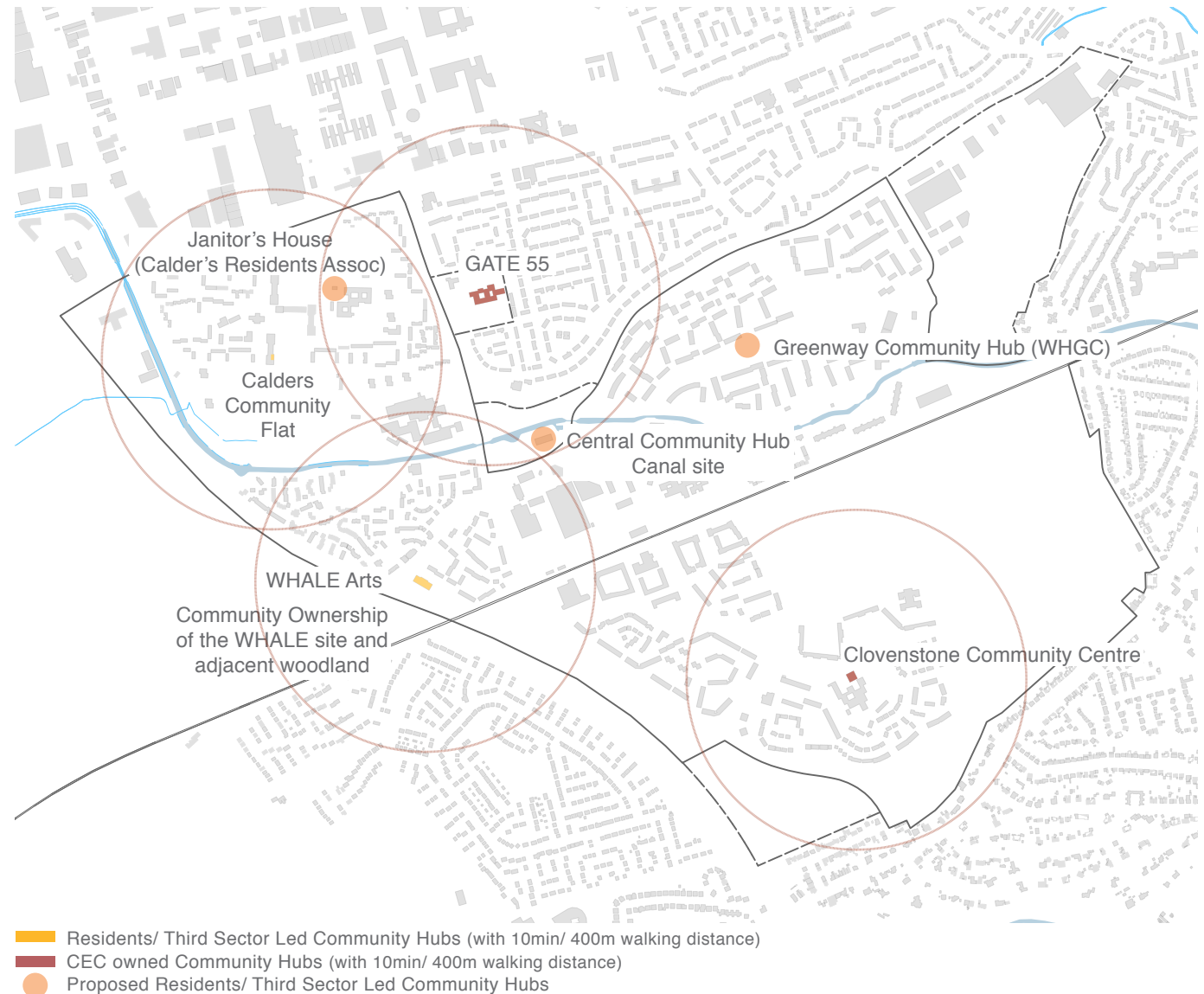
- Hubs should be community owned
- Investigate feasibility and demand for a central community hub which should be well integrated within the local centre
- A large community space/ hall for larger events and different faiths, a holistic well-being centre
- Apply inclusive, elderly and dementia-friendly design principles when designing or improving internal or external spaces
- Include cafe/ restaurant (local co-operative/ community space) – open all day & week/ outdoor seating

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Inter-cultural and faiths events
- Activities/ space where teenager can hang out
- Homework club/after school club for all children including kids – inclusive and keep people off the streets
- Repair shop to support the circular economy
- Virtual community hub with accessible information on what is happening in Wester Hailes and wider area

Local activism

Calder Residents Assoc.
 Clovenstone Community Centre
 Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 WHALE Arts





Facilities and services for youth provision

- A **Library:** Youth Group
- B **Trinity Church:** Children/Youth Clubs & Meetings
- C **YouthAgency**
- D **Open Heavens:** Youth Haven
- E **Healthy Living Centre: With Kids:** Play Therapy, Parent/ Carer & Child, Family Groups, Counselling, School/ Staff/ Family Support
- F **Clovenstone Community Centre:** After School Clubs, Awards Group, Youth Club, Boxing & Fitness, Dance, School Support, Arts & Crafts, Free Internet, Pool & Football Table, Creative Arts, Creative Writing, Family Food Club
- G **Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club**
- H **WHALE Arts:** Street Arts, smARTcraft, smARTies, Stich'N'Time; **SCOREscotland:** Work with Children & Young People;
- I **WHEC/ WHHS:** Pool, Swimming, Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis, Gym, Softplay; **AboutYouth:** Thursday football (astro turf)
- J **Calder's Community Flat: AboutYouth:** Calder Youth Group, Street Work & Outreach Activities, One-to-One Support
- K **Bridge 8 Hub:** Children/ Youth Holiday Programmes
- L **St. Nicholas Parish Church:** Youth Group
- **South West Edible Estates:** Growing Youth (within their community gardens)

Challenges

- Lack of community spaces for delivering youth work projects
- Scarcity of dedicated youth specific community spaces and buildings
- High volumes of young people positively engaging in youth work activities and organisations coping with demand
- Dependency on CEC owned community hubs for delivery of services

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Youth focus and secured access for any new community spaces
- Increased youth engagement and involvement in community planning initiatives

Local activism

- AboutYouth
- Bridge 8 Hub
- Calders Residents Assoc.
- CEC lifelong learning staff
- Clovenstone Community Centre
- ScoreScotland
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- Youth Agency
- WHALE Arts
- The Wee Haven Youth Project
- With Kids

