

Eastfields Estate – online responses

Q1. Should all homes on the Eastfields Estate be redeveloped?

Option 1: Demolish and redevelop the entire Eastfields Estate.

Q2. What size of homes should be provided?

Option 2: if you do not agree with this mix, please state how you would change it? perhaps this needs to be based on a local housing needs assessment. However, the high number of one bedroom units does allow young people to get on the ladder and allow elderly people stay on the estate, it may encourage a high transient population which is not good for a community

Q3. What type of homes should be provided?

Other: agree with option 1 but perhaps look at town houses as this will encourage a diverse community

Q4. How should building heights be distributed across the estate?

Taller buildings towards the centre of the site.

Q5. Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding new homes?

Consider how cycle storage is integrated into buildings rather than as stand alone structures. CfSH level 6 should be the norm High quality architecture please

Q6. What type of outdoor spaces would you prefer to see within the estate?

2. Provide a single public open space for everyone to enjoy - This would be open to the general public. Communal gardens for groups of flats would remain, but may have to be significantly smaller to accommodate land for public open space

Q7. What types of play areas and open spaces would you prefer to see?

Other: Why only 2? any good space should be able to accommodate all otherwise an open space cannot be used instinctively

Q8. What do you think is important in deciding the layout of buildings, spaces and streets on the estate?

Creating traditional street forms AND

Creating a mixture of types of buildings

Q9. Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding open spaces and streets?

take priority away from streets an open spaces. Shared surfaces provide additional space close to homes which parents like to keep an eye on children. Use the opportunity of creating new streets by

looking at ways to incorporate things such as the ecovac (integrated waste disposal system) this then allows for residents to dispose of waste to a central place and make waste collection easier. With early planning such as now, this reduces Council's costs over the long term and encourages sustainable recycling amongst the residents. It also gives you more land to play with. Although the associated costs of installation would need to be factored in.

Q10. How should greater use of public transport be encouraged?

We cannot escape car parking. The PTAL in the area is still abissimal and there is genuine need for car parking facilities. Decent parking layouts can help as well as secure cycle storage integrated into the development. Cycle friendly roads and routes will encourage greater sustainable choices AND

Provide better bus facilities, for example, increased bus stops and bus frequencies, improved bus stops travel information AND

Provide incentives to help residents use public transport more, such as taster pre-pay oyster card and special rail deals

Q11. Walking and cycling are healthy lifestyle choices. How can we support this?

Provide well-connected, attractive and safe cycle routes and footpaths AND

Provide safe and convenient crossings of busy roads and junctions AND

Provide secure and convenient cycle storage AND

Provide cycling training and support, to help people to switch to cycling

Q12. How should parking be managed?

No parking restrictions AND

Reduce the need for parking spaces by providing alternative ways for residents to access a car when needed such as car clubs

Q13. Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding transport?

The main issue here is the school runs which encourage parents to drive to the schools in the local area. Whilst most children walk, it still presents issues. A CPZ is unwise in this area

Q14. Should new community facilities be provided within the estate?

Yes, GP/Dentist and a free community centre

Q15. How could refurbishment or regeneration support existing and new employment?

Employ local businesses and apprentices through the refurbishment or regeneration process AND

Whilst S106's provide construction apprenticeships, we need to look more widely. The housing association will have project managers, lets get some kids working alongside them, similarly architectural practices and the dying trades, Plumbing, carpentry, electrician. What about the Cost planning element for some of our bright young residents, lets get some real apprenticeships going.

Lets use local services wherever possible. This needs to be built into the agreement from the start including the developer agreement if Circle housing enter a developer partner agreement

Q16. Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding social and economic opportunities?

Many local people do not see the fruits of regeneration. If this is to be truly called a regeneration project then lets involve the community. First off you will have a board. Allow one/two of the local residents to sit on the board and allow them the opportunity to have a voice. Carry out fun, inclusive consultations (yes give freebies) and allow them to influence the design because all these words to the untrained eye mean very little. Allow the opportunity if one exists to start a friends of the local park. Perhaps you can help contribute some funds to helping out the local shops improve their shopfronts with an in-kind donation. the area is very much residential therefore the social element needs more thought and this should be over how you integrate new and old communities.

Other comments:

No response