

# Gorgie residents invited to Scotmid event



Residents in Gorgie are invited to attend a one-day event at Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church on Thursday 24 January (2pm-6.30pm) to see revised plans for the proposed redevelopment of the existing Scotmid store at 236 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh.

Scotmid Co-operative and Structured House Group have worked with the Planning Department following a refusal last year by Edinburgh City Council to build a new Scotmid store and student accommodation above.

The partners hope the new proposals will address privacy concerns in relation to existing buildings and they have worked with the Council to further reduce the number of student accommodation to 121 bedspaces, which will be managed on an ongoing basis by the Group's in-house property-management team, BOHO.

Scotmid and Structured House Group hope the investment of £15million will be welcomed by the community and are encouraging locals to see the altered designs at the event. The Community Council supported the previous plans, despite the Council's rejections. Scotmid Co-operative's Head of

Property and Development Maurissa Fergusson said: “Our aim continues to be to bring a sizeable investment to the area and rejuvenate our store with a new state-of-the-art refurbishment for the benefit of the local community.

“We continue to seek the views of locals and will engage with them every step of the way throughout this process.

“We’re proud to be at the heart of the Gorgie community which we have served for nearly 160 years. We hope to bring a new modern store that the area can be proud of as well as providing a catalyst for investment in the area.”

The team is working with Manson Architects to provide new designs that include 100% of internal bike storage, a reduction in the massing, as well as new open views throughout the development.

Structured House Group Operations Director Brian Smith said: “As a team, we have worked hard with the City of Edinburgh Council since February last year to bring new investment to the city.

“We wish to hear from the local community at our latest event and to continue the conversations as we build for the long-term future as we hope to be a community partner in the near future.”