Arts & Culture

Challenges

- Limited existing Arts & Culture activities
- No large community hall/ space for arts or culture events or that is open in evenings
- Perception that 'culture happens somewhere else'
- Budgetary constraints
- A perception that residents are seen solely as existing to be the recipients of culture rather being capable of having/doing/making culture themselves

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Venue to host larger arts or culture activities
- Create artworks for and with local residents
- Artworks that create pleasant & welcoming atmosphere
- More colour
- Open access/open function spaces/niches where things can and might happen
- Functional artworks/forms that 'create a space' that can be occupied/used in some way
- Re(un)purpose the pre-existing 'Neighbourhood Gates' as placemarkers, artworks or something in between
- Work and re-invent what's here already or is pre-existing – how can it be re-imagined/re-used

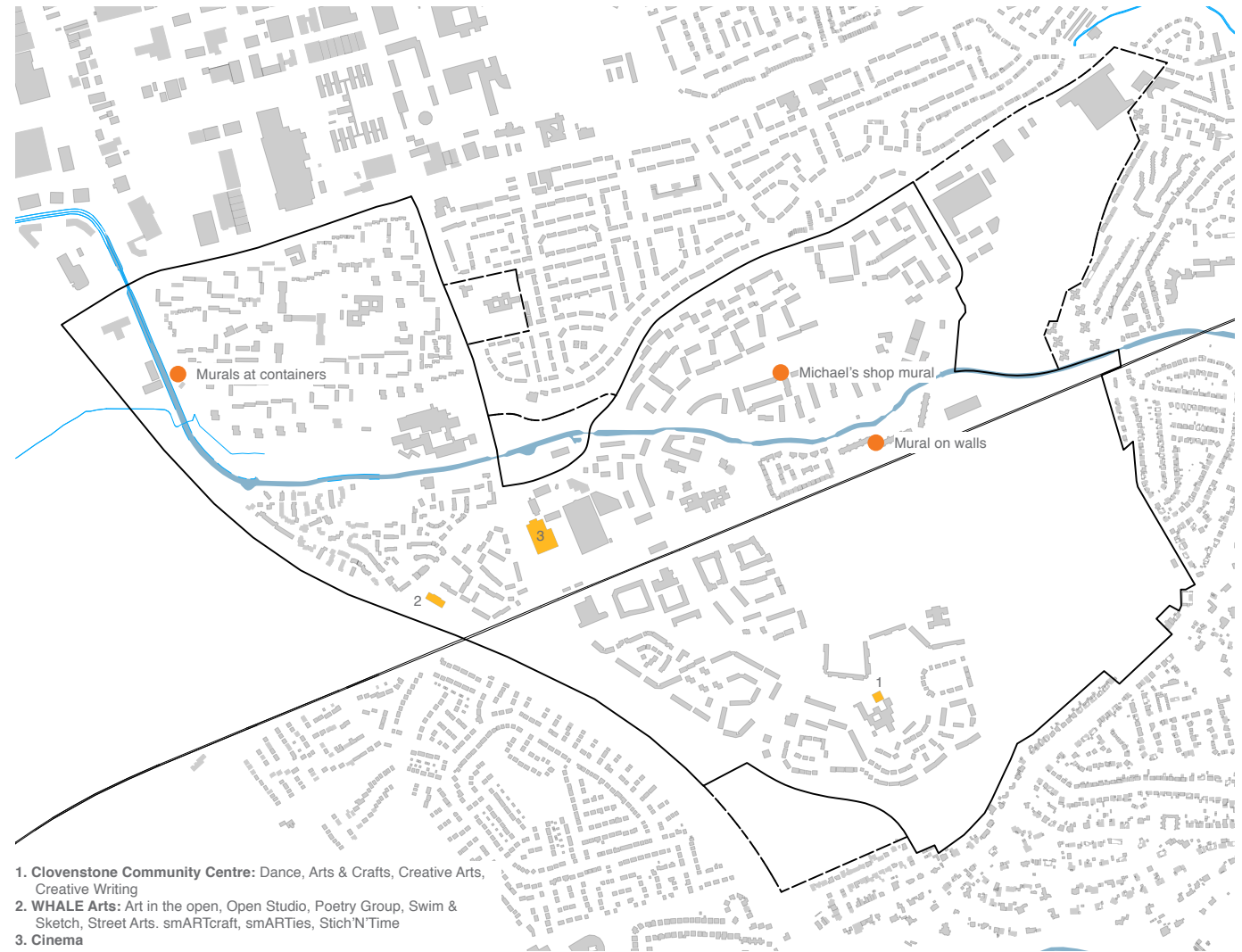
Opportunities for activities/ events

- Night-time activities for young people
- Community walks/explorations/celebrations
- New local artist and maker exhibition programme in WHALE Arts café space
- Street Arts/similar activities in the built environment – gives permission for art/culture to happen anywhere.
- Wester Hailes Open Exhibition (running since 2019) – blurs boundaries between amateur/professional artists

Local activism

Local artists and residents
Clovenstone Community Centre

Explorers of Westburn Wood's
WHALE Arts
Wester Hailes Growing Communities



1. Clovenstone Community Centre: Dance, Arts & Crafts, Creative Arts, Creative Writing
2. WHALE Arts: Art in the open, Open Studio, Poetry Group, Swim & Sketch, Street Arts. smARTcraft, smARTies, Stich'N'Time
3. Cinema

20.8% of people living in the Wester Hailes area have a limiting long-term illness (this is around the average for Scotland, at 19.6%, despite a younger-than-average population).

Disability is more prevalent in working age people living in Wester Hailes, at 19.7%, than Scotland as a whole (15%). 12.3% of working age people living in the area claim PIP (Personal Independence Payments) compared with the Edinburgh average of 5.5% and the Scotland average of 8%. *Source: Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts feasibility Study, '21*



Overall:

- Young people taking drugs/alcohol as they are bored and fear of crime

- Health facilities and services
- Pharmacy

The **Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland's document 'Place and wellbeing'**: integrating land use planning and public health in Scotland' places emphasis on the role of Local Development Plans working in partnership with public health practitioners.

