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Sighthill Regeneration

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SIGHTHILL IS TAKING SHAPE

The Transformation is now reaching Milestones

The regeneration of the area – one of the largest projects of its kind in Scotland – **will see hundreds more new homes, a new school campus, new shops and a new church as well as a road bridge, land bridge and greenspace for residents.**

Sighthill has been earmarked as a priority for the regeneration by **Transforming Communities: Glasgow (TC:G) - a partnership between Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government and Glasgow Housing Association.**

This newsletter is intended to keep residents up-to-date with what's already happened – and with some of the changes you will see over the coming months.

What's Been Happening in Sighthill



Keepmoat homes prior to Covid-19w

The effects of Covid-19

The Coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on the Regeneration of Sighthill. All Contractors, under instructions from the Scottish Government ceased work at the end of March.

Following the Scottish Government restart advice issued on 11th June which allowed the construction sector to move into Phase 2 of the Recovery Plan for a phased return to work the regeneration progress has been able to continue.

Morgan Sindall

Morgan Sindall who is the Contractor carrying out infrastructure works & creating new Sighthill Park returned on site in June and have implemented the following Health & Safety Guidelines to protect its workforce,

- A Covid-19 checklist is completed at the vehicle entrance, then a scanner takes workers temperature to check for signs of fever at the site office.
- The use of hand sanitisers throughout the site.
- On site, indoors and out, a strict two metre distance rule is in place no matter the job
- The canteen which used to house 120 workers at meal breaks now only houses 20, with no face to face interaction and out on the site the rules continue.

Keepmoat Homes

Keepmoat homes have returned onsite and progressing in the construction of the 1st phase of 154 new homes with new Health & Safety Measures and physical distancing measures in place.

The Sales office in St Enoch Shopping Centre has now re-opened with physical distancing measures in place and visitors are asked to book appointments in advance via Keepmoat's online booking system.

Launch of the Housing Development

The launch of the Housing development was held on site in 22 January 2020 to mark the start of work on a transformational development of 824 new homes in Sighthill to be delivered by developer Keepmoat Homes and was attended by Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Aileen Campbell MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, joined by Beth McNeil, Regional Managing Director of Keepmoat Homes and Bernadette Hewitt, Chair of Glasgow Housing Association (GHA)



Launch of the Housing Development

M8 Pedestrian Bridge

BAM Nuttall Ltd was announced on 30 January 2020 as the winning contractor to deliver the new iconic M8 Pedestrian Bridge which will link Sighthill with the nearby city centre. Work on the bridge development commenced on site in March 2020 with anticipated completion date of November 2021. The existing bridge was removed in early August.

Ongoing Work

Sighthill Park

Work is progressing in the reconfiguring of the new Sighthill Park with the creation of paths, trim trails, bike area, play area with multi use play equipment for all abilities and plenty of open space including benches, and the creation of SUD's (Strategic Urban Drainage Systems) this will form water features within the park, The new park will be more accessible and user friendly for resident and visitors. It is anticipated the park will be complete by Autumn/Winter this year.



Sighthill Park

Bandstand



The new park will be the location of the Community Bandstand. Prior to Covid 19 NCFG & GCC Project Management & Design Team held workshops with school children & members of the Glasgow Disability Alliance Group to discuss design and ideas for the bandstand.



Activities at the Stone Circle Time Capsule

The original time capsule and a new time capsule will be buried at the site of the re-located stone circle. Earlier this year Officers from Glasgow City Council met with school children from St Stephens & St Kevins Primary Schools to discuss items that they would like to include in the time capsule. The Children were extremely enthusiastic in being part of this historic project and collected items to be include in the time capsule. It is hoped that an event for the burying of the time capsules will be organised to take place early Autumn. Reinterment of ashes at Stone Circle When the Stone Circle was originally created in 1975 by Duncan Lunan, families in the community decided to scatter the ashes of loved ones at this site. The soil containing ashes at the stone circle was preserved when the Stone Circle was re-located to its new site. It is hoped that local families who scattered the ashes of loved ones can be identified to attend the conclusion of this work

Civic Square & Community Garden

The new Civic Square and Community Garden is taking shape next to the Sighthill Community Campus. Work is now progressing to complete this by Autumn/Winter this year

Re-opening of Pinkston Road

Work is progressing on the re-opening of Pinkston Road and it is anticipated this will take place in Autumn/ Winter this year. A date for the opening will be publicised as soon as available.

Housing Development



The new housing development will be formed in 10 phases from now until 2027. The marketing name of this development will be 'NorthBridge' to signify the new M8 bridge linking the North of Glasgow with the city.

In October 2017 Keepmoat Homes was the appointed developer to work in partnership with GCC and GHA to create 198 homes for Mid-Market Rent to be marketed by Lowther Homes which is part of the Wheatley Group, 626 homes for Private Sale as part of the Sighthill Transformational Regeneration Area.

Latest update on construction of Homes on Phase 1

Phase 1 of the build is progressing on site and is now visible from the M8 and surrounding areas. This phase will consist of the construction of 154 Units at Sighthill Circus. 68 properties are Private Sales by Keepmoat Homes which include a mix of 1 & 2 bedroom flats, and 3, 4 & 5 bedroom homes.

86 GHA properties for Mid-Market Rent

which include a mix of 1 & 2 bed flats and 2 & 3 bed houses.

