Hatton Village Edinburgh

Hatton Village is the right choice to create a new sustainable community within West Edinburgh that will form a new mobility hub on the A71 public transport/active travel route and is deliverable to meet City Plan 2030 needs for high quality new mixed-tenure homes

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Introduction

Hatton Village is being planned as an entirely new community which will offer much needed homes for Edinburgh in a sustainable location in close proximity to a range of first class public transport, active travel links and employment opportunities.

Edinburgh is a world-class capital city with a wealth of social and economic opportunities, providing a stunning cityscape set within a wider landscape rich in heritage and history. However, Edinburgh's success has resulted in conflict between growth and conservation, the future and the past.

There is significant forecast population growth over the next twenty years and current housing expansion involving extension of existing suburbs and villages is creating conflict with existing communities.

Hatton Village is the right choice for Edinburgh and West Edinburgh in particular as development pressure can be eased from existing communities whilst delivering homes here will help protect and enhance local services including public transport.

As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a need to create places that provide homes with space and local homeworking facilities, walkable amenities and high quality active travel links.

Hatton Village will provide approximately 1,200 homes (with scope for higher density subject to

design), supported by a village centre with bus/cycle hub, business/home-working hub, local retail, leisure and education/community facilities, set within high quality new public open space and landscaping. Hatton Village would be able to create its own identity in terms of place and character and will form an exemplar new 20 minute neighbourhood in line with Scottish Government aspirations.

The site is located on the A71 arterial route west of Edinburgh, between Ratho and Dalmahoy, and is in close proximity to Heriot-Watt University's Riccarton Campus, Edinburgh Park, South Gyle, Sighthill Retail/Industrial, RBS Headquarters and Edinburgh Airport. The A71 also provides a direct public transport link to the City Centre.

Inverdunning (Hatton Mains) Ltd are promoting this site with a full Environmental Impact Assessment having been prepared to set out the planning vision. This was included in representations to City of Edinburgh Council's Choices for City Plan 2030 consultation in 2020.

This brochure provides an overview update of the proposed new village which aligns with the Scottish Government's newly published Programme for Government by "ensuring that by 2040 we live in energy efficient, zero carbon housing with access to outdoor space, transport links, digital connectivity and community services".

Right Choice for Edinburgh



Edinburgh is a thriving, vibrant city but it is physically constrained. Whilst high density urban redevelopment can deliver new homes and communities, it cannot meet all the requirements that Edinburgh have to meet in terms of both numbers and choice.

Simply put, there are not enough available brownfield sites to deliver the number of homes required through emerging housing targets. City Plan 2030 proposes 100% brownfield development through use of compulsory purchase powers and mass redevelopment of employment land. This is not sustainable, socially or economically.

Greenfield sites will be required for new homes in Edinburgh. The question will be where.

Large scale housing development is underway in South-East and North-

West Edinburgh, with associated increased strain on local infrastructure. A reliance on this strategy will only place more pressure on these communities.

Hatton Village offers an opportunity for a new, stand-alone community but one which is highly accessible and part of West Edinburgh's future pattern of growth. It can bring significant economic, transport, affordable housing, greenspace and sustainability benefits to West Edinburgh and nearby disadvantaged communities such as Wester Hailes. It can take pressure off nearby existing communities and it is a deliverable site which can be started without significant infrastructure work.

Hatton Village can make an important contribution to helping Edinburgh meet its housing need and in creating a deliverable City Plan.

Right Choice for West Edinburgh

Environmental Ce

Diversity

5: New City Districts

This proposition suggests that a series of new city districts be formed as bold, affordable 'green' extensions of the City. These would be designed as low carbon 'new towns' from the outset, focused around sustainable local neighbourhoods with fast links into the City Centre and beyond.

The new districts are focused around existing green routes and corridors such as the Canal and linked to existing communities to the yest. They provide ready access to outdoors, walkability, healthy living and affordability.

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Potential Impact:

- Intensive, low carbon extension of the City and redefinition of the greenbelt.
 Delivery of new affordable, mixed tenure housing linked to
- existing neighbourhoods and communities.
- New development models and approach to infrastructure
- Enhanced active travel and transport opportunities.