Challenges

- Any new housing developments would put a strain on existing health services
- The Healthy Living Centre has already reached its capacity and additional space for its services is required

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Create a well-being hub
- Facilities that provide healthy food/ products
- Increase spaces, facilities and services that bring people together
- Integration of a 'zen' garden with water features for relaxing yoga, meditation, and well-being exercises
- Public access and improvements to open spaces/ courtyard at Healthy Living Centre

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Business/ support program people living with addiction and mental health disorders
- More support for people with mental health and for people with disabilities
- Men's mental health – not enough provision
- Nutrition education

Local activism

Community Wellbeing Collective
Grass Roots Remedies
Health Agency
Local GP's

Shops and Businesses

Challenges

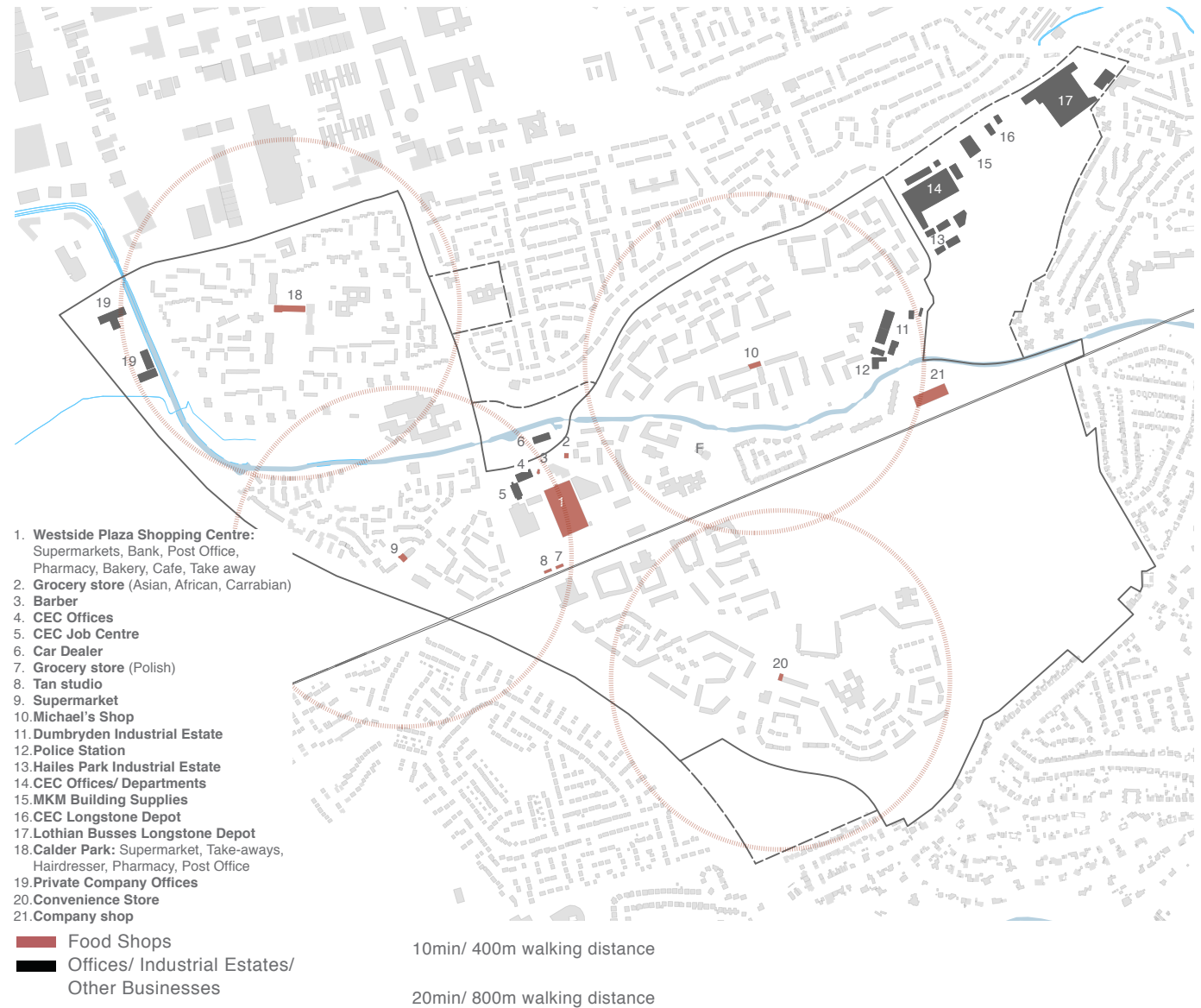
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Opportunities for physical improvements

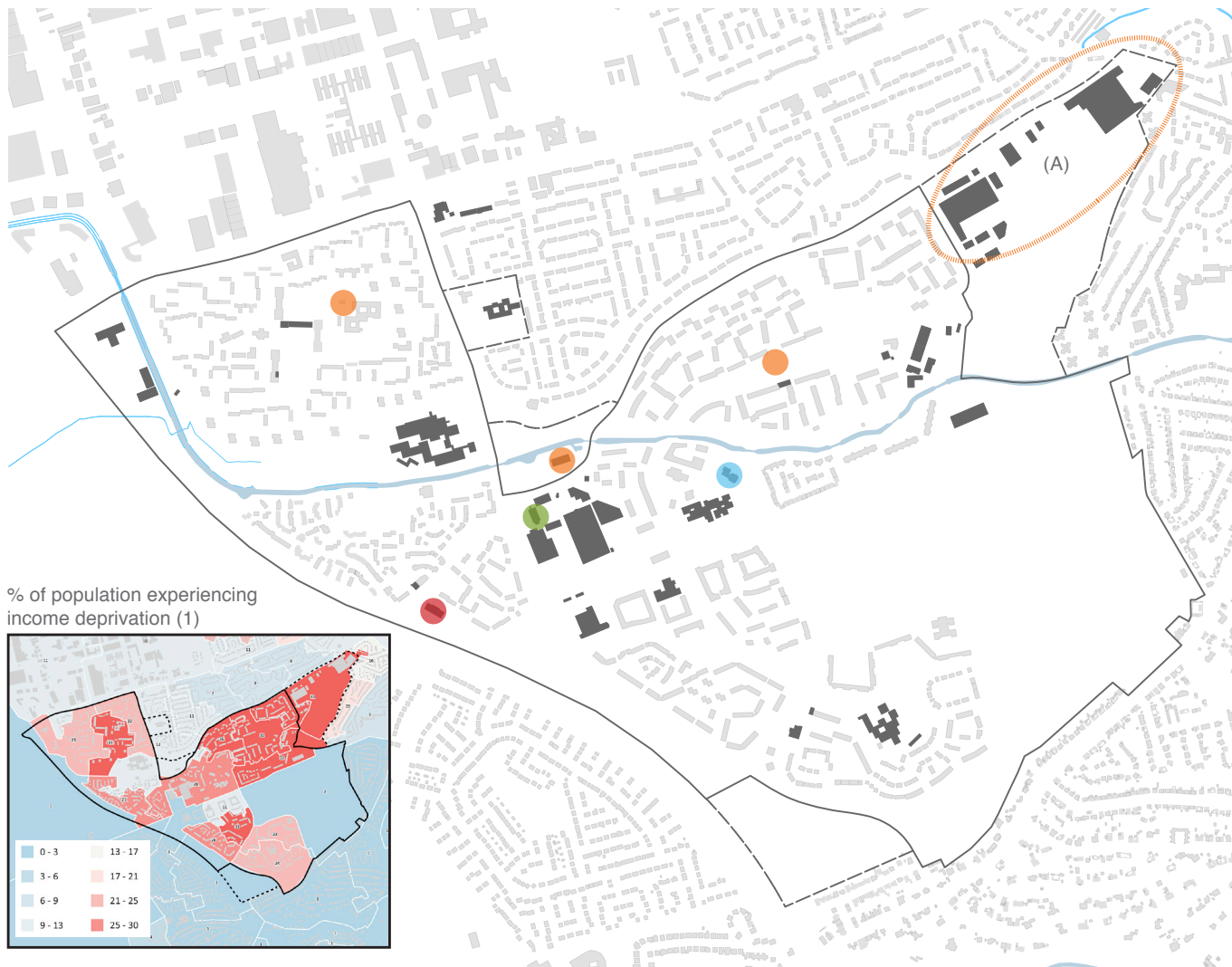
- Overall improvement of local centre
- Increase opportunities for local and independent businesses
- Independent shops, healthy food/ lifestyle products
- Community shop (local products and opportunity for small local businesses/ groups)
- Apply inclusive, elderly and dementia-friendly design principles when designing or improving facilities and services

