

HOPE STREET TRANSFORMATION PROJECT UPDATE

March 2024

What is happening with the Hope Street project at the moment?

We delivered a number of public consultation events in November to listen to the views of local residents and other interested people about the future of the site, and show some concept designs for the mixed tenure, housing-led redevelopment of Hope Street. We have revised parts of our designs (see right) as a direct result of this consultation.

What have we done with your feedback?

The consultations highlighted a desire for more social housing on the site with a preference for houses rather than apartments. In response to this we have reviewed the designs to include a row of townhouses (social tenure) along Wellwood Street. We also reduced the height of some apartment blocks to sensitively integrate with the lower density in this part of the development.

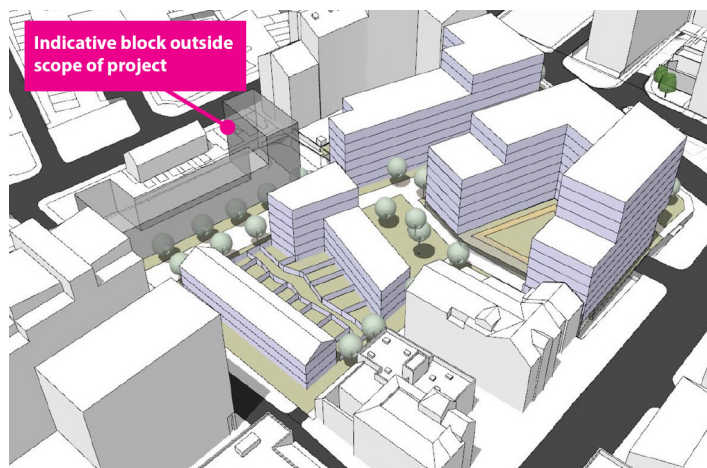
This will need to be considered within the constraints of the Belfast City Council Local Development Plan, and policies around density, affordable housing provision and sensitivity to the urban context. Equally, it is important to be mindful of how this could impact the viability of the scheme.

What is the current project timeline?

Next steps	Indicative Date
Pre-application discussion with BCC Planning Dept.	March - April 2024
Prepare contract documentation	May - Dec 2024
Procurement advertisement	January - April 2025
Developer appointed	July 2025

Our commitment

We will continue to update the local community and other stakeholders on the progress of the Hope Street Transformation Project. This will be completed via a six-monthly newsletter with quarterly updates to local community groups as the project moves through key milestones.



Concept block design showing an example of how the scheme could look

What happens next?

The transformation of the Hope Street site will be subject to planning policy. We have recently requested a Pre Application Discussion with Belfast City Council for formal feedback on our new concept designs, specifically looking at building height, density, housing mix and public space. This will inform the design criteria that must be met in the final scheme brought forward by the appointed developer.

We have great ambitions for the future of Hope Street. We believe that it offers huge potential to build much-needed new homes and other buildings that will bring life to the area, provide new jobs, and also create safe and welcoming open spaces. For more information, please email: hopestreet.belfast@nihe.gov.uk

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