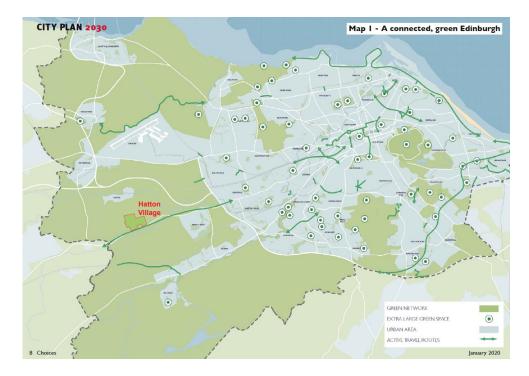
Notes:

- West Edinburgh to be defined as a strategic development area and nationally significant development under NPF4.
- Requires large-scale strategic masterplan for city extension which focuses on low carbon development.
- CPO required to deliver infrastructure which stimulates investment in key growth areas.
- Prioritise and deliver Public Transport Strategic Corridors routes 7-10 of the Mobility Plan.

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Hatton Village sits within West Edinburgh area of search for enabling growth, delivering new homes and providing new sustainable communities.

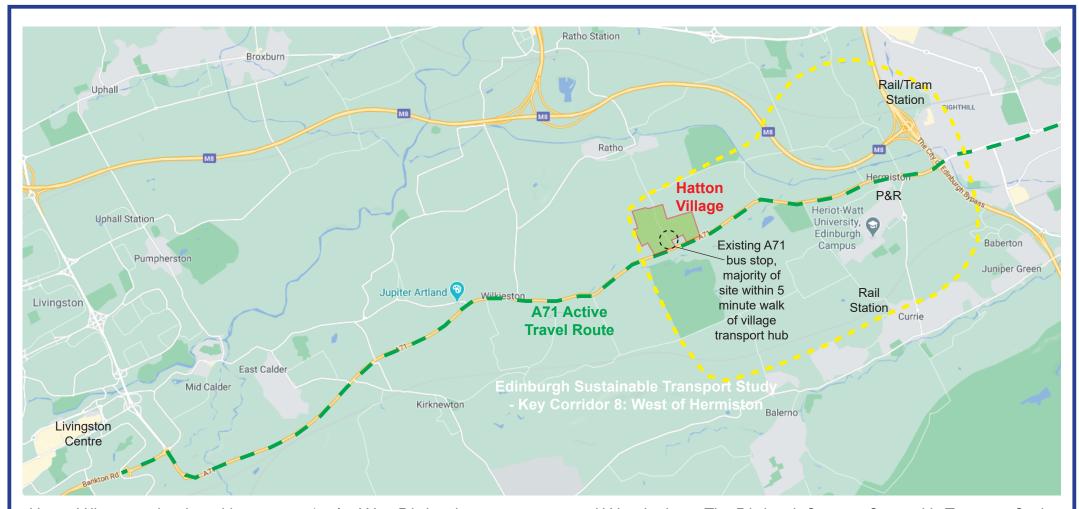
Phase I of the West Edinburgh Spatial Strategy for Inclusive Growth (City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Government, Scottish Futures Trust and Scottish Enterprise) was published in October 2020, outlining five broad options to stimulate inclusive growth. Option 5 (New City Districts) set out the potential for inclusive growth to be met via a series of **"bold, affordable, green extensions of the city"** to be designed as **"low carbon new towns"** with a focus on **"sustainable local neighbourhoods"** and **"fast links into the city centre and beyond"**. The Study outlined how these new communities would deliver mixed-tenure housing linked to public transport routes with redefinition of the greenbelt. The Proposed City Plan 2030 has focused on the Airport/Gogar area but growth requirements mean that additional areas will need to be assessed for new



housing and creating a new sustainable community in West Edinburgh on a key arterial public transport/active travel route is the right option.

Hatton Village can be a new community exemplar within a planned West Edinburgh growth framework, creating a mixed-tenure new village with local facilities and a new 20 minute neighbourhood in line with National Planning Framework 4, where people can live locally and have access to a homeworking hub and opportunities for everyday leisure, shopping, socialising and exercise plus nursery and primary level education. The proposed Hatton Village hub will be a maximum 5-7 minute walk for all new residents and provides an opportunity to create a highly sustainable, walkable local community for Edinburgh's future.

The Council has an opportunity to lead in developing new homes and new growth in a way that is sustainable and will assist neighbouring communities.



Hatton Village can plug the public transport 'gap' in West Edinburgh.

Discussions with bus operators have confirmed that rural West Edinburgh bus services are not sustainable. Increased population on the A71 route will create critical mass to support and enhance bus service between Livingston and West Edinburgh.