Opportunities for activities/ events

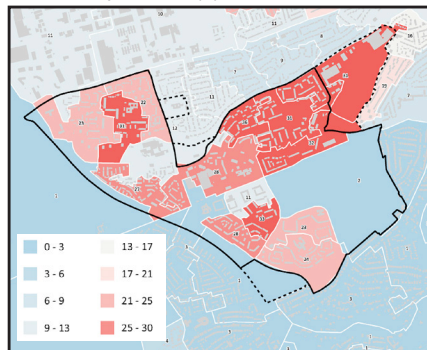
- Longer opening times of Westside Plaza
- More activities within local centre
- Market stalls, outdoor events, seasonal events



Work and Local Economy



% of population experiencing income deprivation (1)



- Facilities, shops, businesses, offices, schools with potential for local employment opportunities
- Proposed Residents/ Third Sector Led Community Hubs with potential for local employment opportunities
- Space with desk space hire
- CEC Job Centre
- Job Club at Trinity Church

(1) Image credit: Wester Hailes Baseline Analysis, Collective Architecture, 2021, p.61

Challenges

- Residents in Wester Hailes area are disproportionately more likely to experience unemployment and income deprivation
- Potential local job losses if existing offices and business site to be developed for housing (A)

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Provide spaces with affordable desk space hire and studio/ small business spaces for hire in local centre/ throughout Wester Hailes
- Support local businesses with central/ open-air markets/ community shop

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Investigate reasons for high unemployment and income deprivation
- Create initiatives to increase employability of residents
- Improve active travel links with wider West Edinburgh for employment and education opportunities
- Support & encourage businesses and institutions that embrace the shift towards circular economy business models such as Circular Edinburgh Programme [Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy](#)
- Investigate linking into Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme [Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy](#)
- Improved access to skills and retraining opportunities and employability support programmes [Edinburgh Economy Strategy](#)
- Create a maker's fair to showcase designs and products from Wester Hailes
- Create brand/logo for products from Wester Hailes

Local activism

- Bridge 8 Hub
- HolyTrinity Church
- Local convenience/ food shops
- Mums in Business
- GoBeyond

Housing and Community

Challenges

- Within Wester Hailes over crowding is experienced by a disproportionate number of people, and the area in general had between three and four times as many homes per ha than Edinburgh as a whole¹
- Residents within Wester Hailes are more likely to experience over crowding or live in higher density than neighbouring communities¹
- New housing would put strain on existing facilities and services

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Identify priorities of refurbishments, demolitions and new builds - Most social housing stock in bad condition
- Housing for single occupants missing
- Improve maintenance & poor workmanship
- Create better physical and attractive connections between flats within tenement blocks and open spaces. This could be converting immediate open spaces as private space for ground floor flats. This would increase feel of ownership, increase in maintenance and care.
- Provide safe and covered cycle storage

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Re-introduce tenants associations
- Review of housing ownership/ decision structure (Private residents not having an allocated local housing officer)
- Improve communication between local residents and housing officers

Local activism

Local residents
High rise concierges
Prospect Community Housing

“Broken items not being repaired in good time; Many reported issues on windows; Ensure safe working with asbestos” Local resident

