

Planning consultations for Cramond site being held this week

It has taken a number of years, but developers AMA lodged a Proposal of Application Notice with the council on 2 May 2024 for the empty site on Cramond Road North. Two planning consultation events will be held this week for locals to see what they propose.

The developer has drawn up plans for a mixed use development including sport and leisure facilities which were always seen as an important part of any development given the history of the site. But according to [SSC_Edinburgh](#) the sporting facilities have been “significantly scaled back”.

Two public events are planned for this week including the first on Wednesday 29 May at Cramond Kirk Hall 1 Kirk Cramond EH4 6 HZ between 3.30pm and 8pm and a second on Thursday 30 May at the same venue from 4.15pm to 8pm.

The [developers](#) say they will use the events to provide more information on their initial proposals and there will be a

second such public consultation event later to present feedback and also any revivals to the plans.

It is also confirmed by AMA that : "the proposed format of the forthcoming application is a Planning Permission in Principle Application, however as agreed in discussions with planning officers, the proposals will come forward as a 'hybrid application' with full detail of parts of the development included within the PPP application. It is the intention that the later living element of the proposals will come forward 'in principle' only, with full detail of the remainder of the scheme included as part of the PPP application. This will enable work to start sooner on the parts of the development which include the sports provision, before the full details of the later living element are known. This 'hybrid' approach and the proposed phasing will be explained more fully at the public events".

The current proposals for the site include:

- "Outdoor sports facilities (including a synthetic pitch and active loop)
- A sports hub building featuring padel tennis, gym and other associated facilities, including a social café/restaurant space
- Landscaped open space including a children's play area
- Later living accommodation and care home
- New local retail provision
- New and enhanced connections through the site for walking, wheeling and cycling

"The vision for the site is to create an integrated multi-generational landscape-led development which will deliver a range of sport, health and wellbeing benefits. The development

will create a variety of indoor and outdoor activity spaces and open space for all ages to enjoy, while helping to support local living with new facilities for the community. The care home, later living and other commercial uses will assist in delivering the sporting elements.”



Initial Site Concept

This board presents our initial concept for the site and shows the proposed sporting and commercial uses resulting from the appraisal and needs analysis work.

PADEL TENNIS

- Bringing 4 indoor courts of this new exciting new sport.
- Inclusive game for all ages and all abilities.



SYNTHETIC PITCH

- Full size synthetic pitch 10x60m
- Providing a new all-weather facility for local clubs to train and play.



PLAY ZONE

- Children's adventure play area for all to enjoy as they pass through the site or come for activities.



LATER LIVING

- Provides much needed housing for the older population.
- Promotes health and wellbeing, and relates well to the wider sport and leisure provision proposed.
- Important for residents to be part of the wider community.
- Potential to include services that can benefit the wider community.




FITNESS/HEALTH/WELLBEING

- Fitness facilities for all ages.
- Gymnastics provision.
- Opportunities for physio/wellbeing studio.



CAFÉ AND SOCIAL SPACE

- Discussions ongoing with potential independent operators.
- Envisaged this would form part of the wider fitness/wellbeing building.



CARE HOME

- Accommodation and healthcare to support the elderly with additional care/assistance needs.



RETAIL

- Discussions ongoing with potential retail operators.
- Would contribute to local living and meet a gap in local provision.
- Size of small scale neighbourhood retail to be discussed further with CEC planning officers in the context of retail planning policy.
- Potential for retail building to also include other uses e.g. small scale work space/health hub.



PERMEABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

- New pedestrian routes through and around the site.
- Potential to improve local connections and enhance access to surrounding walks and open space.
- Creating safer and better links to the shore and via Lauriston Farm paths to Davidson's Mains and Royal High School. Helping towards safer routes to school where possible.

ACTIVE LOOP

- Active loop concept with potential for other compact athletic on-site provision to support wellbeing for walkers and runners of all ages and abilities.