This route incorporates key developments and facilities including Calderwood, Jupiter Artland, Dalmahoy, Heriot-Watt University and Hermiston Park & Ride. The creation of a new sustainable community on this route can enable these key areas to be linked to both the City and West Lothian. The Edinburgh Strategic Sustainable Transport Study identified the A71 corridor for potential transit improvements with Bus Rapid Transit being seen as viable in the short term. These key areas can be linked by an express bus service between Livingston and Edinburgh.

City Plan 2030 identifies the A71 as an Active Travel Strategic Route ('ATSR12') from South Livingston to West Edinburgh. Hatton Village will contribute to this Sustrans strategic route as a 'cycle superhighway'. Active travel improvements both east-west and north-south are identified in the City Mobility Plan whilst the proximity of existing Union Canal National Cycle Route provides a valuable existing active route.

Key Opportunity I - Homeworking

Covid-19 has accelerated changes in how people work. Prior to the pandemic, homeworking was already becoming more prevalent with a 27% increase in this working practice over the last decade. In Edinburgh, 19% of the working age population worked/studied from home.As of late July 2020 50% of those in employment were working from home.

Major employers with office-based staff are not expecting to bring staff fully back into a Monday-Friday routine. Local authorities, insurance companies, banks and professional services are already planning rotational working with people working from home for the majority of the week. This trend will continue a shift to remote working aided by advances in IT and communications technology.

Few new housing developments are specifically designed for homeworking. Rather, existing spaces have been repurposed individually by residents to suit their work and lifestyle requirements.

Hatton Village will be Scotland's first planned Post Covid-19 Community.

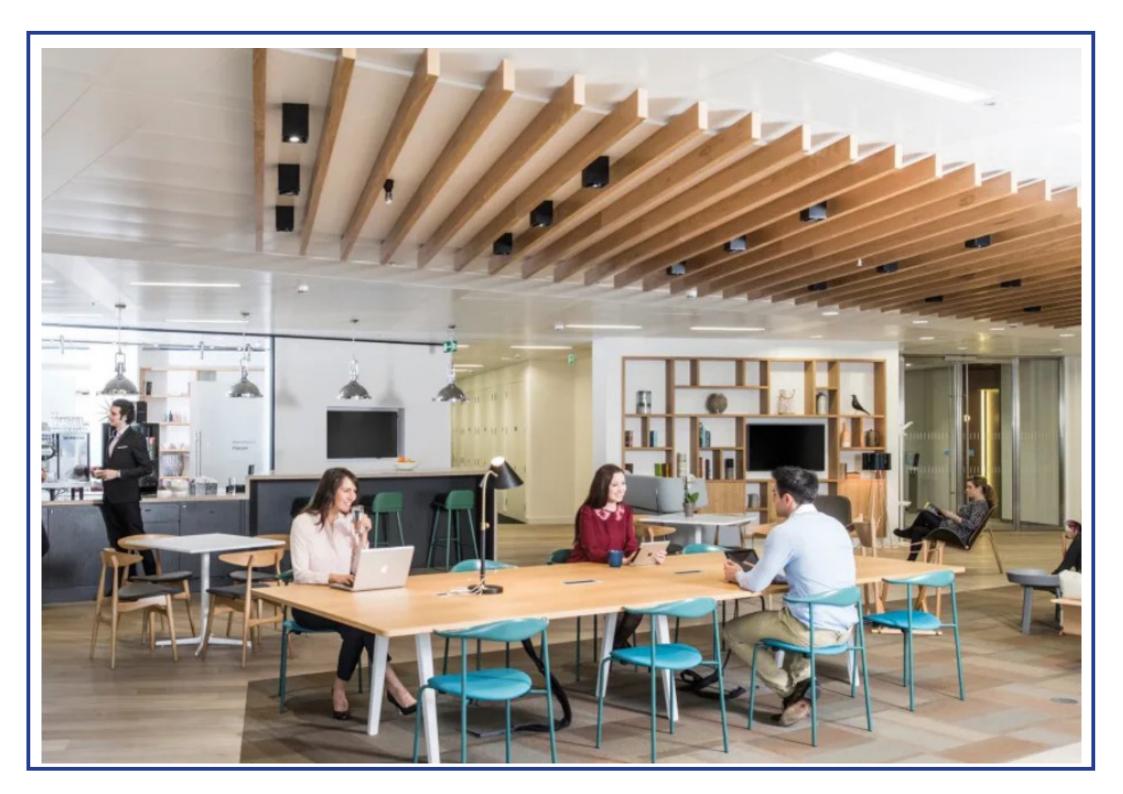
Homes will be planned with homeworking in mind. This means high-speed fibre broadband (rolling out existing provision along the A71 corridor) with homes designed with integral workspace. Hatton Village will have a homeworking hub which will provide supporting IT/printing, meeting and hot-desk space. This will allow village residents to break-out from homeworking environments and have a space to meet and connect. This creates a sustainable model for suburban living with low car use and helps sustain local services such as buses.