The GHA Properties for Mid-Market Rent will be managed by Lowther Homes.

Lowther Homes will advertise these new homes on Rightmove and www.lowtherhomes.com when they are built and available for occupation. Despite the impacts of Covid-19 interest in NorthBridge has remained high throughout lockdown via Keepmoat's online reservation system.

At present, there are 'pre-showhome incentives' on offer across a selection of properties at NorthBridge, saving you thousands on extras and upgrades! With the recent Scottish Government announcement on the LBTT holiday, you will now save up to £2,100 on Land and Building Transaction Tax on properties priced at £250,000 or less. The First Home Fund has also been given a £50m investment by the Scottish Government and is just one of many offers available at NorthBridge to help you purchase your stylish new home at this ground-breaking development.

For more information on NorthBridge, including the latest incentives, as well as arranging appointments, **please visit:** www.keepmoat.com/northbridge



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St Rollox Church

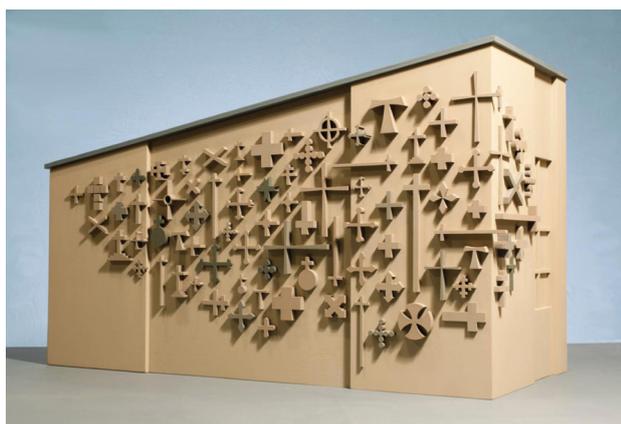
The Church building had to close on 24 March 2020 in line with the Scottish Government requirements related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The congregation had only been in the building for a matter of weeks and was naturally disappointed, but understanding of the situation.

A church is not a building though, a church is people and our ministries have been able to continue.

Weekly opportunities for prayer and meeting together are offered virtually. A weekly worship service is provided on St Rollox Church YouTube Channel and can be viewed [here](#)

The Outreach Project

The work through the Outreach project to support refugees, asylum seekers and others in need in North Glasgow has been impacted by the closure of the building, but new ways of connecting with folk have been productive and the advice service and destitution support have continued. ESOL and craft classes have moved online too.



Art Work

Progress continues with the artwork commissioned by artist Michael Visocchi to create a piece of art that is due to be installed to the exterior of the church. This was also delayed due to lockdown.

Finally, places of worship are now allowed to re-open for worship with an attendance limit and a plethora of safety measures. A group is working to ensure that the Church building will meet all the new requirements and to inform attendees of expectations upon them. It is hoped to re-open the building from late September.

New Rhythms for Glasgow

Covid-19 did not stop NRFNG continuing to engage with the Community however this was achieved through a new way of working.

Setting up of online activities which the community could log on and anticipate.

These online activities included:

- **Break Dancing**
- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Zumba**
- **Song writing / Performing Rap**
- **Quiz**
- **Bingo**
- **Meditation**

These online activities were welcomed greatly by the community during lockdown.

During this time NRFNG handed out Arts & Craft Sets to children in the community which they were overjoyed with.

Event in Community for Emma Dey

As restrictions eased NRFNG were able to re-organise a community event which was cancelled due to Covid 19. This event was in relation to **'Women Empowerment'** and was held in recognition of a local lady Emma Dey who is battling cancer to highlight her bravery and will power during her battle.

A marquee was set up outside to host this event with music, dance, food and artwork provided by local children who carried out chalk drawings for Emma outside her house. This event was well attended by the community.

For more information or to get involved in organising community led activities get in touch.

**E-mail: [Kirsteen @nrfg.org.uk](mailto:Kirsteen@nrfg.org.uk) or call
NRFNG at Balgrayhill Community Centre on 0141 557 0475**

Kids receiving goody bags



Emma Dey

Kids arts & crafts

Pinkston Water Sports

Looking to try a new activity why not go along to the Pinkston Water Sport Centre and have a go at: Kayaking, Canoeing, Paddle Boarding, White water rafting, Outdoor swimming.

For information & bookings

Tel: 0141 332 5636
Address: 75 North Canal Bank Street Glasgow G4 9XP
Website: www.pinkston.co.uk/contact
Facebook: /Pinkstonwatersports



The Loading Bay Glasgow's Indoor Skate Park

Late last year saw the opening of the Loading Bay an indoor skate park for bikes, scooters, skateboards and roller boots.

The skate park has a mixture of ramps and rails for all abilities, a foam pit landing has been put in place for skaters to safely carry out stunts. The facility also has trampolines and gymnastic flooring.

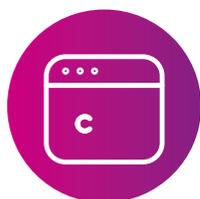
The Loading Bay also run skateboarding & BMX & Scooter stunt lessons.

For information & bookings:

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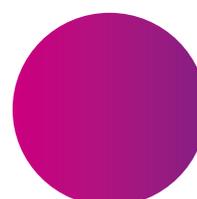
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