West Town Edinburgh will extend the city towards the airport

Drum Property Group are heading up a consortium of developers who have submitted plans for a new residential area on a 200 acre site between the Park and Ride at Ingliston and Gogar Roundabout.

The plans are to create a 20 minute neighbourhood of more than 7,000 homes in a £2 billion development. Developers say that the homes will help the city address the declared housing emergency and that the plans comply with the council's City Plan 2030 which earmarks this area for development.

Along with homes, schools, medical provision, bars, restaurants, cafés, retail and commercial premises, the 27 acres of green space will include a 5.5 acre central park and a wildlife corridor. The plans show a network of cycling, running and walking tracks and the area is served by the tram route where a new stop will be created.

The local developer Drum Property Group which was behind the redevelopment of Stead's Place on Leith Walk formed West Town Edinburgh in April 2021 to lead development of this site which is considered one of the city's most important.

Graeme Bone, Drum's Group Managing Director said: "We now have the opportunity to make West Town an exemplar, sustainable 20minute neighbourhood on a par with the best new developments taking place across the UK and Europe. "This planning application is a significant milestone in realising the ambition we share with the council both for the local area and for the city, further strengthening the long-term collaborative process that is set to deliver a major transformation of the west of Edinburgh. The amount of space on the site combined with its superb location allows for a natural extension for the city providing 7000 mixed-tenure homes and new jobs in a new 20-minute neighbourhood. West Town has direct access to some of the best public transport in Scotland — the tram line travels through the site and there are integrated rail, cycle and road connections, creating a strategic gateway to Edinburgh.

"Drum has a proven track record of delivering high quality large-scale communities across Scotland and our ambition for the area matches that of the proposed Edinburgh City Plan 2030. We look forward to continuing to work with the Council to advance our shared vision to create a new, sustainable urban guarter for the city."

If approved the development would get underway by the end of this year with first homes available in two years' time. Public consultation took place over the last year.

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