Phase 1 Main Works
Start On Site

Building works for the first 53 new homes at Fraser Avenue started on site on Monday 8 May 2017. Completion of the new homes will be phased with the last estimated completion date during December 2018.

We will work closely with returning tenants and the local community throughout the construction period to keep them updated on progress.

If you have any questions regarding the new housing development please contact Kingdom Housing Association using the contact details provided in this newsletter.

Local Contractor On-Board

Following a competitive tender process, Dunfermline based Campion Homes has been appointed as the Design and Build Contractor for the Fraser Avenue Regeneration project.

The family owned house builder was established in 1989 and has over the years developed a strong reputation for excellence in providing affordable homes.

Dougie Herd, Campion’s Construction Director, said; “Campion Homes is delighted to be appointed as the partnering contractor for the regeneration of Fraser Avenue. We look forward to working with Kingdom Housing Association and the community to provide much needed affordable homes along with employment and training opportunities throughout the duration of the contract”.

To find out more about Campion Homes visit www.campionhomes.com

Change to Bus Routes

As part of the building works we need to close off part of Fraser Avenue to ensure public safety. This will mean that current bus routes will be diverted from 7 June 2017 until completion of the phase 1 building contract. For further information on the temporary bus routes, please visit www.kingdomhousing.org.uk
Scott Bennett Associates (SBA) has been appointed as the civil and structural engineer for the new housing. Since forming in 1978, SBA has gained a vast experience in the design of civil and structural engineering works on a wide range of projects.

Craig Stevenson, Director, SBA said: “We are particularly proud to have a long standing relationship with Kingdom Housing Association, spanning around 25 years, and over this time assisting them in delivering affordable housing throughout Fife”.

To find out more about SBA visit www.sbascotland.com

M B Langmuir & Hay was founded in 1947 and will act as Kingdom’s Employers Agent. Langmuir and Hay have extensive experience in the affordable housing sector and have worked with Kingdom on a number of exciting and challenging projects including the regeneration of the Kincardine High Flats.

To find out more about Langmuir & Hay visit www.langmuirandhay.co.uk

7N Architects are an Edinburgh based Design studio, with vast experience in regeneration projects. Their core values are community lead design and aim to incorporate people’s lives with their built environment. 7N have extensive experience of working directly with communities and local action groups and believe in putting interaction with local communities at the forefront of the approach to evolving design concepts.

Robin Livingstone, Principal Designer, 7N said: “Over recent years 7N Architects have developed the new masterplan for the redevelopment of Fraser Avenue in Inverkeithing, working in close collaboration with Kingdom Housing Association and Fife Council. The designs have developed as a result of extensive dialogue with existing residents and the local community. The proposals seek to transform the area, creating an integrated and cohesive new place that is woven into the existing fabric of the wider town”.

To find out more about 7N visit www.7narchitects.com

New Shops Update

Designs for the proposed new shops are being developed in consultation with the existing shop owners and Fife Council. A consultation event will be held during summer 2017 to seek comments and views from the community before a formal planning application is made.

It is hoped that planning will be secured to enable the construction of the shops to be carried out at the same time as the construction of the first phase of new housing. We will provide you with details on the consultation event in due course.
New Home and New Beginning

Local resident of Fraser Avenue, Elaine Tate is looking forward to getting back to a “normal life” when she, her husband Andy and daughter Sarah move in to their new fully accessible wheelchair bungalow next year.

Elaine and her family moved into their top floor flat at Fraser Avenue in 1985. In that time Elaine has worked with Fife & Tayside Employment Services as an Access to Work Advisor trying to help disabled clients back into employment or training. Later in her career Elaine was a proof reader for the Royal Blind Scottish Braille Press, a job which was close to her heart as her daughter Sarah is partially sighted. Sarah is a volunteer at the Inverkeithing Community Garden.

Due to medical conditions, Elaine has now been housebound for nearly 8 months as she is unable to manage the stairs to her flat. Elaine’s husband Andy, who is her full time carer said: “After the move I hope to be able to return to work and enjoy the peace and quiet of our new home and garden”.

Andy previously worked on the Forth Bridge as part of the security team.

Elaine is looking forward to being more independent in her own home by being able to move around in her wheelchair in a more spacious environment. She also hopes to get back into training or volunteering once they are settled in their new home. Sarah said the new home will make a massive difference to her and her vision difficulties as the wider doors and bigger space will help her navigate around the house much more easily.

We look forward to seeing pictures of the Tate family and their lovely new garden next year.

Memories of the Area

Inverkeithing Arts Initiative

Inverkeithing Arts have been running a variety of projects in the area, which aim to record some of the memories, stories and images of the area before it all changes.

The Memory Group have been meeting weekly at Maker, our base at 2a High Street Inverkeithing, and have developed a collection of artworks, based on conversations with each other and personal reflection. The group have created individual portraits of life on Fraser Avenue, using a variety of techniques including collage, bookmaking and drawing. The group are now developing a joint project which will soon be publicly exhibited in Inverkeithing (venue and time TBA).

Pupils at Inverkeithing Primary School have also been involved in thinking about the changes taking place on Fraser Avenue. The P4s took part in a photography project, observing the street and taking photographs. One class went for a walk on the street in October 2016, while demolition was in preparation; the other P4 class went out in March 2017, after the first stage of demolition had been completed, and observed a very different landscape! Back in the classrooms the pupils used prints of their photographs to make collages, which will be turned into new art work and used in a future school display.

We organised taster sessions during the recent Fun Day at Inverkeithing Primary School, giving families the opportunity to try some creative activities, led by local artists and crafters. Local crafters ‘Rustic Simplicity’ offered the chance to build wooden bird boxes, Cathy Reilly was on hand to help visitors decoupage a frame or a jar, and local artist Rosie Gibson was encouraging visitors to make both 2D and 3D art from their memories.

Inverkeithing Arts Initiative have also been out taking a series of photographs of the street as it changes. The collection of photos is available to view on the Fraser Avenue Regeneration page of the Kingdom Housing Association website www.kingdomhousing.org.uk/fraser-avenue.
Construction Academy

Kingdom Housing Association and Campion Homes are planning to hold a Construction Academy on 19 June 2017. Successful candidates will be offered 2 weeks accredited construction training, such as CSCS, Asbestos Awareness and Manual Handling, followed by a 2-4 week work placement with Campion Homes on one of their Fife based sites.

If you would like to take part or find out further information please contact Kingdom’s Fife Works team on 01592 862304.

Tenant Choice

We will be writing to the tenants who are moving into Phase 1 with information on their choice of fixtures and fittings for their new home. Tenants will be given the chance to choose their preferred external doors, kitchen cupboards, worktops and internal wall colours.

Want to Get More Involved?

We want you to be involved in future newsletters and the redevelopment process. If there are particular areas you want covered in future newsletters, or if you would like to be involved in any focus / discussion groups associated with the redevelopment, please let us know.

Keeping You Informed

The Kingdom Website - www.kingdomhousing.org.uk/fraser-avenue

The Fraser Avenue Regeneration Facebook page - www.facebook.com/FraserAve

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We want your views

Please find enclosed a feedback form on the Fraser Avenue Street renaming consultation.