It is proposed that the homeworking hub will be created early in the development programme, providing a key resource for new residents. This will be funded through early development returns with scope to be run by a community enterprise or a commercial organisation (e.g. Regus) once occupancy is established.

Hatton Village will be a homeworking community but with excellent public transport and active travel links to West Edinburgh.

Hatton Village will help meet renewed demand for suburban living with access to green space and excellent amenities within the city boundary.

Data sourced from AECOM research, August 2020.



Key Opportunity 2 - Transport

As identified by Choices for City Plan 2030, West Edinburgh is of key importance in terms of transport infrastructure and economic growth. This differentiates West Edinburgh from other areas such as East and Midlothian, and South East Edinburgh.

Hatton Village is located within West Edinburgh, with Scotland's fourth commercial centre (outside Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen city centres) in close proximity.

Existing public transport and active travel routes will be enhanced and the proposals will help 'calm' and improve the car dominated A71 corridor.

Hatton Village will provide homes for key workers alongside a growing level of homeworkers. This combination will reduce car travel, especially at peak times.

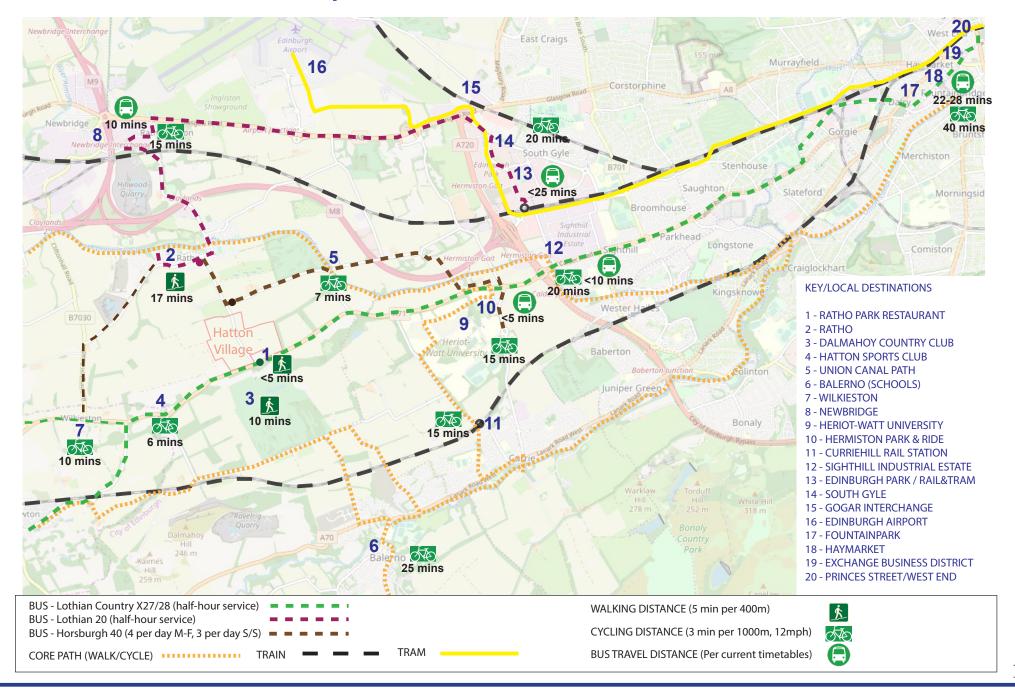
Public transport plans for Hatton Village have been identified within a full Transport Assessment. This includes utilising and enhancing the existing Lothian Country A71 express service between Livingston and Edinburgh (existing bus stops adjacent to the site, with scope for improvements and diversion into the village hub as well as increased frequency) and extending the Lothian service from Ratho into the village hub. The A71 is also an identified key active travel route with planned improvements as a cycle'superhighway' between Livingston and Edinburgh. An off-road route is retained along the front of Hatton Village, whilst cycling links to the Union Canal core path are in close proximity.

The plans on the following pages identifies key travel times for public transport and active travel from Hatton Village.

