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### **BAILLIESTON COMMUNITY HUB – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (September 2024)**

#### **SUMMARY REPORT**

##### **Introduction**

Baillieston is a suburban area with a mix of demographics, including young families, working-age individuals, and older adults. It has historically faced challenges with limited local amenities, leading many residents to travel to neighbouring areas for services.

The proposed new Community Hub in Baillieston is one of the largest infrastructure projects to impact on the east of the city in recent years and highlights the city's ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. It will ensure that the expansion in residential development within the Broomhouse, Baillieston and Carmyle Community Growth Area (CGA) is complemented by investment in modern, accessible facilities that will encourage residents and visitors alike to experience life-affirming activities in a family-friendly environment.

Located within an enhanced James Lindsay Park, the new build Hub will contain a new library (relocated from Main Street, Baillieston), gym, dance studios and community spaces. The aim of the Hub is for it to become a focal point where people can meet, participate, learn, relax, all made possible by the construction of light and airy, modern facilities, and the delivery of a programme of cultural, educational, health and well-being activities throughout the year. The development of the Hub aligns with Glasgow City Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27, particularly the priorities of promoting wellbeing, reducing inequality, and building stronger communities.

##### **Overview on Progress**

In February 2023 the City Council approved the allocation of £14.68 million in support of the delivery of the new Community Hub, with an additional £1 million available to support investment priorities identified within the CGA. Since that time, Glasgow Life has adopted the lead role in managing design development of the project, including public communications. By August 2023 Glasgow Life had finalised and issued a revised strategic design brief which aligned with the approved capital budget announced in February 2023.

Design proposals at RIBA Stage 2 were the subject of a public consultation exercise during December 2023 and January 2024. Subsequent design development, culminating in the current RIBA Stage 3 design proposal has been the subject of the most recent public engagement exercise conducted in September 2024.

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### Public Engagement - Methodology

The Stage 3 design proposal represents a key milestone in the project's evolution, providing an opportunity to re-engage with the local community ahead of a planning application, and subject to approval, progression into detailed design development. Glasgow Life facilitated a public consultation in September 2024, inviting community feedback on the latest proposals and informing the outline timeline for the project's development up to and including public opening.

Presentation material including plans and images of the proposed Hub were on display at Baillieston Library (141 Main Street, Baillieston) from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September to the end of the month. This ensured that anyone who was unable to attend the staffed consultation sessions (see dates below), could still see the plans and offer comment online or via customer comment cards. Members of the public were able to provide feedback / comment in a variety of ways:

1. Using comment cards available at Baillieston Library
2. In person at three sessions staffed by Glasgow Life representatives:
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (10am-5pm)
  - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (2pm-8pm)
  - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 (10am-5pm)
3. Online via the Glasgow Life website

Glasgow Life used a variety of publicity methods to promote the engagement exercise, including:

1. Briefing notes issued to representative organisations eg Area Partnership, Community Councils.
2. Posters displayed in Baillieston Library, Easterhouse Cultural Campus and distributed to local businesses/supermarkets.
3. Digital posters shared with:
  - Brighter Baillieston
  - Baillieston Noticeboard – social media page
  - Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Baillieston Area)

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- Primary & Secondary schools
  - Thriving Places Easterhouse
  - Baillieston Community Council
4. Information included in the Elected Members Brief on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
  5. Glasgow Sport and Glasgow Club digital channels.
  6. Glasgow Life Libraries Facebook and Twitter feeds on 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
  7. Glasgow Club Facebook post received good engagement - direct shares from Baillieston Community Council and Garrowhill Community Council, and the Baillieston Noticeboard
  8. Geo targeted display adverts in Glasgow Times and Glasgow Live online 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Please note that the RIBA Stage 3 design proposal presentation can still be viewed online via the Glasgow Life website:

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/venues/baillieston-library>. If there are any questions or comments on the development, we will be happy to provide further information.

