

## Seafield Sounding Board (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

### **Attendees:**

- Dave Bisset, Scottish Water
- Lisa Blyth, 7N Architects
- Ally Campbell, Montagu Evans
- David Cooper, City of Edinburgh Council (Commercial Development & Investment)
- Kyle Drummond, City of Edinburgh Council (Commercial Development & Investment)
- Andrew Fournet, Craigentenny and Meadowbank Community Council
- Lindsay Fyffe-Jardine, Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home
- James Fraser, EMA Architects
- Malcolm Fraser, Fraser/Livingston Architects
- Councillor Joan Griffiths, City of Edinburgh Council (ward councillor) [in the chair]
- Angus Hardie, Leith Links Community Council
- Susan Horner, City of Edinburgh Council (Planning)
- Cathy Maclean, Action Party
- Colin MacPherson, Manse
- Iain McFarlane, City of Edinburgh Council (Planning)
- Lesley McGrath, Holder Planning
- Frazer Mcnaughton, Portobello Community Council
- David Mitchell, Manse
- Councillor Alex Staniforth, City of Edinburgh Council (ward councillor)
- Nick Taggart, 7N Architects
- Duncan Tait, J. Smart
- Neil Tulloch, Leith Harbour / Newhaven Community Council
- Nick Waugh, Buccleuch Property

### **1) Welcome**

- Councillor Griffiths welcomed the attendees.

### **2) Note of last meeting**

- The note was agreed.

### **3) Update from CEC Planning**

- Iain McFarlane provided a planning update. A reporter has been allocated to City Plan 2030. This examination is now underway with the first stage completed. It may take 6-12 months.

### **4) Update on Seafield Masterplan / consultation**

- Lisa Blyth of 7N Architects gave a presentation on progress with the Seafield Masterplan. A series of meetings have been held with key stakeholders to improve understanding of the site. Major considerations are the scope to alter Seafield Road East and the implications of coastal erosion/rising sea levels. Low carbon energy solutions are being explored.
- A three-stage consultation process is planned. A consultation event was undertaken in Leith Academy.
- David Cooper noted the Council and 7N Architects are happy to speak directly about any matters that may not be suitable for discussion at the Sounding Board.

## 5) Update from the community

- The community are looking at options for using the railway.
- **ACTION: David Cooper to follow up with Malcolm Fraser.**
- The community are looking at a potential community affordable housing company. Discussions have been held with registered social landlords. Notes of interest are being requested.
- The community would like to look at a delivery model incorporating public and private funding. The community favour an infrastructure-first plan.
- **ACTION: 7N Architects to engage with stakeholders around delivery.**

## 6) Updates from other stakeholders

- Dave Bisset of Scottish Water queried if 7N Architects had engaged with Scottish Water. Scottish Water have plans for infrastructure investment in this area.
- **ACTION: 7N Architects to engage with Dave Bisset.**
- Nick Waugh advised that Buccleuch Property are not yet at the stage of preparing plans.
- Frazer Mcnaughton queried the long-term requirements re: the Lothian Buses depot, Council depot, and Cat and Dog Home. Lothian Buses have advised 7N Architects that their depots in Seafield are well-located with no current plans to close them; 7N Architects have asked about the scope to make some changes.

## 7) Appointment of chair

- David Cooper undertook to approach nominees for independent chair to see if they would be interested given it is a voluntary role. David will bring a shortlist of interested parties back to the Sounding Board.

## 8) AOB

- N/A

## 9) DONM

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 16:00.