

Leith Conference

Access to Buildings and Spaces Day 1

- Don't just need housing: it must have facilities & services / amenities for communities inc. green space /open space public space - GP's – Schools - Community Centres 12
- Lack of vision / masterplan / poor service from CEC as they focus on city centre / lack of colour / vibrancy, newbuilding's are identikit 6
- Housing – truly affordable / social, rent controls 4
- Vacant Spaces – disappearing 2
- Educating Developers
- Mixed developments – not just ghettos of students, not just ghettos of social housing – MIX IT including business space.
- Influencing Planning for the community's favour 1
- Live and Work in the same Place 1
- Marry the old & New
- Space for business to grow not start then move + smaller spaces for local business.
- Local Distinctiveness 'A Leith Less Ordinary'

Now

Planners – Scot gov / CEC

Campaign / Raise issues – Local community, Third Sector, NHS, Housing Associations, Police, Community Councils, Residents Associations, Social Services.

Soon

CEC departments & Community Councils to Continue and Strengthening Partnership Working

Need conversations with young people (Yes)

Edinburgh and Leith to engage more positively

Need to bring in Struggling Families and support organisations & individuals

Stop PFI

Well-resourced planning department and well educated (Yes)

Future

Integrated (free/low cost) public transport (Yes)

Affordable safe: giving ageing population care at home

Homes for people (not commodities)

Affordable activities (Free/low cost for certain activities, especially young people)

Properly funded Youth Work

More residents to have a say (Older Housing probably doesn't have resident's association)

If we did one thing..... More public toilets

If we did one thing..... Walking Maps for the community

If we did one thing..... We influence the Planning Policy of the council to get the best results for Leith.

If we did one thing..... Ensure Developments are in line with the needs + desires of the community + Not just the developers. Consider People before economy.