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PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Edinburgh Council is proposing upgrades to both Cables Wynd House and Linksview House through a full energy retrofit. The project also includes improvements throughout each building to bring them up to modern standards and to the external landscape.

In November last year we shared the current proposals for each building at drop-in events held in the entrance lobby to both Cables Wynd House and Linksview House. Since then, the project team have been progressing with developing the proposals and are working towards Planning and Listed Building Consent applications in Summer this year. Below is a summary of the energy efficiency proposals:

Thermal layer - like a warm winter jacket, the proposal includes insulation to reduce heat loss. This layer also includes replacing all external windows and doors with highly efficient new ones.

Reduce draughts - by improving airtightness to stop unwanted cold air from coming in through gaps in building and reducing the warm air escaping before it heats your home.

Form factor - proposals also reduce the amount of external surfaces which are exposed to external cold air. Bringing the landings within the thermal jacket reduces the amount of heat lost.

Reuse energy - Reducing the amount heat required from radiators by providing constant, filtered fresh air which re-uses the heat energy from outgoing stale air. Below is a list of the proposals for each building which are currently being developed by the project team.

- Insulation to the whole building (this will be a mix of internal and external insulation)
- Thermally efficient windows and doors
- New heating and hot-water systems
- New ventilation systems
- New screens to the communal landings (these become warm, inside spaces)
- New ground floor layout including:
 - new entrances and improved link to concierge
 - internal bin stores
 - secure cycle parking
- Upgrades to communal areas

- Improved access control and security throughout
- Ground floor community hubs which include:
 - flexible multi-purpose spaces to host birthday parties, classes and other events
 - meeting rooms for local service providers
- Improved way-finding, including signage.
- A unique colour strategy for the outside and inside of the building
- Landscaping to the external areas to improve biodiversity and provide amenity.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come along to our **Colour Workshop on Friday 1st March** to learn more about the colour strategy, discuss the project with the team, and meet some of your neighbours - further information overleaf. You can also join us at future drop-in events where we'll share the updated proposals.