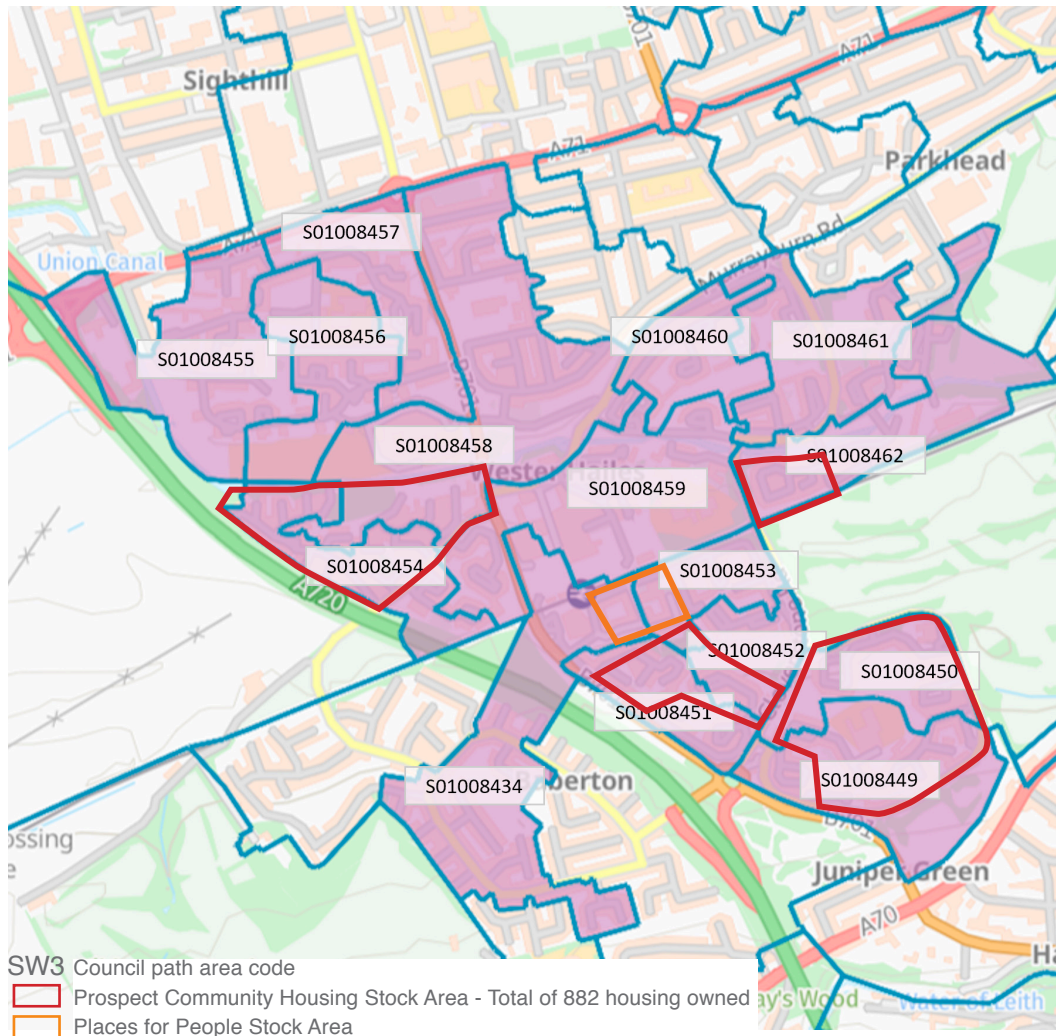
“Paint & decorate - buildings looking nicer = happier residents” Local resident



¹Wester Hailes Baseline Analysis, Collective Architecture, 2021, p.56 & 57

Housing Ownership & Tenancies

Wester Hailes housing ownership and tenancies is a mix of privately owned and CEC properties, Places for People housing and Prospect Community Housing.



	All households	Owned: Total	Owned: Owned outright	Owned: Owned with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	Rented or living rent free: Total	Rented or living rent free: Social rented	Rented or living rent free: Private rented or living rent free
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Image credit and data: City of Edinburgh Council 2022
 Data based on Census 2011 data which is more than ten years old and very out-of-date. There is little updated information below Local Authority level between Censuses, and the first of the Census 2022 data is unlikely to be available until 2023.

Housing and Energy

Challenges

- Residents view housing as not energy efficient – too expensive to heat. Draft and damp are problems, causing bad health
- Prospect Community Housing Tenants Satisfaction Survey (2019) found that 49.8% tenants found energy bills just about affordable; 52.4% using Prepayment Meter

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Identify priorities of refurbishments to provide better housing which demand less energy consumption
- Assessment of all existing housing stock in terms of energy efficiency to help define priorities and budgets

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Reporting on housing comfort level
- Reporting on fuel poverty
- Investigate local energy to create a more sustainable supply system that advocates an energy ambition that reflects the area and needs
- Invest in net zero housing solutions **NPF4**

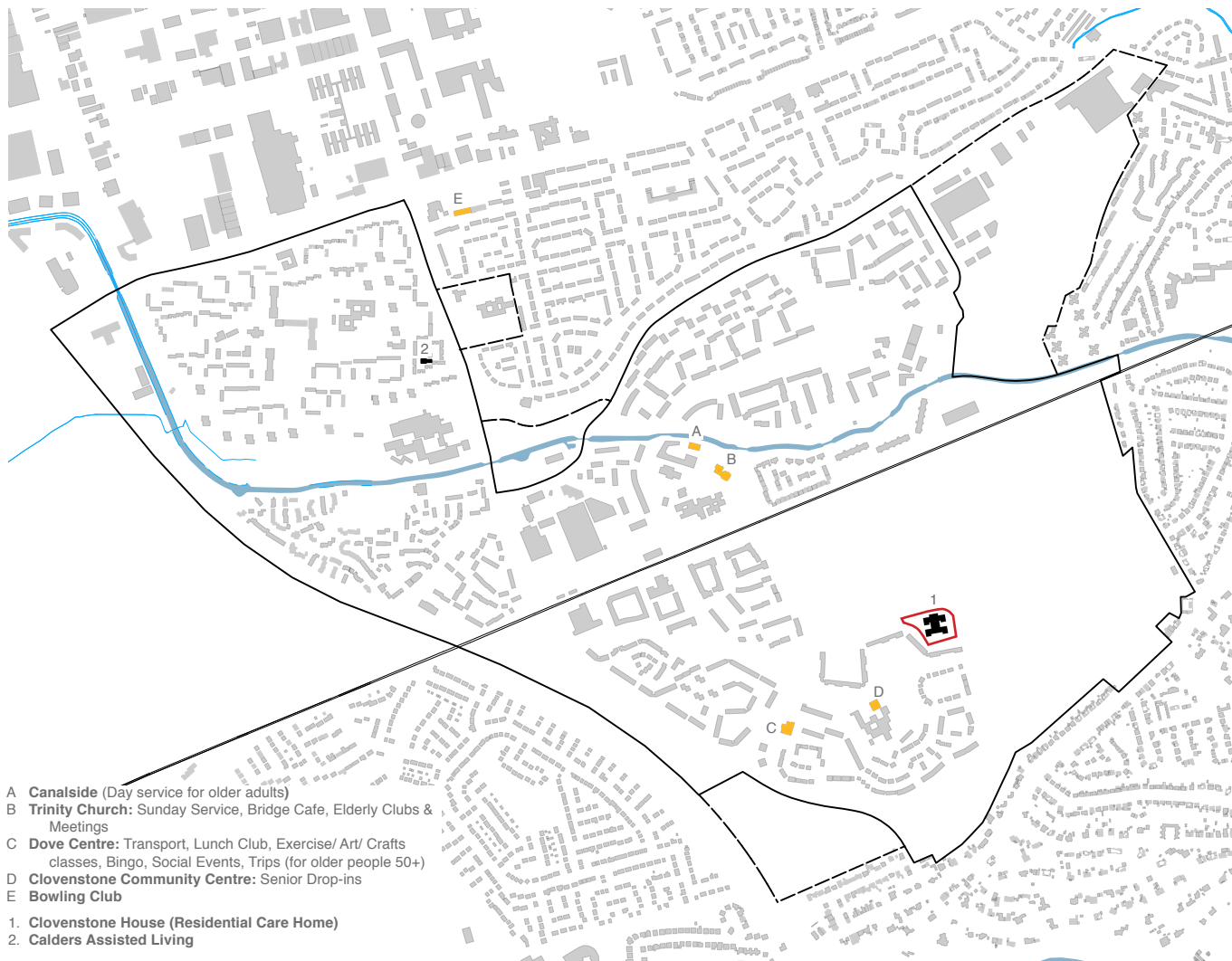
Local activism

Prospect Community Housing
Local residents



- Gas powered district heating (Places for People)
- 865 properties with gas central heating with 22 properties solar water heating; few properties with storage heaters (Prospect Community Housing Stock Area)

Type of heating within CEC properties: assumed that existing Council housing stock would have individual gas boilers.



