

WOODEND HOUSE PLANNING UPDATE



In September 2019, a planning application was submitted by CALA Homes (West) and Acorn Developments to construct new high-quality homes at Woodend House, which has been identified by Renfrewshire Council as a site suitable for a new-build residential housing development.

ABOUT THE APPLICATION

CALA's application has been designed to meet the local housing need by delivering 57 sustainable homes, including 14 affordable homes, and transforming the site into a vibrant part of the Houston community. The proposals retain some of the existing scenic woodland while incorporating landscaped green space to enhance and improve the local biodiversity.

The beautifully designed four and five-bedroomed detached homes will cater for growing families and help sustain the local labour market by ensuring people can live near their place of employment. The two bedroomed cottage style apartments are likely to be social rented units and will create opportunities for first time buyers, downsizers or those with ground floor mobility needs. If approved, the plans will deliver much needed homes, aligning with the Proposed Local Development Plan and the national target of delivering 100,000 affordable homes by 2032.

CALA AND COMMUNITIES

CALA is proud of our previous success in Houston and relishes the opportunity to return and strengthen our partnerships. Over the last 18 months, we have worked with Abbey Nursery, during road safety charity Brake's national Road Safety Week, and contributed towards the refurbishment of the Helicopter Park by Houston Play Park Improvement Group. We look forward to working with local groups again as opportunities arise.

CALA is committed to supporting and enhancing the communities in which we seek to build, investing time to learn about positive community-led initiatives to get a better understanding of the landscape, and the things that matter most locally.

WELLBEING: GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT TO GREEN SPACE

Recent headlines suggest demand for homes with gardens is set to increase over the next few years, but at CALA we've long placed great importance on green space and civic amenities.

For us, good design doesn't stop at the doorstep. We are passionate about creating sustainable and inclusive communities. That means building developments which sit well within their surroundings - and doing our part to support positive lifestyles.

At Houston, the woodland will become actively managed and enhanced by new tree planting and incorporating areas of open space. This will improve the quality of habitats and the quality of life for all.

New footpath links will improve connectivity and promote walking and cycling opportunities. This will support healthy lifestyle choices and the aims of Connecting Houston, the active travel and placemaking plan that is being created by the village itself.

Our sense of community and the open space on our doorsteps are more important to us now than ever. Creating a strong sense of place is key to supporting wellbeing, with the developments we build today having a significant impact on our future happiness and health.



Last year, CALA Homes (West) teamed up with Houston Play Park Improvement Group to help plans for the creation of the 'Helicopter Park' in the village



Proposed site layout

KEY BENEFITS

With a strong track record locally, and following extensive consultation, we're confident that CALA's proposals will support the wider ambitions of the Houston community by:

- Delivering investment and job creation that supports the economic recovery from Covid-19
- Transforming the site into a vibrant asset for the local community, providing much-needed new homes and delivering much needed affordable housing on site
- Actively managing and enhancing existing green space
- Building a platform to strengthen our links with local groups and businesses
- Improving connectivity through the creation of new footpath links that will support walking and cycling.

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