### **Public Engagement - Feedback**

During the Baillieston Hub engagement sessions, Glasgow Life staff were on hand to explain the proposed build, content, layout and timelines for the new community hub at James Lindsay Memorial Park. Whilst there was a range of views, many residents expressed both enthusiasm and concerns about the project, reflecting a balanced mix of optimism and apprehension.

Of those that highlighted concerns:

- Several residents voiced concerns about the impact that the Hub could have in terms of increased traffic volume / congestion, parking challenges, and the limited public transport options for people with mobility issues.
- Others expressed frustration at the length of time the project had taken to reach this stage, with some scepticism about whether it would happen at all.

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- Some local people queried a perceived lack of provision for young people and older adults in the plans, feeling the hub might not cater to these groups as much as they would like. *(In response, staff assured residents that if a need for such activities was identified through continued consultation with the local community and partners, Glasgow Life would explore how to support this, and highlighted how the hub's multi-purpose space could be used for activities tailored to different age groups, depending on demand).*

Many residents also spoke extremely positively about what the hub would bring to Baillieston, particularly in terms of local amenities. Comments reflected excitement about having a gym nearby, which would save time and effort by reducing the need to travel to other centres like Tollcross or Easterhouse. The hub's design and services were largely seen as assets that would enhance the area. Some of the comments received included:

- "Really excited about it, going to have a gym on my doorstep. Can't wait."
- "Won't need to travel to Tollcross or Easterhouse now for the gym."
- "Looks great, can't wait for the work to start."
- "I'll still use the library, but it would be nice if it had a café for a cup of tea afterwards."
- "Glad the library isn't closing, it's just moving."
- "I won't use it, but my two sons will—it means they won't need to travel to Tollcross."
- "There isn't much in it for me as I go to another gym, but it does look good."
- "It will be better than what's there now as the ground is just used for dog walking, and it's just a muddy marsh."

The table overleaf contains comments received from members of the public, either in person, or submitted online, or using the on-site comment cards:

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Glasgow Life Response</b>
<b>Transport Impacts</b>	<p>I live in the Lowlands estate which has over 300 houses and the entrance road at the old houses on Bredisholm Road needs widened and traffic lights need installed between Bredisholm Road and Morrisons as it is a bottleneck just now and will only get worse when the hub opens.</p>	<p>The planning application for the new Hub will be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement which includes an assessment of the capacity of the existing road network to accommodate additional traffic demand associated with attendance at the Hub. There is no indication to date that the construction of the community hub in James Lindsay Park will need to be accompanied by amendments to the width of roads to the south and west of the park, but residents will have the opportunity to make representation on this matter as part of the forthcoming planning application.</p>
	<p>In general, I am not happy with the community hub being built in one of the last green spaces in Baillieston. I am not at all happy with the parking location as people just won't go all the way down Edinburgh Rd, round the roundabout and back. They will park in Ellismuir Rd, Bredisholm Rd and this probably means mounting kerbs as they are basically a one-way system, it already happens because of the Braveheart gym, causes chaos at the junction of Ravenswood and Bredisholm. Parking should be built alongside the park on Ravenswood Rd.</p>	<p>It is proposed that the loss of greenspace to accommodate the footprint of the new Hub development will be replaced by the adoption and re-designation (as a park) of the vacant land to the east of the north-south tree line.</p> <p>The proposed vehicular entrance for the new Hub facility has been identified during consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council's transport planning team. This takes account of the existing road layout and current highway design regulations. There will be off-street parking for cars, motor bikes, bicycles etc in accordance with the requirements set out in the City Development Plan, the scale and appropriateness of which will be assessed as part of the forthcoming planning application. Unauthorised parking in neighbouring streets will be subject to existing traffic regulations and enforcement measures.</p>
	<p>Traffic will be a nightmare getting in and out on such a busy road.</p>	<p>The proposed vehicular entrance for the new Hub facility has been identified during consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council's transport planning team. This takes account of the existing road layout and current highway design regulations.</p>
	<p>Not enough car parking spaces</p>	<p>The proposed Community Hub will include provision of off-street parking for cars, motor bikes, bicycles etc in accordance with the requirements set out in the City Development Plan. The scale and appropriateness of this provision will be assessed as part of the forthcoming planning application.</p>
	<p>Hope there's a new road layout getting added. Too much congestion as it is</p>	<p>Based on consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council's Transport Planning Team there is no indication date that the construction of the community hub in James Lindsay Park will need to be accompanied by amendments to the surrounding road layout. Any residents concerned about existing levels of traffic congestion on the roads surrounding the park and its impact on public safety and/or amenity, should contact their local councillor(s) who will be able to highlight these concerns with relevant officials.</p>