A Canalside (Day service for older adults)
 B Trinity Church: Sunday Service, Bridge Cafe, Elderly Clubs & Meetings
 C Dove Centre: Transport, Lunch Club, Exercise/ Art/ Crafts classes, Bingo, Social Events, Trips (for older people 50+)
 D Clovenstone Community Centre: Senior Drop-ins
 E Bowling Club

1. Clovenstone House (Residential Care Home)
 2. Calders Assisted Living

Orange square: Facilities with services for older people
 Black square: Care Home
 Red square: Site marked for 'New Housing Led Development' as per DRAFT City Plan 2030

Local activism
 Clovenstone Community Centre
 The Dove Centre
 Prospect Community Housing
 Trinity Church

Challenges

- Limited housing for older & disabled people
- The only care home in the area has been marked for new housing led development
- The Dove Centre the only dedicated older persons service in Wester Hailes
- Limited facilities and services for older people
- No greenspaces or open spaces with activities mores suited to older people
- Lack of seating within area

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Increase provision of accessible life-time homes to address lifelong needs and changing lifestyle
- Public toilets (accessible, incl. adult and baby changing facilities) are required
- Improve outdoor spaces adjacent to facilities used by older people to encourage older people to use outdoors. This offers the possibility to move some of the activities into the outdoors and could included patios, raised planters, fruit shrubs or trees, seating areas, outdoor gyms
- Regular seating along main routes to key facilities and amenities would offer resting opportunities along the way.
- Pop-up cafes or cafe vans could temporarily activate greenspaces offering an incentive to visit the outdoors. Similar can be achieved with temporary markets using stalls & mobile vans (butcher, fishmonger, bakery, library, gallery). These could be held on car parking areas within the area, especially close to elderly housing to allow easy access for people with less mobility
- Apply elderly and dementia-friendly design principles when designing or improving internal or external spaces

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Offer provision of activities/ events for older people
- Offer intergenerational activities/ events

Feeling Safe

- Few people/ small groups bully individuals which makes their life feel unsafe indoors and outdoors
- Open racism (calling insults) makes affected people feel unsafe inside their homes and outside. Older people don't go out due to fear.
- Older people (over 50): Too many people hanging out that makes open spaces feel unsafe
- Street lights too low light level

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Review street/ path light levels and improve lighting where necessary
- Create attractive underpasses with artwork/ lighting
- Improve sightlines along local paths
- Create more active streets and public realm by creating social spaces, events to increase natural surveillance

Opportunities for activities/ events

- More police presence ('Bobby on the beat')



“Tarmac-ing of green space must stop!”

Local resident

“Why are the greenspaces being fenced off and covered in tarmac? Who decides this?”

Local resident

Care and Maintenance



Challenges

- Reduced CEC budgets to maintain open spaces especially green and play spaces, therefore over time these have been removed
- Increase of hard surfaces works against micro pockets of green which can add up to green infrastructure, sealing porous surfaces which is against the targets listed in NPF4

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Reverse hard surfacing into soft landscaping
- Remove unnecessary fencing and metal barriers

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Explore opportunities to undertake greenspace management for Council on a social enterprise model
- Review of housing ownership/ decision structure (Private residents not having an allocated local housing officer)
- Improve communication between local residents and housing officers

Local activism

Wester Hailes Growing Communities



Overall:

- Too much dog litter and syringes
- It is just messy/ full of litter
- Poor workmanship by CEC/ service providers/ contractors

Greenspace within the last years replaced with hard surfacing (asphalt or resinbound gravel)

“Improve maintenance of parks to keep clan, safe and attractive for all to use”

