

Turf cutting ceremony heralds 60 new homes in Craigmillar



New chapter for affordable housing in Craigmillar

Construction began today on a new housing development in Craigmillar, which will deliver 60 affordable homes.

The £6 million Greendykes C project is part of the Council's ambitious [21st Century Homes for Edinburgh programme](#), which aims to build up to 1,400 homes to rent or buy in the city. The programme has already delivered over one hundred of these homes in the Gracemount area.

The Greendykes C development includes the first local authority homes to be built in Craigmillar for a generation. Constructed by Hart Builders, it will include a mix of modern houses and flats designed to be fuel efficient and affordable to heat. 46 properties will be marketed for rent and 14 will be allocated for social housing.

Housing Leader, Councillor Cammy Day attended today's ground-breaking event. He said:- "This is a fantastic project, forming an important part of Craigmillar's regeneration. It is vital that we tackle Edinburgh's shortage of affordable homes and projects like this are an important step in this direction.

"We are committed to working with our partner organisations to deliver more developments like Greendykes, which not only provide much-needed homes but also create jobs and boost the local economy."

Greendykes C follows a number of regeneration projects that are changing the face of Craigmillar as part of the Urban

Development Framework. The demolition of older buildings and construction of 593 new homes over the last eight years in the centre of Craigmillar, Niddrie Burn and Greendykes North all contribute to the pace of change. The Council is also investing £4 million in refurbishing existing properties in the neighbourhood.

Two other developments, providing 76 new homes on Niddrie House Park and Collier Place, are also under construction and due for completion by September 2013.

We have video which will be published soon.

