## Sinclair Watt Architects Ltd. INTRODUCTION PRESTONHILL QUARRY DEVELOPMENT This a public consultation event organised by DDR UK Ltd aiming to present the ideas and vision for the development of Prestonhill Quarry and receive feedback and comments from the community. The current proposal is to seek planning permission to build 135 private houses and 45 affordable houses in conjunction with a housing association and a limited number of holiday lodges. Community benefits are also proposed and are outlined on the concept plan. Key elements of the site:a) Site Aspect - The site affords a southerly aspect to the Firth of Forth and tremendous views over the Firth and to the Forth Bridges World Heritage Site and to Edinburgh. An industrial site lies immediately adjacent to the west of the site and the existing main route into the site. A landscaped zone is proposed in the layout to provide screening to the industrial buildings and enhance the approach into the site. a) Topography - There is extreme topography on site. The sites slopes very gently up from the sea, starting at an elevation of about 6m above Chart Datum. The main rock faces surrounding the inner quarry are near vertical, and up to 30m in height. NVERKEITHIN b) Flooded basin - This feature at the heart of the site has proven to be a danger to life with 4 fatalities being recorded in the last 40 years. It has been used as a dumping area but continues to be used by bathers. INVERKEITHING c) Rock faces - The rock faces that surround the quarry floor are near vertical and up to 30m in height and present a danger to the public using the site for recreational purposes. DALGETY BAY d) Public Rights of Way - The Fife Coastal Path route passes through the site along with the National Cycle Route 76 'Around the Forth'. There are also several identified Core Paths. Other informal routes are clearly visible throughout the site. e) Vehicular Access and Connectivity - Currently the only vehicular access to the main portion of the site is via Preston Crescent, to the west, along a rough surfaced track/path running west to east towards Dalgety Bay (providing the National Cycle Route and used as a section of the Fife Coastal Path). Historically this track formed the access to the quarry floor. Improved vehicular access to the site is proposed. PRESTONHILL - - Adopted Core Paths QUARRY Derelict Industrial Loading Platform \_ Industrial Heritage Feature St Margarets KEY Jature Reserve INDUSTRIAL RELIC STRUCTURES Queensferry View from Preston Hill highest point NOISE DISRUPTION World View from the quarry walls looking west Existing quarry walls View from the quarry walls looking east Current Coastal path View from the quarry walls looking south Original setting of Beamer Lighthouse









25% of the total number of the houses will be developed as affordable housing. A mix of 2,3 & 4 bedroom cottage flats, retirement bungalows, wheelchair accessible homes and family homes to meet the local housing need are proposed.





Affordable Houses







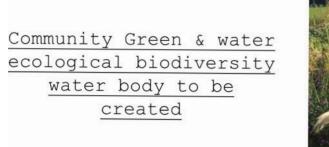


## High Quality Housing

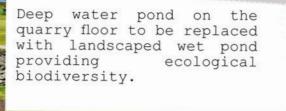
A mix of 2,3 & 4 bedroom flatted apartments and family houses are proposed to provide a variety of homes for single people, couples and families seeking an attractive place to live close to local amenities and within easy commute to Edinburgh.

The new housing will be designed to offer southerly orientation, views and private gardens.

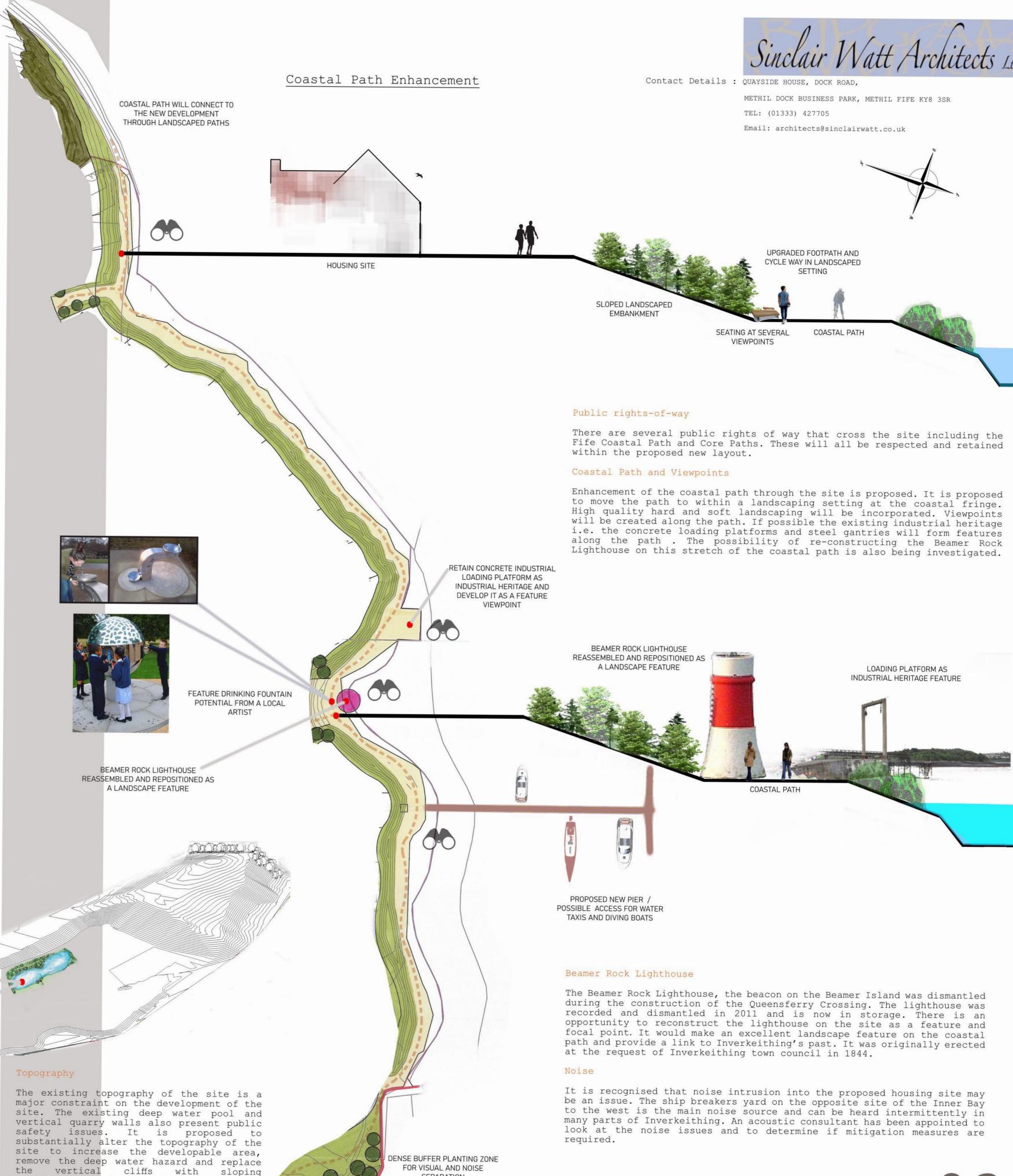












**SEPARATION** 

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details.