Local resident

Influence and Sense of Control

Opportunities for physical improvements

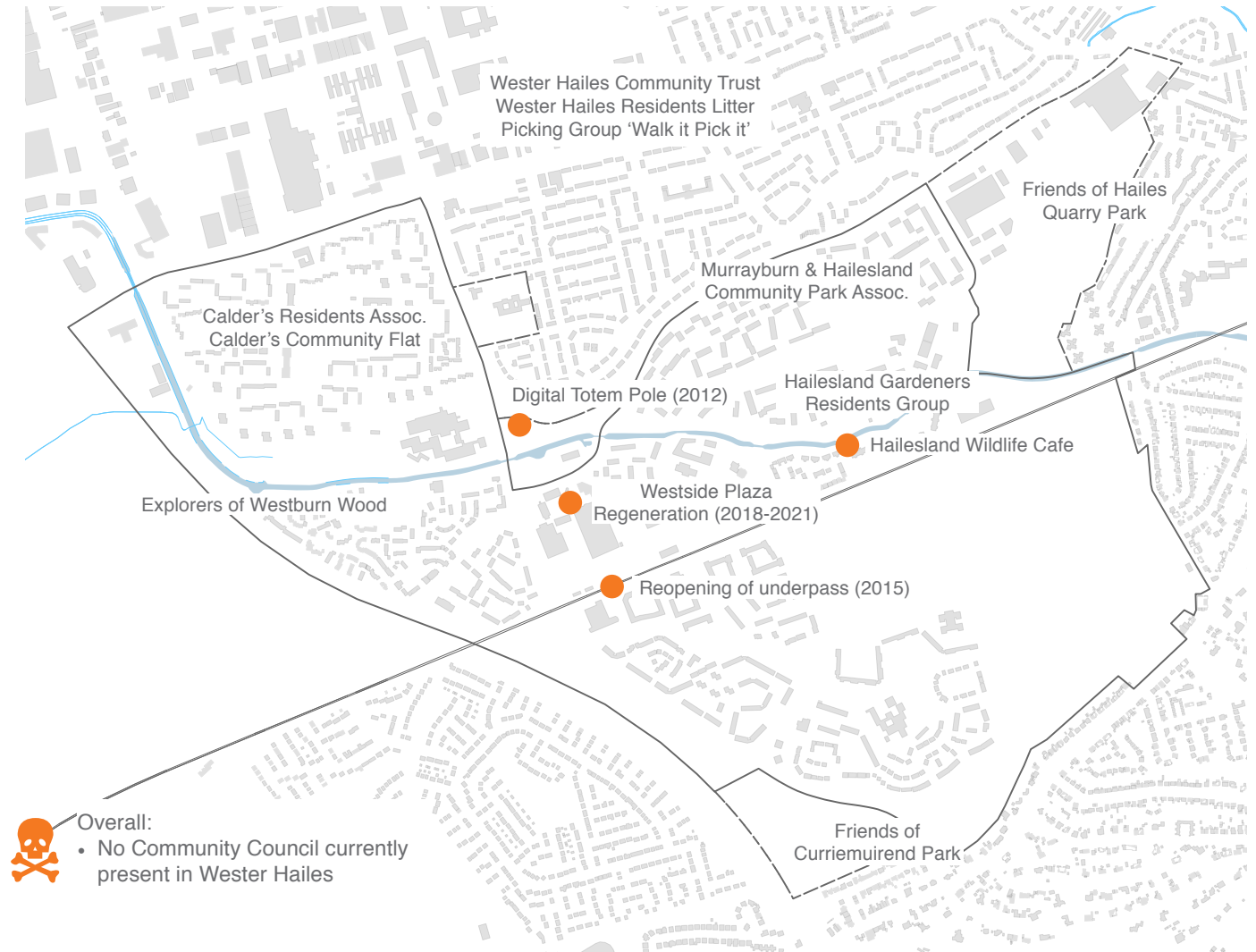
- Provide existing and new local organisations and groups a physical presence in the local centre

Opportunities for activities/ events

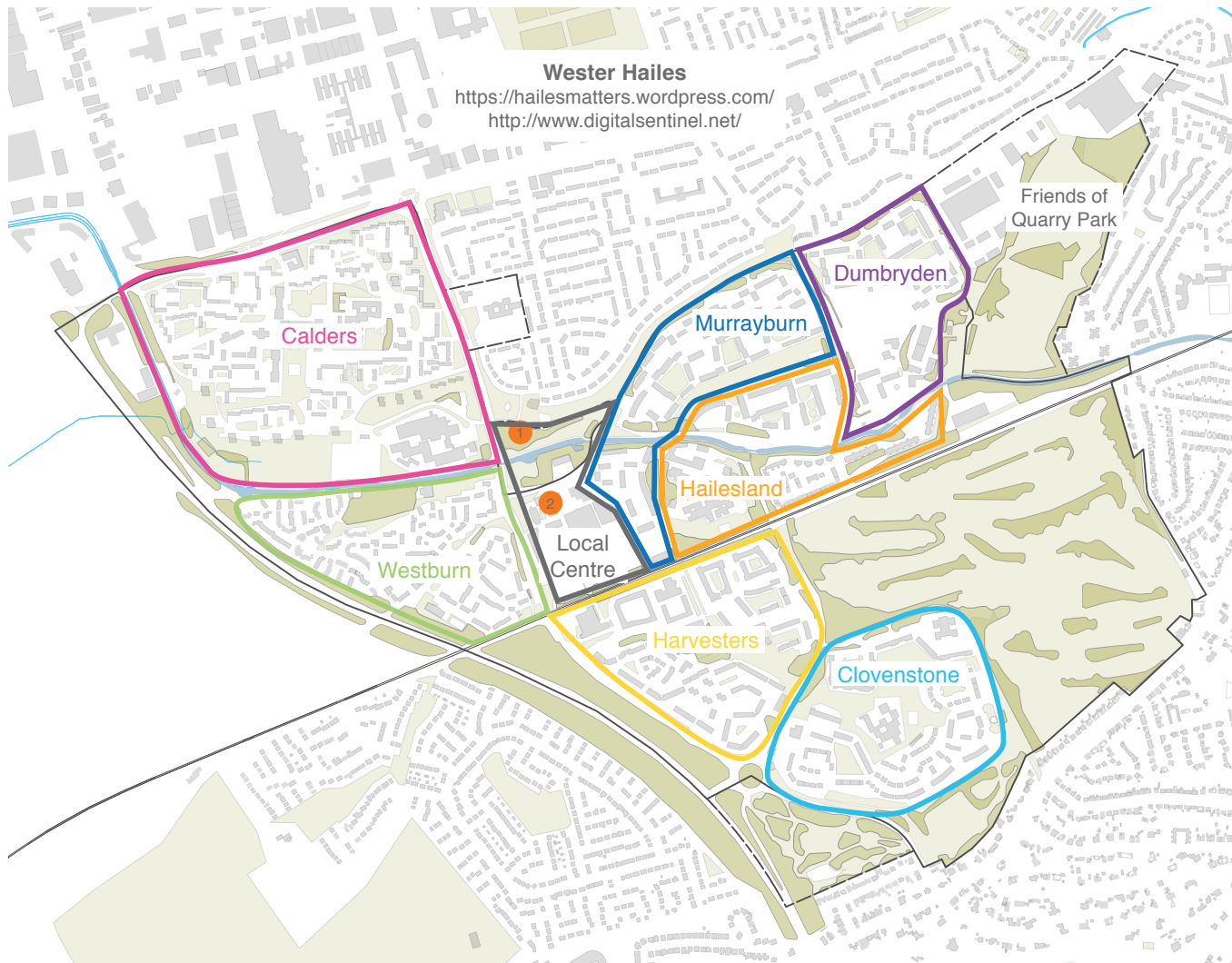
- Reestablish Community Council
- Support local residents for local improvement initiatives

Local activism

- Calder's Residents Assoc.
- Explorers of Westburn Wood
- Friends of Curriemuirend Park
- Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
- Local Residents
- Murrayburn & Hailesland Community Park Assoc.
- Wester Hailes Community Trust
- Residents Litter Picking Group 'Walk it Pick it'



Identity and Belonging



Wester Hailes
<https://hailesmatters.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.digitalsentinel.net/>