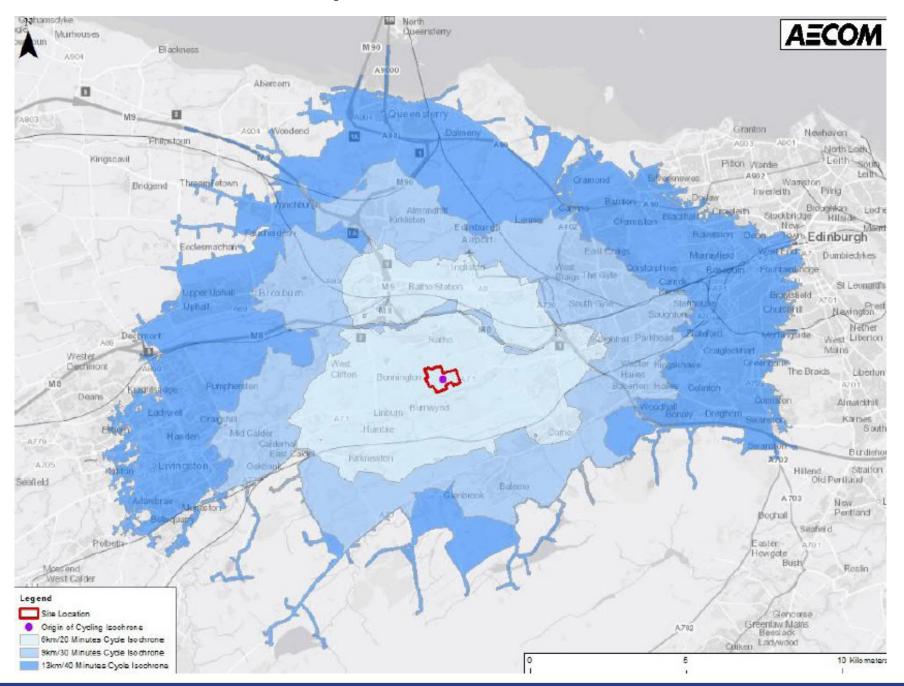
The transport strategy for Hatton Village will focus on public transport and active travel links, encouraging and promoting non-car use via introduction of a village hub (bus and cycle hub, changing facilities, local amenities plus EV charging points).

Added to homeworking, Hatton Village will be a sustainable community.

Public Transport & Active Travel Connections



Cycle Travel Times



Key Opportunity 3 - Greenspace for Active Living

Hatton Village will be a community that actively encourages healthy living.

A new Hatton Village Community Park is to be created which will serve not only new local residents but a wider area of West Edinburgh.

As illustrated on the following pages, new greenspace will comprise 40% of the overall Hatton Village site with a new 7.5 hectare Community Park. Including other linear parks, proposed greenspace will extend to almost 10 hectares, more than the entire Princes Street Gardens (8 hectares). The West and East sections of the new park will both be almost twice the size of Princes Street East Gardens.

The Community Park will provide a multi-functional space to include active space for sport/recreation, amenity space (wetland, paths and wildflower meadow) plus gathering spaces for culture and entertainment (linked to the village square). The plans also include allotments.

A new 3.5km circular walking and cycling route will be created around Hatton Village, linking to the A71 active travel route and paths to Tormain Hill and Ratho. This will create a community with ample opportunity for 'active living' around a range of spaces for leisure and health. Dalmahoy Country Club and Hatton Sports Club are also in close walking proximity, providing gym, tennis, golf and other leisure activities.

Allotments are planned for the north-east of the village with scope to introduce more if demand dictates.

Retained woodland boundaries will be added to through extensive new planting with 10,000 new trees across the proposed 5 hectare structural woodland areas.

Hatton Village can provide the benefits of local services and proximity to West Edinburgh services whilst also providing a countryside lifestyle.

This new community will supplement urban housing development by providing a greener, healthy living environment.

Hatton Village 40% Greenspace



Hatton Village Leisure





Key Opportunity 4 - Sustainability & Towards Zero Carbon

Hatton Village will be delivered at a time when climate change and sustainability is at the top of the political agenda.

The new community has been assessed by McAleese & Associates Environmental Consultants against key indices at global, international, UK, Scotland and Edinburgh levels:

- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Aalborg Sustainable Cities Platform
- UK A Green Future
- Scotland Scottish National Performance Framework
- Edinburgh Edinburgh Sustainable City 2020 and Global Cities Initiative

Hatton Village meets the vast majority of key goals with many environmental benefits including utilising existing landscape features, extensive new and varied greenspace, healthy living through active travel, sustainable public transport links to key centres in close proximity, social/economic benefits of local amenities and range of house types and tenures.

