

# FEEDBACK FROM FIRST EVENT

## RECAP OF EVENT 1

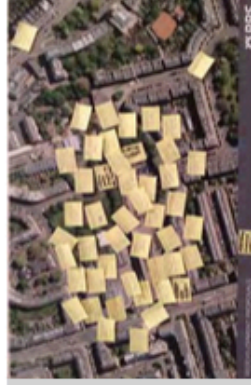
A first public consultation event was held on 24 September 2015. This set out the background to the site and its context and sought views on a number of key issues. 79 people attended event one and 59 feedback forms were received. The feedback received from Event 1 was used to inform the preparation of the initial development options presented at today's event.

This board summarises the feedback received following the first public consultation event. This feedback will be outlined in greater detail in a Report of Consultation which will be submitted with the forthcoming planning application.

## PRINCIPLE OF DEVELOPMENT (Q1)

Over half of respondents supported the principle of redeveloping the site for residential-led mixed uses. Only 14% of respondents did not support the principle of redevelopment.

Photographs from Event 1.



## CONNECTIONS (Q2)

In terms of movement through and around the site, the majority of respondents were supportive of improving permeability through the site especially prioritising walking and cycling over vehicular movement.

Several comments highlighted a desire for the creation of an east-west movement route between King George V Park and Dundas Street.

Future vehicular access to the site was highlighted as a concern for many of the respondents. Encouragement was given to ensuring that vehicles are secondary to other aspects of the development e.g. landscaping, with cars located in undercroft car parking.

## SPACES (Q3-5)

There is a clear community aspiration for the incorporation of open/green spaces within the development, although there was no consensus view as to where spaces should be located on site or what form these spaces should take. Some comments sought an extension to George V Park, others encouraged the inclusion of small seating areas, terraced gardens and/or new squares etc.

66% of respondents indicated they wish to see new pedestrian linkages through the site into the park, although there was no consensus view as to where any new linkages should be provided. Other respondents indicated that they wish to see the secluded nature of the park retained.

To explore the relationship of future buildings to the park, the first event also queried if the development should be designed to provide good natural surveillance to King George V Park. 37% of respondents supported this approach, with 49% indicating they were either neutral or not answering the question.

## USES, BUILDINGS AND SITE FEATURES (Q6-8)

### Uses

In terms of future uses of the site, the majority of respondents indicated they wish to see a mix of land uses across the site. The preferred land uses were residential, affordable housing, and active ground floor uses fronting Dundas Street. Only six respondents sought the incorporation of Student Housing on the site.

Some respondents indicated other uses they would like to see on the site, the most popular response being the incorporation of greenspace within the development.

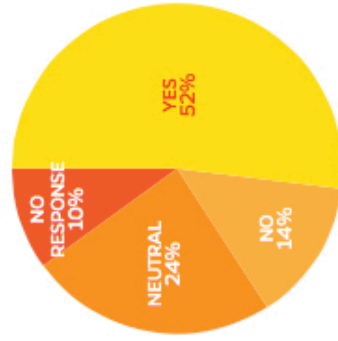
### Buildings

Mixed views were received on the contribution of the existing buildings on the site. Many respondents indicated that the existing buildings have a negative impact on the area and should therefore be removed. However, some respondents indicated they liked the RBS building at Fettes Row and encouraged its re-use, if possible.

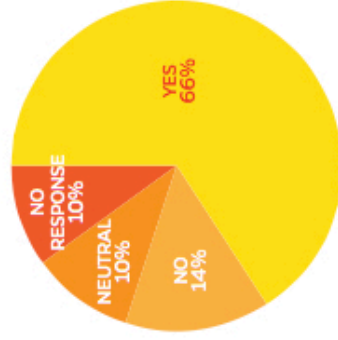
### Existing Features

In terms of existing features, the majority of respondents indicated they wished to see the existing trees on site retained, especially those lining Fettes Row and Royal Crescent.

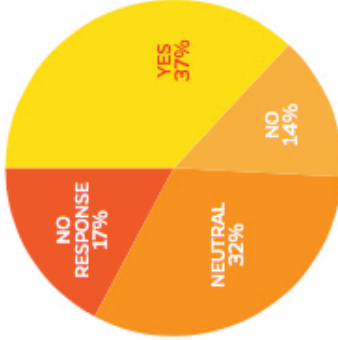
Q1. Do you support the principle of redeveloping the site for residential-led mixed uses?



Q4. Would you like to see new pedestrian linkages through the site into the park?



Q5. Should new development be designed to provide good natural surveillance to King George V Park?



Q6. What uses would you like to see on the site?

