

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Consultation event in South Queensferry

New homes for North Sighthill

Your neighbourhood

Edinburgh at Dusk

Work on Willowbrae Road means lane closure00

There is a consultation event in South Queensferry Library today as part of the council's work to measure quality in Edinburgh's built environment in the North and West of the city. This is a project to assess both the quality of new and changed buildings in the area.

There are other consultations running in other parts of the city, but today is all about the North and West when the consultation comes to South Queensferry. There are six short video clips and it will take about ten minutes to complete the survey.

You can read about this and the surveys of other areas in the city [here](#) where you can also complete the survey.

A display of the plans for the development at North Sighthill will take place at Sighthill Library until Monday, 13 July.

The council says that around 314 new homes will be built on the site. These will be for council rent, mid market rent and private sale.

Once detailed planning consent is in place, tenders will be invited from developers to design and build affordable housing and develop housing for sale. Following the appointment of a developer it will take around 9 months to complete the detailed design work, obtain building warrants and other statutory consents. A site start is anticipated in early 2017.

The council undertook in 2011 to build up to 1400 homes for sale and rent across Edinburgh and the first three sites to be redeveloped are Gracemount, Pennywell and North Sighthill. The Edinburgh Reporter was on the roof of what is now part of Edinburgh College when the former council homes in Sighthill were demolished. It was an exciting day!

What is the iconic image that represents the area that you consider your neighbourhood? Do add it to our storyboard [here](#)! Or you can add a short video if that suits.... but do share your thoughts!

Edinburgh at Dusk is the new time lapse film made by Walid Salhab of Queen Margaret University's Kinetic film project. He has a drone now which he uses to wonderful effect in this new film which you can watch below. Mr Salhab did confess to us that while filming an earlier project of the Kelpies he did lose a camera in the canal...!

Work will begin tomorrow on Willowbrae Road to upgrade the local gas network between the entrance to the Lady Nairne Hotel and the junction with Ulster Crescent.

Scottish Gas Network (SGN) say that this work will take about five weeks and for safety it will be necessary to close a city bound section of Willowbrae Road while they carry out the work. There will be a contraflow but southbound traffic will not be allowed to turn right into the Tesco garage or the Lady Nairne Hotel. Traffic coming out of the garage and hotel will be forced to turn right.

Pedestrian access will be maintained and all businesses will remain open as usual. The work will be carried out five days per week between 8 am and 4.15pm with extra hours and weekends as needed. SGN say they will keep all noise to a minimum.