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	<p>Ground on Caledonia Road would make an excellent location for a car park serving the train station and relieve traffic congestion. Understanding is Council asking too much for ground, therefore railway not interested</p>	<p>Parking provision for the Baillieston railway station is a separate matter and does not form part of the community hub development at James Lindsay Park.</p>
	<p>Land is up for sale - has been for a while. Probably be more flats to max return on it. Every spare bit of ground gets houses thrown up. Our streets weren't built for this amount of traffic. It's like playing a game of chicken most of the time trying to get out on to any the main roads, more so during school hours with parents dropping kids off. We all walked to school so why can't today's kids. It's probably because they've cut back on lollipop people.</p>	<p>The provision of accessible pedestrian and cycling links into and through the park will ensure that there are more off-road options available to people going about their daily business.</p> <p>If there is already a serious concern for pedestrian safety on any roads within the vicinity of a local Primary / Secondary School, your local councillor(s) will be able to signpost this matter to the City Council's transport planning team to request the installation of safe pedestrian crossing points and/or speed control infrastructure.</p>
	<p>Would expect it to be free parking. No-one is going to go all the way up to the round about which can be a nightmare in rush hour they'll park on side streets and shops to avoid it. I think it's a bad idea to use the dual carriageway to enter the site. Time will tell if the thing ever gets built</p>	<p>Parking at the Hub will be free of charge.</p> <p>The proposed entrance / exit point for the new Hub facility has been identified during consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council's transport planning team. This takes account of the existing road layout and current highway design regulations.</p> <p>Unauthorised parking in neighbouring streets will be subject to existing traffic regulations and enforcement measures.</p>
	<p>I have major concern with the width of Bredisholm Rd already being too narrow for volume of traffic. This will get worse when the hub is here. Unless; - the road is widened with pavement on either side. – the public pedestrian entrance is safe and away from Rd. – Pavement beside pedestrian entrances is supported by a metal fence to prevent cars bumping the curb – I will formally submit an opposition to the planning application otherwise.</p>	<p>The planning application for the new Hub will be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement which includes an assessment of the ability of the existing road network to accommodate additional traffic demand associated with attendance at the Hub. There is no indication that the construction of the community hub in James Lindsay Park will need to be accompanied by amendments to the width of roads to the south and west of the park. Residents concerned about existing levels of traffic on the roads surrounding the park and its impact on public safety and/or amenity should contact their local councillor(s) who will be able to highlight these concerns with relevant officials on your behalf.</p> <p>It is proposed that pedestrian access to the Hub from the north, west and south of the park will be improved as part of efforts to encourage sustainable forms of travel. The design of park entrance points will prioritise pedestrian safety.</p>