1. Totem pole
2. Heritage Panels, West Side Plaza

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Collecting residents stories of Wester Hailes' history
- Creating a podcast/audiotour
- Make a resident-led walking tour of Wester Hailes
- Collecting and recording a 'Living Archive'
- Provide community placemaking initiatives to create fun and vibrant hot-spots
- Active places which are designed to be inclusive and deliberate in making people feel part of the wider community
- Bring back community events (fun fairs/ Quarry Park Festival/ Gala day to bring community together)

Local activism

Calder's Residents Assoc.
 Explorer's of Westburn Wood
 Local residents & artists
 Wester Hailes Community Trust
 WHALE Arts

"Some People don't feel part of the community - we must devise ways of getting everyone involved"

Local resident

"Many people don't know the history of Wester Hailes"

Local resident

"There isn't a shared Wester Hailes Identity"

Local resident

Education

Challenges

- Wester Hailes High School is within the lowest school ranking which has impact on families with children moving / retaining within the area
- New catchment for High School and Sighthill PS has increased significantly, being outwith 20min walking distance and having to cross main roads/ moving through industrial/ business estates

Opportunities for physical improvements

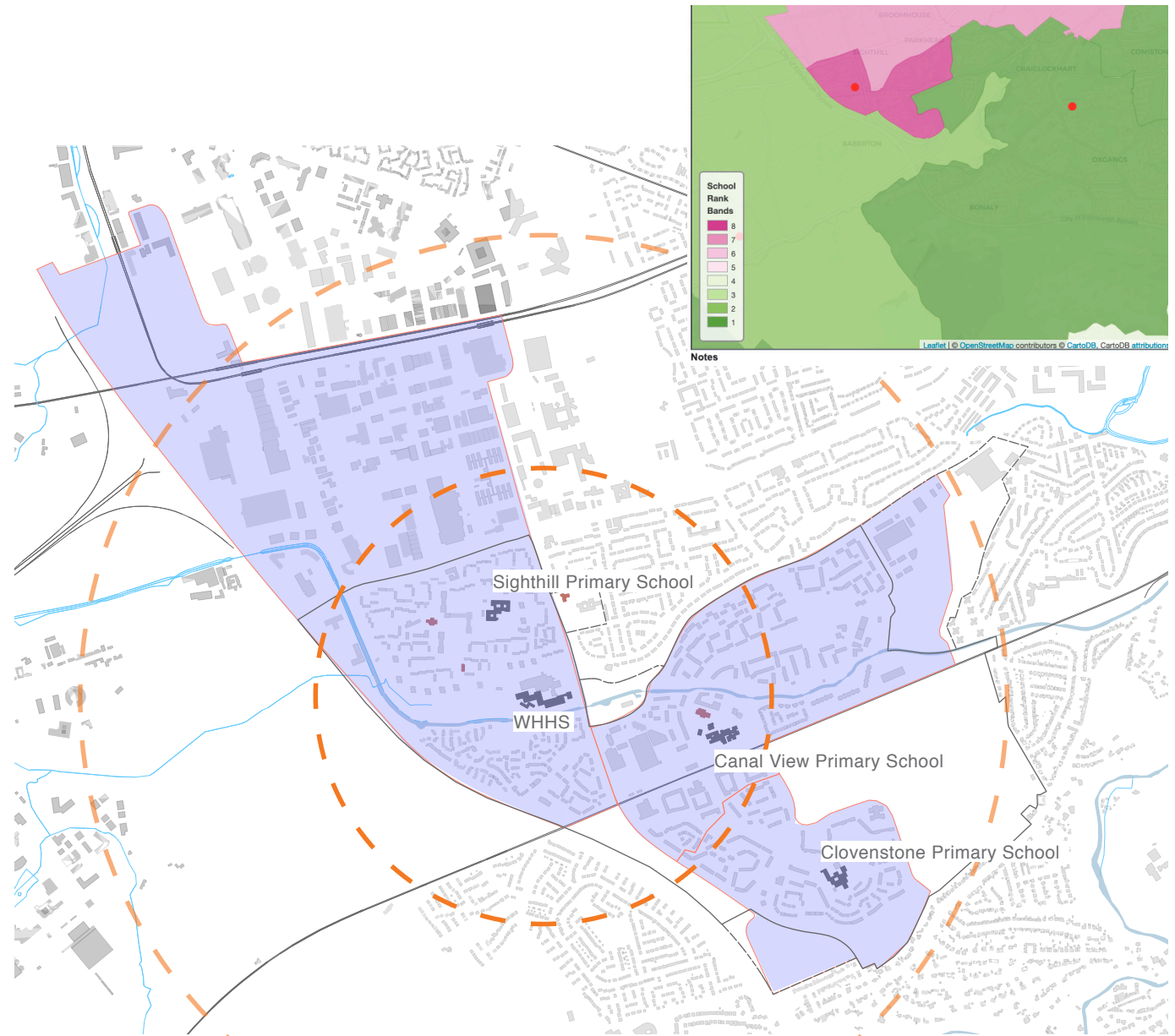
- Upgraded High School/ WHEC/ Edinburgh Leisure and integrate better into the community = Community hub. Food growing, Sports (diverse sports activities incl water sports), direct connection with the canal and physical links to the rest of community
- Create safe active travel routes especially for High School and Sighthill PS

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Investigate improvement of high school ranking
- Actively involve parents and carers on High School/ WHEC/ Edinburgh Leisure improvements
- Parenting discussions
- Adult education

Local activism

High & Primary Schools



- Schools
- Early Years Centres/ Nurseries
- Wester Hailes High School (WHHS) School Catchment
- Primary School Catchments
- 20min/ 800m walking radius (Primary school)
- 20min/ 800m walking radius (High school)
- 40min/ 1,600m walking radius (High school)

Lifelong learning



- Facilities supporting learning
- Allotments
- Community Growing Spaces
- Schools
- Early Years Centres/ Nurseries

Challenges

31.3% of people in Wester Hailes have no qualifications, compared with 26.8% across Scotland. 43.6% have either Level 1 (which includes Standard Grade) or Level 2 (which includes Higher and Advanced Higher) qualifications.

Community Enterprise - WHALE Arts feasibility Study

Opportunities for physical improvements

- Community hub/ space to support lifelong learning

Opportunities for activities/ events

- Link to wider education settings such as Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh College, Heriott Watt University - strengthen existing links
- Learning activities for older people
- Support and encourage learning within green and growing spaces
- Encourage and introduce visible education on global issues, climate change and the impact of local actions

Local activism

- Friends of Hailes Quarry Park
- Health Agency
- Local residents
- Schools
- Wester Hailes Growing Communities
- WHALE Arts

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