

Sighthill Regeneration Questions and Answers

We are really excited about what's going on in Sighthill. The plans we have are placemaking and will truly transform the area for the current community, for new residents and for visitors to Sighthill.

We also understand that this will involve a large amount of disruption and many people will have questions. We have tried to answer many of the common questions here, but if you have any further questions please do get in touch. You will find details at [More Information](#).

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1. When will we see the new Sighthill?

Work is ongoing in the north of the city on this major regeneration project – the largest of its kind in Scotland.

Some of the key parts of this work will include:

- building a mix of high-quality private and affordable housing to rent with work commencing in spring 2019.
- a new school campus with community facilities due to be completed in late 2019.
- improved parkland, allotments and public spaces delivered between 2018 and 2019.
- commercial facilities
- a new iconic bridge to provide a safe and attractive connection across the M8 linking Sighthill with the nearby city centre. This will be completed in 2020.
- a road bridge across the railway to provide access between the local community and Port Dundas. This will be completed mid 2018.
- remediation work to tackle land contamination, there as a result of the area's industrial past. This work is complete.

Construction work will be carried out over a period of five years on the site which is bounded on the east by Springburn Road, to the north by the outer edge of the cemetery wall parallel to Fountainwell Road, on the west by the area of Sighthill Park up adjacent to the railway line and by the M8 on the South.

The Sighthill project is expected to attract world-wide interest. It is the largest housing project of its type outside of London, in terms of the scope of works involved and scale of funding, and its proximity to the near-by city centre is unusual for a project of this size.

2. What's the background on Sighthill?

Sighthill is one of eight Transformational Regeneration Areas (TRAs) in Glasgow which Glasgow City Council, GHA and the Scottish Government (the TRA Partners) have agreed are priorities for large-scale regeneration.

Sighthill has a great location, very close to the city centre and to Glasgow's major road and rail networks. However, despite this central location, the Forth and Clyde Canal, the railway infrastructure and the M8 serve as barriers to getting in and out of the city centre easily.

The area's regeneration had not been scheduled until the late 2020s, but as a result of the bid for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, which would have supported the redevelopment of the area for the 2018 Athletes' Village, the commitment to accelerate the regeneration has been given by Glasgow City Council, GHA and the Scottish Government. Although the 2018 bid was ultimately unsuccessful, it means the regeneration of the area is happening much quicker than it would have done.

The plan is to create a hugely improved neighbourhood, with new housing and amenities, for the existing local community and for new residents.



3. Will the Stone Circle remain in the area?

The Sighthill Megalith, known locally as the Stone Circle, will be relocating and we have been working with its original creator Duncan Lunan and his team to identify an appropriate location. We are delighted that the location will be the original site that was first identified back in the 1970s but discounted at the time due to the multi storey flats obscuring sightlines to the horizon. Public access to the Stone Circle is currently closed to allow site clearance works to be carried out in that area. The stones and layers of top soil have been carefully removed and put into storage until their new site is ready for them. Duncan is currently working on mapping the realignment of the Stone Circle in order to relocate these in the correct position. The stones are expected to be repositioned in late 2018.

4. What is happening to Sighthill Park?

We are reconfiguring and replacing the current park with new parkland that will be more accessible and user friendly for residents and visitors. Instead of a park that forms a barrier between the residents and the city centre the new park will create a landscape through Sighthill that includes open spaces, play areas, trim trails, recreation areas, paths and accessible water features known as SUDS (Strategic Urban Drainage Systems) that also function as a sustainable urban drainage system that prevent issues with flooding. Works to the park are underway. The park has been closed from spring 2016 for the development of the new park, which will be open in part from mid 2019.

5. What are the plans for the Youth Centre?

The youth centre, currently based at St Stephen's Primary School continues to operate Monday to Friday, from 6pm to 9pm. In the long term the youth centre will be based within the new community campus.

6. I've heard we'll be getting a new school?

A brand new community campus school is currently being built in the area as a replacement facility for the existing schools and nursery. The new campus will include community facilities such as community rooms and sports courts. The new school / community campus is planned to open in late 2019. The nursery, St. Stephen's and St. Kevin's schools will then transfer over to the new facility. St Kevin's was vacated to allow the building to be demolished. The pupils from St Kevin's have now moved into the St Stephen's campus. St Stephen's will be demolished shortly after the new community campus is built, making way for further re-development.

7. Can I get involved in community projects or events?

Consultation with the local community has identified the need for a space for the community to play and gather. In light of this, a multi-use games area (MUGA) has been built for the community next to KATS community centre.—This will also provide a space for local events to be held. New Rhythms for Glasgow (NRFG) have been appointed to work with the community for a period of two years since Summer 2017 to develop a community arts strategy for Sighthill. Everyone is welcome to get involved and further information on this is made available to local

residents through regular local meetings, the community Facebook page and the notice board located next to the MUGA.

8. What is happening in the surrounding areas?

The regeneration of Sighthill is not the only development taking place in the area – the TRA complements a number of projects currently ongoing on the north side of the city centre, including the redevelopment of the Canal and Cowlairs. Groundwork has started at the old Diageo site at 100 Acre Hill.

9. How will I know what is going on?

We are committed to communicating with all the local residents and other key stakeholders in the area affected by the works in Sighthill.

We'll be keeping you up-to-date with everything that's happening, so you have the latest information to hand. We'll be doing this through:

- a dedicated Sighthill webpage
- newsletters delivered to your door when there are updates
- local information and drop-in sessions
- updates on social media
- Local Delivery Group members spreading the word
- community arts organisation spreading the word

10. Where can I find more information?

Residents are at the heart of all our plans for Sighthill. The Local Delivery Group for the Sighthill TRA is made up of representatives from the community. The Group, which is chaired by an Elected Member, meets every three months and provides a formal channel for monitoring the project and agreeing local priorities. If you're interested in being part of the Group, please get in touch.

Remember, GHA and GCC staff are on hand to give you any more information you need and to answer any of your questions. You can also contact Jackie Harvey, the project manager for Sighthill TRA, at Sighthill@glasgow.gov.uk. You can get more information by visiting the council website at www.glasgow.gov.uk/sighthill.

If you have any queries on the remediation, construction and demolition work taking place in Sighthill, please call the helpline number 07767 118231.