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	<p>Baillieston Hub – I have real concern about the increase in traffic in the area and the access point into the hub. Baillieston lights is already a busy dangerous junction. Baillieston Main Street is congested with limited parking. The hub is welcomed but not to the detriment of the local community. Also, who will be responsible for ongoing upkeep of the facility. Glasgow Life are closing current facilities.</p>	<p>The planning application for the new Hub will be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement which includes an assessment of the ability of the existing road network to accommodate additional traffic demand associated with attendance at the Hub.</p> <p>The proposed vehicular entrance off the Edinburgh – Glasgow Road has been identified during consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council’s transport planning team and takes account of the existing road layout and current highway design regulations.</p> <p>The Community Hub will be managed and maintained by Glasgow Life under a lease arrangement with Glasgow City Council.</p>
<p><b>Access</b></p>	<p>No-one is going to go up to the roundabout and through all these lights of course they are going to park in the surrounding area before we know it, it will be limited time parking in local shops to try stop people parking locally.</p>	<p>The proposed vehicular entrance off Edinburgh – Glasgow Road has been identified during consultation with Transport Scotland and the City Council’s transport planning team. This takes account of the existing road layout and current highway design regulations. Unauthorised parking in neighbouring streets will be subject to existing traffic regulations and enforcement measures.</p>
	<p>Better transport facilities to get to hub and extension of No2 bus with First Bus would be good.</p>	<p>We are acutely aware of the need for the new Hub to be accessible as possible, particularly for those without access to a car. Whilst Glasgow Life does not have direct responsibility for the provision of bus services to and from Baillieston, Glasgow Life will liaise with the City Council and bus service partners to determine what bus services, routes and frequencies are planned for 2026 when the Hub is due for completion.</p> <p>When travelling from areas to the west of James Lindsay Park, the existing bus stop at Martin Crescent – 38A, 38B, 38E, 222, 310 and N2 – is likely to remain the closest stop to the Hub given that the next stop further east along the Edinburgh – Glasgow Road (Service No 222 only) is no nearer to the Hub and would require the construction of a new footpath and pedestrian crossing point to bring people back and across the dual carriageway.</p>
	<p>Routes for active travel – walking, cycling, connection of communities to the hub. Safe and well-lit etc. Like the idea of connecting the park to the hub in the longer term. Outdoor spaces etc. This is a very positive development much needed by a community that I feel is often forgotten about.</p>	<p>Glasgow’s Active Travel Strategy 2022-2031 confirms the city’s commitment to the promotion of active travel as part of a wider aspiration for a carbon neutral future. The provision of a city-wide network of car-free cycle lanes forms a key part of this ambitious plan, including adaptations planned along Main Street, Baillieston and Edinburgh-Glasgow Road. Glasgow Life will also liaise with the City Council’s transportation team to determine how best to provide safe access into James Lindsay Park from the surrounding streets.</p>
	<p>Hire bikes should be provided and the city infrastructure plan needs considered.</p>	<p>See above.</p>

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<p><b>Hub Design &amp; Contents</b></p>	<p>This is very different to what was first proposed. No clip and climb.</p>	<p>A public consultation exercise conducted in November 2021 outlined proposals for a 4430m2 sized hub which incorporated a family offer in the form of a soft play and clip and climb facility. By the spring of 2022 however, following a review of both the capital cost and the Community Growth Area budget projection, it was clear that a series of shocks to the European economy was having a major impact on prices for goods, services, energy, transport and construction. The 4430m2 sized building was no longer affordable. A review of content prioritised the retention of those elements central to the concept of the Community Hub (library, health and fitness, multi-purpose hall) but necessitated the removal of the soft play / clip + climb, as well as a staffed café for which there was no longer a business case following the removal of the parent / child focussed activity areas.</p>
	<p>The plans don't make sense the main one shows a single storey building yet further on it shows a 2-storey building also it doesn't show how cars are going to get in and out</p>	<p>All plans and imagery indicate a 2-storey building. The proposed vehicular access point is off Edinburgh Road, to the north and east of the Hub building.</p>
	<p>Having spoken to Nicola it allayed my fear of an elitist hub. This is a great project, which takes account all residents and their needs.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
	<p>We already have a library don't see why we are using space for a new one. Previous plans showed a soft play, football pitch etc which was be great for kids especially since covid as a lot of things never reopened.</p>	<p>The city's Corporate Asset Management Plan encourages all Service Departments to identify opportunities for the rationalisation of the operational estate, including the closure of ageing assets that are costly to maintain, so long as the services upon which local people rely can be re-provided elsewhere at locations that better serve residents and communities. The re-location of library services into a modern, purpose-built facility in James Lindsay Park will support a wider range of services than is currently possible and ensure the continuation of library services in Baillieston for many years to come.</p> <p>By the spring of 2022 it became increasingly clear that the cost of the original scheme was no longer affordable, and a review of content would be required to match the projected budget. This exercise prioritised the retention of relocated library services, health and fitness provision, and a multi-purpose space capable of hosting a range of community bookable and programmed activities.</p> <p>In approving the allocation of £14.68 million in February 2023 in support of the development and delivery of the Baillieston Community Hub (plus a further £1 million available for investment on area priorities), the City Council also confirmed that the provision of a full-size synthetic pitch was not considered to be a good use of CGA funds given the absence of demonstrable need, the excessive cost of construction, and the impact that a 7000m2 sized pitch would have on accessible greenspace.</p>

