

The 'Meet the Builder' event for the development of 6 new affordable Council homes at King's Arms, Irvine was held in the Volunteer Rooms on Tuesday 30 April 2024. Local people were invited to comment on the proposals until Friday 10 May 2024.

This consultation report has been prepared to summarise the comments and questions received from the local community and share the Council's responses to the enquiries in an open and transparent way.

Letters were issued to residents and businesses within 100m of the site. The consultation event was advertised in local press, on Housing Services Facebook page, and on the Community Consultation website. A total of 11 delegates attended the consultation event and five email responses were received.

Amendment to plans

Please note that the scooter storage area within the ground floor entrance area has now been omitted due to feedback received from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Contact Us

If you have any questions please call the Affordable Housing Team on 01294 324031 or email developmentandstrategy@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Consultation Q&A

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| 1. | The lower section of West Road car park is being closed leaving no accessible parking spaces. | The Council's Roads service will mark three parking spaces as 'accessible' within the upper car parking area. |
| 2. | Road and footpath safety concerns raised including consideration of a viewing mirror. | The concerns have been passed to NAC Roads Department who will undertake a review for consideration of any improvement measures in the area. Please note viewing mirrors are not permitted for use through the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) as they can introduce other safety issues, including reflection dazzle from the sun or vehicle headlights. They are generally installed in rural situations, and not in urban situations. |
| 3. | There are a number of kerbs on the alternative walking route. | The Council has arranged for kerbs to be lowered on the diversion route to improve accessibility in the area. |

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| 4. | Consider the diversion route. | Alternative walking routes are in place, it is however accepted that this may mean a longer diversion than expected for many. Given the historic layout of Irvine town centre, it is unfortunately not possible to provide a shorter alternative. |
| 5. | Will the Forum stairs be improved / lit? | As North Ayrshire Council is not in ownership of the steps leading to the former Forum, the Council is unable to install lighting in this area. Notwithstanding this, the Council is attempting to engage with the property owners to clear debris from the area. |
| 6. | Can the Council allow access through Bridgegate House? | The access route through Bridgegate House was closed to the public when the building was refurbished in 2013/14. Maintaining separation remains important to the management of the building, particularly given the often sensitive nature of the interactions with the public. Notwithstanding this, the Council will consider providing temporary manned access through Bridgegate House for special events, upon prior request, and with sufficient notice. |
| 7. | Will the Council consider a shuttle bus service to transport affected residents? | The Council is unable to provide a shuttle service to transport those affected by the lane closure. Residents with mobility issues may be able to use 'My Bus', a bookable bus service offering door-to-door transport in the area. More information on the service can be found at www.spt.co.uk/bus/mybus or by calling SPT on 0345 128 4025. |
| 8. | Is alternative transport available out-with MyBus operating hours? | The Community Benefits Wish List connects local community and voluntary organisations to Council contractors who may be able to offer support and advice for projects. Funding requests can be made at: https://northayrshire.community/communityempowerment/community-benefits-wishlist-application-form/ |
| 9. | Will there be any financial support for local groups? | The Council's Funding Officer will be happy to discuss potential support and/ or funding opportunities, please email: GrantsApplications@north-ayrshire.gov.uk . |
| 10. | How will deliveries be made during the works? | The contractor has a Traffic Management Plan, and no access arrangements should be affected by the construction works. Please contact the Affordable Housing Team on 01294 324031 or email developmentandstrategy@north-ayrshire.gov.uk if any delivery issues arise. |
| 11. | Did the Council provide notice of the lane closure? | The necessary temporary closure of the lane was highlighted during the final plans consultation for the project. |