

The site is to be developed as student housing (?about 200 places)

Discussions have already taken place with CEC Planning and this use is acceptable as it would be difficult to convert to residential as much of the space would be needed for car parking so they could not develop all the land; no parking spaces are needed for students.

The C listed old part would be refurbished, keeping the current front wall. They will demolish the outbuildings and build continuous 3-4 storey residences on the whole perimeter of the 3 sides away from the old building(single aspect to the west as the CEC is not sure what they are doing with the Daroch School site). This will leave a bit of space(amenity) in the middle. The old church building may well be student amenity space. There was a suggestion of writing some community use into the plans.

There may still be an issue of the width of the entry(bin lorries etc.) but they have no plans to make another entrance.



The development will be considered local and not major so no consultation is necessary. However Montagu Evans are keen on consultation (no PAN necessary) and will arrange a meeting/exhibition, probably in mid-September, with a view to putting in a full planning application in late October. They will also consult with the Gilmore Residents. They would expect completion by the 2021 intake of students.

They have not yet got a student residence company in mind but would do by the planning stage.

I asked if they could facilitate getting residents parking permit spaces to replace the ambulance spaces at the front which they said they would try to do. They were keen to hear from us if *they could help us*.

I explained the community council's opposition to more student residences and our view that housing was what is desperately needed in central Edinburgh.