

Proposed housing for Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie, Wellington

Engagement summary

June 2021

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is tasked with responding to housing needs and providing homes for all New Zealanders, across Aotearoa. To help meet the high demand for housing in Wellington, Kāinga Ora is proposing to redevelop and build 80 new homes to replace the 20 existing state homes at 619-631 Evans Bay Parade Kilbirnie, Wellington.

In July 2020, we shared the proposal with stakeholders and the community to gain feedback ahead of applying for resource consent.

Engagement objectives

- Inform people about our plans to redevelop 619-631 Evans Bay Parade
- Gain feedback on key aspects of our proposed design and ideas for bringing people together

What we did

- Sent around 240 flyers to neighbours and local stakeholders in the month of July 2020 and March 2021
- Door knocked on 13 neighbouring properties to share of proposed plans ahead of lodging resource consent and answer and specific questions
- Briefed Wellington City Council elected members including Mayor and Fleur Fitsimmons 16 June.
- Held three community drop in sessions on the 23 July 2020 (estimated 8 people attended) 30 July 2020 (estimated 20 people attended including Wellington Mayor Andy Foster) and final session on 25 March 2021 (estimated 12 people). These were also promoted on social media to increase our reach for this engagement.
- At the 23 July and 30 July sessions we had a feedback form which asked attendees:
 - What aspects of the proposal do you like
 - What aspects do you think we can improve on
 - Shared space to be used by tenants
 - Green space to be used by tenants
 - Bringing people together and connecting
- Collected and analysed all of the feedback received
- Shared information and plans online at www.kaingaora.govt.nz/evansbayparade



What we heard

In addition to comments received at the drop-in sessions, we received seven pieces of feedback via email, written submissions and phone calls. While the response numbers were low we consider this reflects a low level of concern regarding the proposal.

The main feedback themes were:

Question	Response
What aspects of the proposal do you like and why	Every response was positive and covered key comments such as <i>"nice to be involved"</i> <i>"The amount of housing available, if you can go for more, go for it."</i>
What aspects do you think we can improve on	Every response in this category was positive key comments included <i>"whole of life cycle features in terms of eco sustainable building material, construction"</i> <i>"Build more state housing for people who need it"</i> <i>"Ones with a medical condition where everything is handy for those to walk too. Should be able to stay"</i>
Shared space to be used by residents	All the responses were positive. Some of the response noted: <i>I would definitely support this. Green prescription activities would be great e.g. low impact Zumba etc scrabble.</i> <i>I totally believe in shared spaces and communal connection spaces. Would like to see I used for tenants to learn about how to live sustainable (grown veges) how to support one another holistically "whare tapa wha"</i>
Shared green space used by residents	All the response were positive. They include comments such as: <i>Low cost super greens, veges that are not difficult to care for an prepare.</i> <i>How to raise your own crops veges. Area to learn how to make rongona area to put down a hangj/umu.</i>
Bringing people together	All of the response were positive for this question, they included <i>" Community presentations on different subjects e.g. pacific health"</i> <i>" Regular know your neighbours events"</i>
Any other feedback	Those that provided other feedback, included comments such as: <i>"Very professional and well informed team at the community drop in session."</i>

	<i>“Given the wind and climate of wellington perhaps the options for green houses to grow vegetables. “</i>
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Housing shortage

People acknowledged that more housing is needed and that this development would provide much needed homes for whānau in Wellington.

Further changes

Considering the positive feedback received and the high demand in Wellington for more warm, dry and modern homes, the original proposed design was reassessed with an increase in homes planned to be built from 60 to 80, in two, four and five storey buildings.

This new design was shared with the community at a drop-in session at the Kilbirnie Library on the 25 March 2021, ahead of applying for resource consent. The feedback on the proposal including parking allocation for the development and shading impacts on neighbouring properties.

Next steps

We plan to apply for resource consent mid-2021, with construction planned to start in 2022, and completion in 2023.

Contact and email updates

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