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	<p>I'm very happy with plans to provide a gym for the area. Something that is seriously lacking. Although looking at the plans, the gym looks quite small considering the amount of people that will use it.</p>	<p>The scale and quality of the health and fitness offer at Baillieston Hub is ambitious. It will mirror that of other successful Glasgow Club gyms in the city and help to encourage and support the adoption of healthy lifestyles.</p>
	<p>Delighted city is expanding its library service, leading us on to a literate world. Having all the extra community bits added on is good too. Could they not entice a small cinema chain to add a few screens?</p>	<p>Flexible bookable rooms and a multi-purpose hall on the ground floor of the hub will be capable of hosting small scale music or film events, should there be a demand for such activity.</p>
	<p>Would it be possible to build a sports hall for handball/futsal? (court size is 40m x 20m plus run off's). There is a lack of such facilities in the West of Scotland.</p>	<p>An assessment of supply and demand for sports halls conducted in 2021 concluded that there was plenty of capacity within existing venues (eg Tollcross Leisure Centre, Bannerman High, Eastbank Secondary) to accommodate additional public demand. As such, the high capital cost and space requirement associated with the construction of a sports hall as part of the Community Hub was deemed not to represent best use of limited capital and revenue resources.</p>
	<p>Disappointing the football pitch has been removed from plans and timescales have been far too lengthy on delivering this build. On the plus side delighted the gym is still in picture, please no more cuts to the provision of service, communities of Baillieston deserve quality of provision</p>	<p>Noted. The omission of the full-size synthetic pitch was due to a range of factors including the lack of evidence of an excess of demand within the wider area, the excessive cost of construction at James Lindsay Park and the adverse impact that a 7000m2 sized pitch would have on accessible open space.</p>
	<p>Think this needs a rethink. There is nothing on offer for kids to do here, or really adults for that matter. There won't be anything to do at night once library closes unless some group take over the use of a hall and charge higher prices for things. It would be better with full sized court for indoor sports and maybe a clip n climb or climbing wall. Will it be run at Glasgow Life prices with gym classes bookable through the app?</p>	<p>The need for a review of Hub content meant that the earlier aspiration to include a soft play and clip + climb facility had to be removed. The current proposal prioritises the retention of those elements considered to be essential components of a Community Hub - library services, health and fitness provision, café and multi-purpose spaces capable of hosting a range of community bookable and programmed activities.</p> <p>The proposed hours of operation (including library) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Fri 06.00 – 22.00; Sat 08.00 – 18.00; Sun 08.00 – 20.00</li> </ul> <p>Pricing for all activities at the Hub – including Glasgow Club - will reflect Glasgow Life's approved city-wide pricing policy in place at the time of opening.</p>
	<p>Fantastic to see investment in the Baillieston area. I can only laugh at all the shortsighted cretinous comments I see on this site.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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The library is an old building needing loads of repairs and the service is moving to a new building.	Noted.
It would be great if it had swimming pool	It is considered that the provision of a swimming pool does not represent best use of available capital and revenue budgets given (a) the available capacity at Tollcross and Easterhouse Swimming Pools, (b) the significant loss of greenspace associated with the addition of a 25m long pool, and (c) the high levels of public subsidy required to sustain pool operation.
Will be another 10 years before it opens	The hub is currently programmed to open in 2027.
Prefer the libraries out of these hubs, I like an old-fashioned library which is comfy and comforting not something with hard flooring n metal shelves. Libraries are places of sanctuary to relax and contemplate in a soothing environment and shouldn't be in sports centres, but then again that's only my opinion.	The relocation of library services into a bright, modern, purpose-built facility in James Lindsay Park will not only support a wider range of services than is currently possible at the existing library on Main Street, but it will also future proof the provision of library services in Baillieston for many years to come.
Do they still have the outdoor area and the art and craft room along with the gym hall?	The aspiration is for the park to support a variety of outdoor activities, including, but not limited to, a children's play area, multi-purpose games court, outdoor fitness pods, footpaths, benching and additional landscaping.  Arts and crafts activity can take place in one or more of the multi-purpose rooms on the ground floor of the Hub. An extensive gym with state-of-the-art fitness equipment together with a series of dance, spin and relaxation studios are proposed on the upper floor.
New hub looks great with lots of space for community however it is missing a café area.	Provision has been made for a café on the ground floor of the hub. It is designed in such a way that it can function in the short term as a 'vending style' operation, but with the ability to expand the offer to a staffed operation subject to demand and the identification of a sustainable operational model.
Need more space for teens to get together to keep them off the street.	As part of the ongoing development of the Hub project Glasgow Life's sport and community outreach teams will seek to engage with local clubs, youth providers and representative forums with a view to identifying a range of activities that will prove attractive to a range of age groups, including teenagers. This will inform a year-round activity programme designed to stimulate participation.
Swap gym & library about, crazy having a gym up from a library. Café required.	The proposed ground floor / upper floor arrangement will ensure that all the activities which are likely to attract the very young or older age groups (library, children's play, birthday

