

*Site plan showing proposed location of the Greenway Micro Community Hub*

# GREENWAY MICRO COMMUNITY HUB - PROJECT UPDATE

## Introduction

This report provides an update to the proposed development of the Greenway Microhub, which Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC) is seeking to develop at a site in Murrayburn, Wester Hailes.

## Background

In 2020, WHGC commissioned City of Play architects to work with local residents to prepare a master plan for the improvement of the greenspace and facilities around the Greenway between Murrayburn & Hailesland. The plan recognised the lack of play opportunities and community facilities in Dumbryden, Murrayburn and Hailesland, and recommended the development of an adventure playground and a new community centre.

In 2022-23 Wester Hailes Growing Communities commissioned Community Enterprise and Calum Duncan Architects to develop a business plan and design for a “Greenway Hub”, community centre which would be sited in a large slatted area to the North of the Greenway Garden. WHGC is in the process of buying the site from the Council through community asset transfer. We hope to finally own the site by Spring 2025.

*Concept designs of the original Greenway Neighbourhood Hub*



## Greenway Micro Hub

Unfortunately, in 2023-24, Scottish Government withdrew all of the large capital grants such as Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and the Place Based Investment Fund, which we would rely on to raise the £2-3 million which would be required to build the full size hub.

We decided to seek to develop a smaller hub on the site which had been set aside for a community workshop. In 2024, we raised the funds to commission a study for the 'micro hub' which would take the project to planning permission and building warrant.

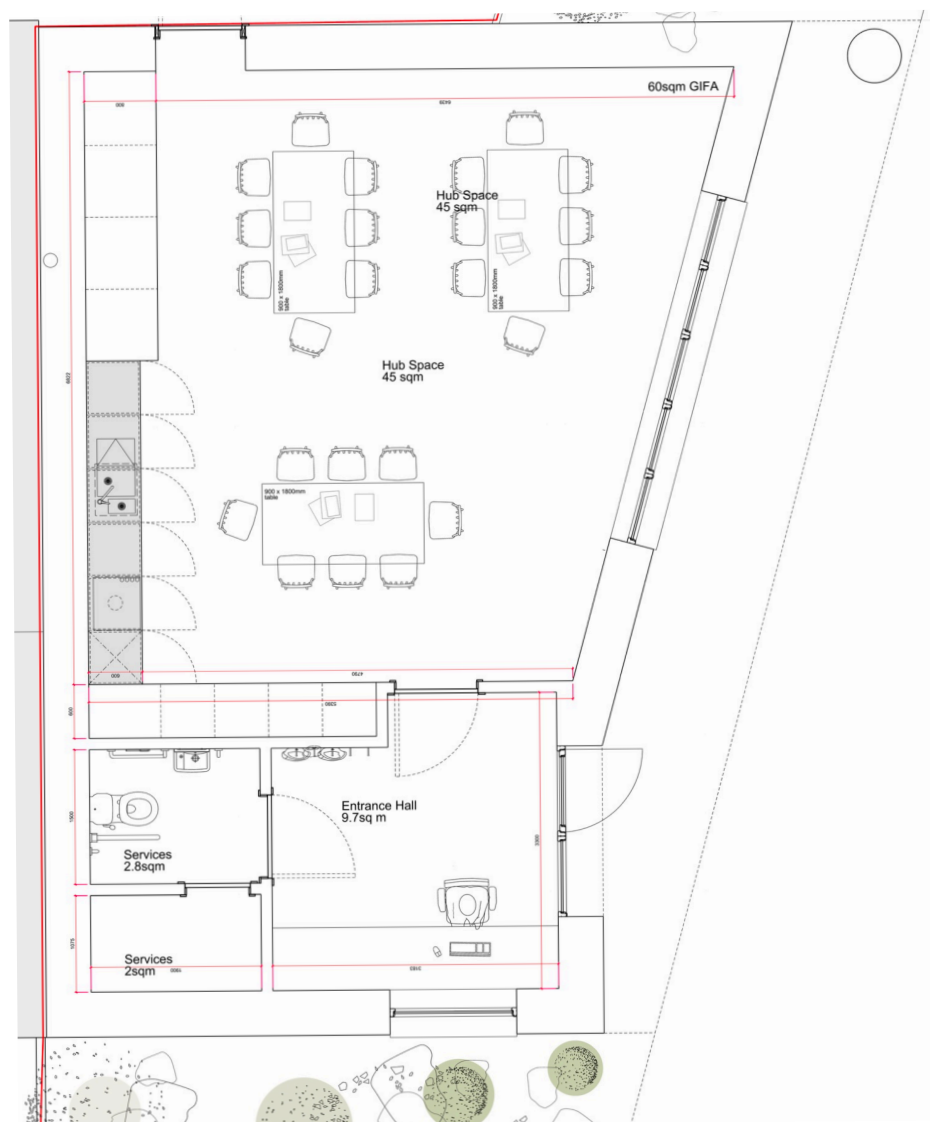
On the 25th September 2024, we held a meeting of residents at the Greenway Garden to discuss and develop a design for the proposed Greenway Micro Hub. Project architect Calum Duncan led an exercise to examine the purpose of the hub, and what features it should have.

The group wanted a multi-use activity space and an accessible toilet. The space would support activities at the Greenway Garden, but also enable WHGC and the local community to organise and deliver a wide range of activities which could not be delivered at the garden, particularly through the winter months, including arts and crafts activities, children's parties, community food activities etc.

The draft drawings for the micro hub are presented below. We hope to submit a planning application in early spring.

If you would like to get involved in discussions about the Greenway Hub please get in contact with :-

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*Proposed internal layout of the  
Greenway Micro Hub*