

**Newsletter**  
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# Wath Brow and Priory Drive, Cleator Moor

## Design workshop summary

Following our engagement earlier this year, we promised to deliver a series of design workshops to look at the areas identified from your feedback and provide some solutions. We're delighted that so many residents came along to our October design workshops where options were discussed with our architects JTP.



# The workshops focused on five key areas:



**Streets and parking**



**Shared spaces**



**Amenity space**



**Home refurbishment**



**New homes**

# What you said...

Over the following pages is a summary of the feedback, followed by our proposed next steps.



## Streets and parking: you said...

- ✓ Providing driveways where possible by covering over some front gardens which are underused and oversized would be a good idea
- ✓ Identifying homes that are able to accommodate driveways would be good, but not everyone wanted to give up their gardens so it should be done on a case-by-case basis
- ✓ Parking for new homes should be provided at appropriate levels and parking to the side of houses to minimise car presence on the streets
- ✓ One way streets may help with the parking situation, however there were concerns whether residents would adhere to street changes
- ✓ Speed bumps and raised surfaces could slow down traffic, particularly along Kier Hardie Avenue



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## Shared space solutions: you said...

- ✓ Although the area feels safe overall, some of the street lighting needs to be improved and/or upgraded
- ✓ New homes are welcomed, especially on empty land, overlooking streets and shared spaces
- ✓ Any public space, whether new or existing, should be overlooked and open for everyone to use
- ✓ Any new public space should be designed to keep service charges down
- ✓ More dog bins on the estate could encourage people to pick up after their dogs
- ✓ 'Skip days' every so often would be a great way to help people clear out any unwanted items without having to pay for the council to collect them





# What you said...

## Amenity space: you said....



- ✗ The amenity/public open space you have on the estate at the moment isn't great and dog fouling is a big issue
- ✗ Not many people liked the idea of a community garden as you were concerned about maintenance and management costs
- ✓ Any areas for young people should be safe, well designed and overlooked to discourage anti-social behaviour
- ✓ New informal areas for older people could work well





## Home refurbishment: you said....



- ✗ Home Group customers experience damp, poor internal layouts difficulties in heating homes and lack storage
- ✗ Some gardens are too big and difficult to maintain
- ✓ Most home owners did not experience problems with their homes
- ✓ Built in wardrobes would be good, but there are space limitations in the current homes
- ✓ Ramps and grab rails will help elderly and less mobile customers in their current homes

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## New homes: you said....



- ✓ Build new properties on the cleared space at Kier Hardie Avenue
- ✓ Demolish and replace some of the homes that are no longer fit for purpose
- ✓ Environmentally conscious designs which would reduce heating bills would be great
- ✓ Most of the current homes are not meeting housing need (too big or too small),
- ✓ Bungalows would be a good addition to the estate



# We're listening to you

Following the feedback from all our engagement this year, we want to ensure we can deliver a scheme that benefits everyone. Outlined below is our next steps:

## Our next steps



- 1.** We will be identifying which Home Group properties could accommodate driveways across the estate.
- 2.** We will begin discussions with other stakeholders which include Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council on estate wide solutions such as street lighting, traffic and road safety and shared spaces. We need to do this as some of the land isn't in our control so we would need their full support for any changes/upgrades.
- 3.** We will be identifying opportunities to improve the open spaces that are currently on the estate.
- 4.** We will investigate the potential to remodel some Home Group properties to improve layouts and storage provision.
- 5.** We will be working with our architects to design a plan for a new build development on the cleared land at Kier Hardie Avenue. We hope to be able to present these proposals to you, to view and comment on, in early 2019, before we submit a planning application to the council.
- 6.** We will develop a plan that will outline our proposals for different areas across the estate in response to the feedback received from customers and home owners, we hope to present this to you in spring 2019.









## Cleator Moor website and information

Remember to log onto our dedicated website, which contains a frequently asked questions section and up to date information, as well as what we have delivered to date.

Log onto [www.homegroup.org.uk/cleatormoor](http://www.homegroup.org.uk/cleatormoor)

### Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything else that hasn't been covered in this letter, please get in touch with **Shelley Courty**, our dedicated Regeneration Officer on **0191 6079961** or email [shelley.courty@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:shelley.courty@homegroup.org.uk)