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	parties, music or literary events, café), or those with a mobility impairment, are most readily accessible to all on the ground floor.
Will there be a football pitch? Was that not part of the original plan.	A full-size football pitch is no longer part of proposals. An outdoor multi-purpose games court is proposed which will support basketball, netball and 5-a-side football in a free-play format.
There should be high speed internet hub so that high quality livestreams can be received in the centre, or broadcast from it. This would enhance the venue as an event location.	Internet download connectivity and all other audio-visual specifications will be detailed as part of ongoing design development subject to the outcome of the planning application.
Would there be space for indoor 5-a-side to book since no longer are outdoor pitches.	The multi-purpose hall will not be designed or programmed for use as a bookable 5-a-side football area. An outdoor MUGA games court is proposed as part of the Baillieston Hub which will support netball, basketball and 5-a-side football in a free-play format, and a series of outdoor 5-a-side courts are now available to book at the Stepford Road football complex.
Would it be possible to build a sports hall for handball/futsal. Court size is 40m x 20m with run off areas on top of this. There is a lack of facilities in the west of Scotland to cater for this.	An assessment of supply and demand for sports halls conducted in 2021 showed that there is plenty of available capacity to cater for additional demand at existing facilities within the wider area (eg Tollcross Leisure Centre, Bannerman High, Eastbank Secondary). As such, the high capital cost and extensive space requirement associated with the construction of a 46m x 26m sports hall does not represent best use of limited finance.
Wonder if it will be an expensive gym?	Pricing for all activities at the Hub – including Glasgow Club - will reflect Glasgow Life's approved city-wide pricing policy in place at the time of opening.
What about sauna?	Sauna facilities are not part of development proposals.
It should have a swimming pool, indoor football and dispense with what looks like a pond and no car parking facility	A facilities planning exercise conducted in 2021 projected that neither Tollcross or Easterhouse pools would be operating at or near to capacity in 2029. The addition of another 25m pool at James Lindsay Park would demand the allocation of unsustainable levels of public subsidy, and result in extensive loss of public open space. The provision of a swimming pool is considered not to represent best use of available capital and revenue budgets.

