

5th June 2024 Workshop - Attendee Report

Introduction

This report summarises the feedback from attendees at the first Pride of Place: Living workshop of 2024. This, and previous workshops held in 2022 and 2023, have sought to obtain the ideas and views of people in the Leeds LGBTQ+ community on the development of a LGBTQ+ affirmative and multi-generational housing scheme in the City.

In June 2024 attendees had the opportunity to engage in two areas. One was to give feedback on a potential site in Leeds and the second was to explore key questions and themes relating to the creation of a successful LGBTQ+ affirmative and multi-generational housing scheme.

1. Site Architectural Drawings & Design Brief - Summary

In the 5th June workshop, feedback was collected to inform the design of our upcoming residential development. The insights gathered will help shape a community-focused, sustainable, and inclusive environment. Below is a summary of the key themes and considerations from the workshop:

Visitor & Disabled Parking:

Discussions focused on the importance of managing parking spaces effectively, with a preference for sustainable solutions and adequate disabled parking.

Common House Functions:

The common house is envisioned as a multi-functional space catering to a variety of community needs, including social, recreational, and work-related activities.

One Bed Apartments:

There is a desire for a mix of affordable one-bed flats and shared houses, with flexibility in layout and design to accommodate different living arrangements.

Guest / Emergency Accommodation:

The provision of guest and emergency accommodation was highlighted as desirable, balancing the needs of residents and visitors.

Shared Outdoor & Deck Space:

Outdoor spaces are expected to be versatile, offering areas for privacy, social interaction, and various activities, while incorporating green features and enhancing overall well-being.

Housing Mix:

A diverse range of housing options is preferred, with emphasis on adaptability and efficient use of space to meet the needs of multi-generational and mixed-tenure living.

Secure Bike Storage with Charging for E-Bikes & Mobility Scooters:

Secure and convenient storage and charging facilities for bicycles and mobility aids are essential for promoting sustainable transportation.

Car Parking Spaces & Community Car Share:

Reducing the emphasis on car parking in favour of shared resources and sustainable transport options was a key point of discussion.

Footpath Access & Main Entrance:

Ensuring secure and accessible entry points, while maintaining a sense of openness and community integration, was considered important.

M4 Homes for Residents with Disabilities:

There is a strong emphasis on providing a number of fully accessible homes to accommodate residents with disabilities and their carers.

Design Brief Requirements Feedback:

High eco-standards and sustainable design practices are crucial, with additional features such as communal spaces and green infrastructure being desirable.

Summary of Site Workshop Discussions:

The workshop highlighted the community's priorities for sustainable living, accessibility, and flexible communal spaces. We are committed to incorporating these themes into our design, ensuring that the development meets the diverse needs of future residents. While specific details are still being refined, the feedback will guide our efforts to create an inclusive and vibrant community.

2. LGBTQ+ Affirmative & Multi-Generational - Summary

Key Questions / Themes Explored

LGBTQ+ Affirmative :

- Do you make LGBTQ+ identities visible or invisible?
- Are LGBTQ+ identities expressed publicly or privately?
- Are LGBTQ+ identities affirmed more through the types of space and how they are used?
- Are LGBTQ+ identities affirmed more by who lives there? e.g. diverse genders and sexualities, multi-generational, racial and ethnic diversity, lower incomes etc.

Multi-generational:

- How do we make PoP Living feel communal?
 - Design- accessibility
 - Function- inclusivity & flexibility
- What do you think is a priority when creating a multigenerational housing scheme?
- What can we anticipate may cause issues with multigenerational living?

Potential residents group :

- Core group of people who are interested in living at Pride of Place Living
- Consultation & involvement with deciding key aspects of the scheme
- Receive training on key issues, priorities and awareness
- Further learning opportunities

Summary of Workshop Discussions:

We progressed conversations about what Pride of Place Living as an LGBTQ+ multi generational housing scheme might feel and look like. We have gained insight into a number of issues and further questions to be explored further through a 'residents group'.

There was continuity from the discussions at previous workshops in 2022 and 2023, however some new suggestions were made including:

- LGBTQ+ affirmative aesthetic/ design could be iterative and change over time to reflect progress with LGBTQ+ rights and how comfortable people feel, starting with more fundamental issues of mutual respect for one another. This also needs to be considered in the context in which PoP is built, thinking about how it

integrates and doesn't stand out (too much).

- PoP can be understood as 'Queer, and...', reflecting that it is LGBTQ+ affirmative but also supporting multiple identities, needs, and desires that inform how it feels and looks.
- Conversations need to continue with independent facilitation to help balance different views/ needs of the collective and individuals