

Go Vocal summary feedback Tent Street E1

This summary captures the feedback from residents and stakeholders from early community conversations convened in January 2026 and forms the starting point for shaping future housing development proposals. Your feedback is invaluable, and there will be additional opportunities to share views.

Overview

Recent community conversation on the Tent Street site scenario received strong engagement from local residents and stakeholders. Feedback showed general support for the development, particularly where it promotes community connectivity, inclusivity, and flexible use of spaces. Key stakeholders included residents advocating for accessible housing, family-friendly spaces, and opportunities for community engagement. Concerns focused on consultation timing, housing maintenance, and affordability.

What Residents Welcomed

- Development of an abandoned site and re-use of underutilised space.
- Support for tall buildings if sensitively integrated into the townscape.
- Opportunities to link communities through pedestrian/cyclist connections.
- Flexible open spaces and playgrounds for children, exercise areas for all ages, and gardens/planting spaces.
- Housing mix that includes affordable homes, family-sized homes, and accessible/ground-floor accommodation.
- Potential for community uses in arches (e.g., bakeries) and other shared facilities.
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Key Questions and Concerns Raised

- **Post-occupancy maintenance:** Need for caretakers or engaged residents to manage communal areas.
- **Housing affordability:** Rents must remain accessible to low-income residents; support for families, singles, and couples.
- **Accessibility:** Ground-floor homes and wheelchair-accessible homes are essential.
- **Consultation process:** Timing, notice, and availability of materials should better accommodate working residents and families.
- **Design sensitivity:** Tall or futuristic buildings should fit with the townscape and not feel alienating.
- **Community integration:** Development should support surrounding schools and estates and encourage active community engagement.

Sentiment Summary

- **Positive:**
 - Strong support for development that is inclusive, connected, and uses vacant land effectively.
 - Encouragement for flexible open spaces, community gardens, and pedestrian/cycle connectivity.
 - Support for tall buildings and innovative designs if carefully integrated.
- **Neutral / Informational:**
 - Questions on ground-floor and wheelchair-accessible housing.
 - Interest in planting types, potential building uses, and neighbouring MAHP sites.
- **Concerns / Negative:**
 - Maintenance and upkeep of communal areas without caretakers.
 - Housing affordability and fair access for all household types.
 - Consultation timing and notice insufficient for some residents.
 - Tall buildings must not feel alienating or out of place in the local townscape.