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	<p>Things I think are wrong:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library downstairs with Gym upstairs</li> <li>- Computer rooms for teenagers (NO)</li> <li>- More parking...70 is not enough</li> <li>- Café</li> <li>- More things for kids (free of charge).</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed ground floor / upper floor arrangement will ensure that all the activities which are likely to attract the very young or older age groups (library, children’s play, birthday parties, music or literary events, café), or those with a mobility impairment, are most readily accessible to all on the ground floor.</p> <p>The Hub will include public access to computers within an open plan library setting.</p> <p>The proposed parking provision for cars, motor bikes, bicycles etc has been identified following a review of relevant City Development Plan policies. The appropriateness of the scale of this provision will be assessed as part of the forthcoming planning application.</p> <p>Provision is being made for a café near to the ground floor entrance of the hub. The space is being designed to function as a ‘vending style’ operation in the short term, but with the possibility of enlargement subject to demand and the identification of a sustainable operational model.</p> <p>The Hub be able to accommodate a range of activities for children through the provision of a children’s library, children’s play sessions in the multi-purpose hall, an outdoor play area, Multi-Purpose Games Court, and youth library, much of which will be free-to-use.</p>
<p><b>Park &amp; Greenspace</b></p>	<p>The outdoor play area is nowhere near big enough or substantial for the surrounding area. Other than the small park in Lidl there are no real play areas for children over the ages of 3. We need something that has slides and swings, similar in nature to the equipment at Glasgow Green. We do not want the same as what’s in Broomhouse Park where half of the equipment does not get used due to it not being obvious as to what the child is supposed to do with it.</p> <p>Approve of concept. Park area, possible inclusion of sensory garden / peace garden would be welcome.</p>	<p>Advice will be sought from GCC Parks on the most appropriate scale and type of play provision to avoid unnecessary duplication with existing play provision within adjacent areas.</p> <p>Glasgow Life welcomes the opportunity to enhance the wider open space as an attractive environment that is accessible to all, and designed in a manner that will encourage individuals and families to spend quality time enjoying the park as a space for relaxation, walking, exercise or play.</p> <p>Advice will be sought from GCC Parks on the scale and content of deliverable provisions within the wider park, subject to budget availability.</p>