Energy provision through solar and ground source heating will be integral to development of detailed design for Hatton Village, in addition to 'fabric-first' energy efficiency design for new homes and EV charging with the village hub. The need to contribute to Edinburgh's zero carbon agenda is recognised and supported in line with the City of Edinburgh Council's 2019 Roadmap.

In terms of biodiversity, the conversion of farmland to housing is almost invariably a net gain for wildlife. Modern farming creates a hostile environment for wildlife. New housing with greenspace, woodland, sustainable water management and private gardens can provide improved biodiversity and ecological benefits. The Wildlife Trust support this view:

"Nature-rich housing developments, designed with environmental sensitivity and green infrastructure at their heart, can provide people with easy access to nature where they live and work and deliver multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. Time spent in nature is good for you, there are many studies that show the links between access to nature and better health. Research also shows that urban living with little or no contact with nature can increase physical and mental health problems. Nature too is suffering; urban development is a significant factor in the continuing loss of wildlife and wild spaces. The Wildlife Trusts believe that nature should be integrated into development, so that people have nature on their doorstep and building for people helps to build nature back up again."

The range and variety of greenspace planned for Hatton Village will make it better for people, better for wildlife and better for the environment.



Key Opportunity 5 - Adjacent Communities

Hatton Village can provide benefits to local communities.

Wester Hailes

The scale of development at Hatton Village will provide construction opportunities over the anticipated 8-9 year build programme. Wester Hailes is just over 5km east of the proposed site and there is scope for secured apprenticeships and an adapted Edinburgh Guarantee scheme, which is seen as a model for adoption in Scotland. This can be delivered through both private and social housing providers. Local community representatives are being consulted on potential benefits.

Lanark Road Corridor

Hatton Village eases development pressure on the A70 Lanark Road corridor, principally being Balerno and Currie. Housing target pressure will inevitably lead to further planning appeals on this corridor and it is considered that Hatton Village can provide a far more beneficial alternative for West Edinburgh.

Ratho

Hatton Village will complement Ratho through provision of improved public transport (extending

Lothian bus service southwards and increasing frequency and linkage to A71 corridor), local facilities and shifting development pressure from Ratho to the planned new community. Local community representatives have been consulted in recent years with further consultation planned.

Heriot Watt University

The close proximity of Hatton Village to Heriot-Watt University provides benefits in terms of housing options for academics and students. The University Research Park is the largest science park in Edinburgh and provision of high quality homes (market and affordable) within short cycling or bus distance will support the Heriot-Watt community.

Edinburgh Park, IBG and RBS HQ

Hatton Village is within easy reach of Scotland's fourth commercial centre, creating an opportunity for a genuinely sustainable development that enables people to not only work from home but also brings people closer to the existing employment hubs as well.



Key Opportunity 6 - Affordable & Self Build

Hatton Village will incorporate **35% affordable housing**, in line with aspirations set out in Choices for City Plan 2030.

Based on the current masterplan, this will provide **420 new affordable homes** for Edinburgh at a time of critical need and demand.

Inverdunning (Hatton Mains) Ltd have selected **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** (part of Wheatley Group) as their affordable housing delivery partner.

Wheatley Group is Scotland's leading housing, care and property management group, operating in 19 local authority areas, owning or managing over 81,000 homes and providing services to over 200,000 people.

Dunedin Canmore own and manage significant affordable housing stock within Edinburgh and is a key delivery partner of the City of Edinburgh Council in the provision of new supply affordable housing, contributing to the Council's commitment to deliver 20,000 new affordable homes between 2017-2027.

Dunedin Canmore have discussed the proposal with the Council's Housing Investment Team noting their interest to include proposals within a future Strategic Housing Investment Plan with a range of affordable tenures proposed including social rent and mid-market rent.

In addition to the delivery of over 400 high-quality affordable homes within Hatton Village, further community benefits would be secured for the area through Wheatley Group's building contract framework which would include:

- 10 Apprenticeship / Pre-Apprenticeship opportunities for local young people.
- 30 jobs / training / graduate opportunities, working closely with local organisations to recruit local people.
- £35k to support local community activities specifically within Wester Hailes.

