

About the Project

Capital Region Housing (CRH), the largest provider of affordable housing in the Edmonton area, is redeveloping two aging affordable housing apartment complexes, Lendrum Manor and Lendrum Villa in the Lendrum Place neighbourhood in south Edmonton. These complexes were constructed in 1963-64 and have served the community of Lendrum for over 50 years. They are currently owned by Capital Region Housing and contain 48 fully occupied near market housing units.

Taking a fresh, new approach, CRH is working with partners to redevelop these affordable housing complexes to create a development that is embraced by the community and people will be proud to call home. Within the new development, and indistinguishable from each other, will be a mix of market, near market and community housing, ranging from one to four bedrooms units.

Public Engagement

To allow for community input into the design of the future housing development, a four-phase public engagement process was planned. The process involves four touch points with the community through four public meetings, each complemented by an online survey.

The engagement process began with an introductory open house on October 12, 2016 and will conclude with a final open house scheduled for Spring 2017.

Phase 1 was designed to introduce the project and process, gather general community input and identify opportunities and concerns. The event was held at the Lendrum Mennonite Brethren Church (11210 59 Avenue) from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. There was a total attendance of 67.

What We Heard in Phase 1

At the public meeting participants were encouraged to record comments on “sticky notes” and place them directly on a map of the project area. Formal input was also gathered via a Feedback Form that could be completed and submitted both in hard copy and online formats.

Of the input received during Phase 1, the comment received most often was a request to include a walking path through the development to connect the Lendrum neighbourhood to the South Campus/Fort Edmonton Park LRT station, located north of the redevelopment area.

Some respondents also voiced concerns about impacts to the Lendrum community with the proposed size and height of the development, suggesting the development will be too large and house too many people to mix well with the mature community.

The key concern identified is the general negative impact on traffic, specifically on 60 Avenue, the roadway adjacent to the development, as it is already congested both into and out of the neighbourhood. Also noted were the potential impacts on parking, and spaces for students at the community school.