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	Allotment garden, wildlife garden, community gatherings for loneliness & social interactions.	See above.
<b>Other</b>	I'll be collecting my pension before this happens	The pre-planning notification has already been lodged with GCC and we now await confirmation of the suite of documentation required to accompany the full planning application. The Hub is scheduled for public opening in 2027.
	Council denying money had been set aside for this but then admitted that they had spent it elsewhere and now some four years later we still have not laid a brick and is now scaled back	On 23rd Feb 2023 the City Council formally approved the allocation of £14.68 million of funding generated from the Broomhouse, Baillieston and CGA in support of the delivery of the Community Hub, with a further £1million earmarked for investment in CGA priorities.
	This is the 3rd time they have done this, and they have never applied for planning permission	The current project programme includes the following key milestones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-Planning Notification lodged October 2024</li> <li>- Site Start in Q4 2025</li> <li>- project completion in 2027.</li> </ul>
	Waste of money, better to spend the money on more schools	The City Council is committed to providing not only an adequate level of provision to cater for the educational needs of the CGA's school age children, but also the educational, cultural and health and fitness needs of the wider population.
	The Ever-Shrinking Community Hub! Where Has All the Money Gone? Now Aitken Says the Planning, Covid, Cost Rises all to blame! SNP, Council, Not a murmur!. Taking The Money, Living In Area, But Pushing FOR Nothing! Lowering The Area For All the Dodgy Dealings of Her Party as FM. If It Was A Hotel Or Student Flats it Would Have Been Built By Now And Aitken & Sturgeon Would Have Been There Cutting The RIBBAND	<p>The public consultation exercise conducted in November 2021 outlined proposals for a 4430m2 sized hub which incorporated a family offer in the form of a soft play and clip and climb facility. By the spring of 2022 however, it was clear that a series of shocks to the European economy was having a major impact on prices for goods, services, energy, transport and construction. The 4430m2 sized building was no longer affordable. A review of scheme content prioritised the retention of those elements central to the concept of the Community Hub (library, health and fitness, multi-purpose hall) but necessitated the removal of the soft play / clip + climb, as well as a staffed café for which there was no longer a business case following the removal of the parent / child focussed activity areas.</p> <p>Once sufficient funding had been receipted from the roll-out of new housing within the Community Growth Area, the City Council approved the allocation of £14.68million in support of the delivery of the Community Hub, with a further £1 million available to support area priorities for investment.</p>
	Needs to start soon to be finished for 2027. Bearing in mind whenever the planning permission gives the go ahead to start building. That needs to be this year.	The current project programme includes the following key milestones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-Planning Notification lodged October 2024</li> <li>- Site Start in Q4 2025</li> <li>- project completion in 2027.</li> </ul>

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	<p>The fact that this “hub” is still being discussed is a disgrace. This money would be better spent installing more bins, fixing roads and generally tidying up the area. I truly believe that this facility will be derelict within 5 years as there does not appear to be any great appetite for it. There are also concerns over increased parking on Bredisholm and Ravenswood Road along with congestion on the A8</p>	<p>The City Council is committed to the delivery of services to support the health, educational and cultural needs of the expanding population in the Broomhouse, Baillieston and Carmyle CGA.</p> <p>Once sufficient capital funding had been received from the roll-out of new housing, the City Council approved the allocation of £14.68million in support of the delivery of the Community Hub, with a further £1 million available to support area priorities for investment.</p>
	<p>I’ve been consulted 4 times on this over the last 4 years - what has happened to all the previous consultation? Is that all binned now?</p>	<p>The public consultation exercise conducted in November 2021 sought feedback from the local community on proposals for a 4430m2 sized hub. Although the content of the proposed Hub was broadly welcomed, by the spring of 2022 it became clear that a 4430m2 sized building was no longer affordable. It was necessary therefore to conduct a design review to bring the capital cost in line with projected budget.</p> <p>More recently there have been two further public engagement exercises, the first in Dec 2023 – Jan 2024 when the revised concept design for the Hub was aired, and secondly in Sept 2024 showing the outputs of further design development. The feedback received from both engagement exercises have been recorded, shared and circulated amongst local forums, and wherever practical to do so, this feedback is informing the further design development of the Hub and its surrounds.</p>

The next opportunity for public comment on the proposals for the new Community Hub will be as part of the forthcoming planning application, which was formally initiated with the submission to the City Council of the pre-planning notice in mid-October 2024.

Glasgow Life recognises that ongoing engagement with the local community - both through the development phase of the Community Hub and post-construction - will be crucial to its success. Glasgow Life’s Community Development Team will play a central role in maintaining dialogue with local groups and community structures through the following methods:

- Hosting quarterly engagement sessions to update the community on progress and address any new concerns.
- Conducting surveys and consultations to gather feedback on programming needs, particularly for young people and older adults.
- Collaborating with local organisations and stakeholders to ensure the hub’s activities are responsive to community needs.
- Work with Marketing and Communications team to provide clear updates through digital platforms, newsletters, and public meetings, ensuring transparency throughout the project’s development.

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