In addition to affordable housing tenures, Hatton Village will provide **self-build/custom-build** opportunities by way of serviced plots in support of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and the need for local authorities to prepare and maintain lists of people wishing to build their own homes (and emerging guidance which is expected to expand upon requirements). The number of plots will be defined via demand assessment during the planning process.

Better homes, better lives

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Key Opportunity 7 - Community Infrastructure

Hatton Village is within the catchment of Dean Park Primary and Balerno High School.

The new community will be phased over 8-9 years based on the proposed minimum total of 1,200 homes with a 264 new primary (ND) pupils, 41 new primary (RC) pupils, 169 new secondary (ND) pupils and 30 new secondary (RC) pupils.

An assessment has been undertaken as part of the representation to Choices for City Plan 2030 which confirms that capacity exists at Dean Park and Balerno (both with planned extensions) until Year 5 of development (c.500 homes). RC schools are both forecast to be over-capacity within the next 3-6 years but the proposal makes minimal difference and the distance of both schools from the site is considered to make these options unlikely for families in any case, as supported by Council officials in early discussions.

Medium term options for primary level include a new school at Hatton Village (site reserved in masterplan), a combined catchment with Ratho or extension of other schools.

At secondary level, City of Edinburgh Council have stated plans for either further extension or a replacement Balerno High to accommodate existing housing growth and Hatton Village could contribute towards this.

In terms of healthcare, Hatton Village can link to either Ratho Medical Practice or Pentlands Medical Practice in Currie in the short term.

Medium term opportunities exist for creation of new healthcare facilities within Hatton Village.

HattonVillage will include a mobility hub at its centre, linked to the new public park and homeworking hub. Linked by an express public transport route and active travel route between Livingston and West Edinburgh, this hub will provide a local centre with workspace, local facilities, cycle facility hub, EV charging and bus connection.

The aspiration is for Hatton Village to be an exemplar of a walkable, 20 minute neighbourhood.



Key Opportunity Summary

I. Hatton Village will be Scotland's first new community planned to reflect new working patterns and housing needs as accelerated by Covid-19. With a **mobility and homeworking hub**, village centre and housing that meets needs through offering the best of both worlds in terms of homes close to the city but with access to attractive green space and countryside, the Hatton Village community will provide a highly attractive living and working environment.

2. Hatton Village will provide **high quality public transport and active travel options** that will help improve public transport on to create Bus Rapid Transit option on the A71 corridor, connect key developments along this route and help deliver the proposed active travel route.

3. Hatton Village can ease development pressures and protect neighbouring communities by creating a genuinely sustainable community placing homes in easy reach of the jobs and economic hubs around Edinburgh Park, the Royal Bank of Scotland HQ and the International Business Gateway in a way that avoids more sensitive and more congested sites. Homes will be in the right place compared to exporting Edinburgh's housing needs to neighbouring council areas.

4. Hatton Village will provide extensive new greenspace including a **major new Community Park**, becoming West Edinburgh's most sustainable new community with walking and cycling routes,

food growing space and leisure opportunities.

5. Hatton Village will also make a **significant contribution to Edinburgh's Zero Carbon objectives** by delivering energy efficient homes, harnessing both renewable energy and fabric first approaches with extensive new woodland planting and biodiversity and ecological benefits through creation of a range of green spaces.

6. Hatton Village will provide clear benefits to local communities with jobs/training opportunities and funding for local initiatives directed to Wester Hailes, new homes supporting the growth of Heriot-Watt University and associated science research park, new transport and amenities supporting Ratho whilst development pressure is diverted from Balerno/Currie and Ratho village.

7. Hatton Village will deliver **35% Affordable Housing** to help the council meet its ambitious targets to meet Edinburgh's housing needs with Dunedin Canmore selected as delivery partner for over 400 new affordable homes. Opportunities for self-build will also be made available in support of emerging policy.

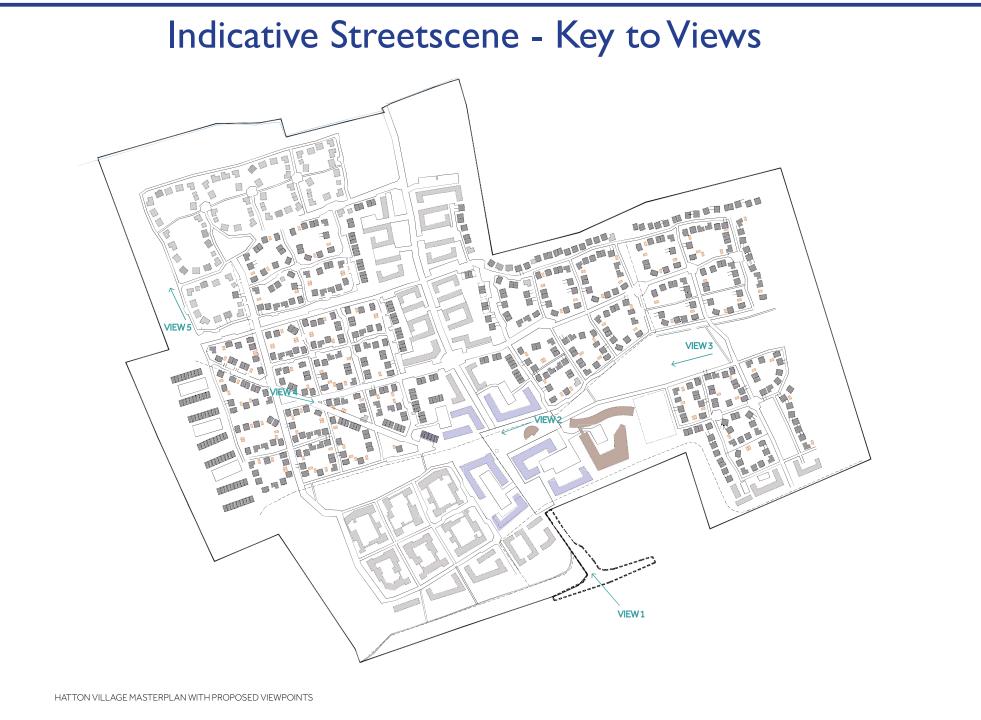
8. Hatton Village can be **delivered with existing community infrastructure** and provide further school and healthcare capacity as demand requires. As with planned development at West Edinburgh, a Mobility Hub will be created as a community focus.

Design Concept



Hatton Village Design Framework







VIEWPOINT 1: FROM THE DALMAHOY GATES LOOKING NORTH



VIEWPOINT 2: VIEW FROM THE HUB. HIGH DENSITY



VIEWPOINT 3: LINEAR PARK LOOKING WEST TOWARDS THE HUB. MEDIUM DENSITY



VIEWPOINT 4: NEIGHBOURHOOD GREEN SPACE ', LOOKING TOWARDS THE HUB. MEDIUM DENSITY



VIEWPOINT 5, VIEW ON WESTERN BOUNDARY LOOKING NORTH WEST. LOW DENSITY

Hatton Village Key Assessments

Key Documents for Representation to Choices for City Plan 2030 and submitted to City of Edinburgh Council in March 2020. Copies of the following documents are available to view at: https://www.hattonvillage.com/key-documents-l Representation to Choices for City Plan 2030 Planning Policy Overview **Community Engagement Statement Education Impact Statement** Design Statement & Indicative Masterplan Environmental Impact Assessment Volume 1 - Non Technical Summary Environmental Impact Assessment Volume 2 - Main Report Environmental Impact Assessment Volume 3 - Technical Appendices; including: Cultural Heritage Assessment (Geophysical Survey also undertaken) Phase | Ecology Appraisal & Invasive Weeds Survey Tree Survey

Phase I Geo-environmental Assessment (excluding appendices)

Contaminated Land Assessment

Drainage & Engineering Assessment

Flood Risk Assessment

Air Quality Impact Assessment

Noise Impact Assessment

Transport Assessment

Landscape Visual Impact Assessment Part I

Landscape Visual Impact Assessment Part 2

Key Documents for Representation to Proposed City Plan 2030 and submitted to City of Edinburgh Council in December 2021.

Objection to specific Proposed City Plan policies proposals - document addresses changes sought

Transport Technical Note

Hatton Village Brochure

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Key Progress

Consultation with the local community and City of Edinburgh Council officers was initiated in 2016 and was followed by further engagement during 2018-19.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was completed in Spring 2020 to support a representation to Choices for City Plan 2030 based upon an indicative masterplan, including a range of supporting assessments covering planning policy, transport, education impact, community engagement, landscape, design, trees, ecology, heritage, archaeology, noise, air quality, flood risk, drainage strategy, ground conditions and site engineering.

The Design Framework has been progressed during 2020 and 2021 with regular updates to the local community and local councillors.

Further community and key stakeholder engagement is planned in early 2023 following publication of the Proposed City Plan 2030.

