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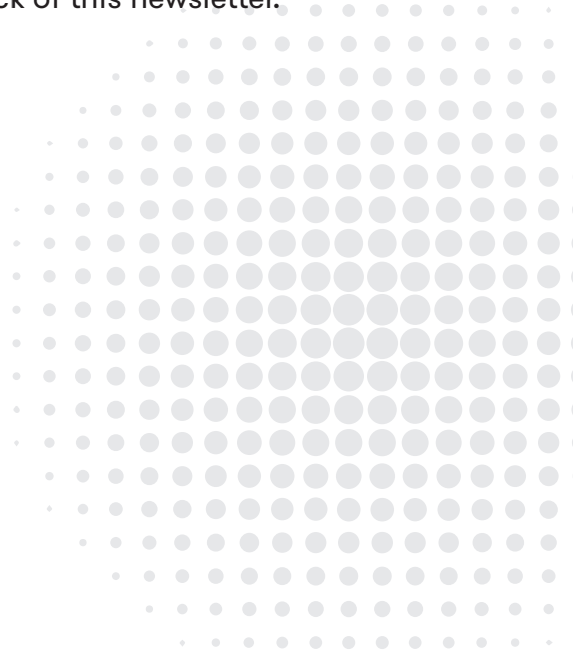
Welcome!

Welcome to issue 4 of Our Inclusive Community Project Bulletin, formally known as the Bertha Park Bulletin. This newsletter brings the latest updates on our plans to relocate from our Upper Springland site to a new, purpose-built site at the heart of the developing Bertha Park community, in Perth.

We've been full steam ahead in 2023 on the new project, with lots of exciting developments that we will be sharing throughout this issue, These are:

- Co-Production Update
- MOBIE Design Challenge
- The Design Brief & Statement
- Working with the Care Inspectorate
- Our New Microsite

As ever, if you have any questions or comments on Our Inclusive Community Project, get in touch with Capability Scotland - our details are on the back of this newsletter.



Co-Production Update

When we embarked on Our Inclusive Community Project, we developed a busy schedule of co-production activities which is already well underway. So far, we have made sure there have been lots of opportunities to submit your feedback on this work (and there are many more to come!) - we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed already.

Since November 2022, we have been busy meeting with you, issuing surveys and asking for your feedback. Across all of these activities, we have covered an array of topics: bathrooms, laundries, kitchens, therapies, and day opportunities. The level of detail provided has been so insightful - your knowledge and experiences have given Our Inclusive Community Project architects lots to think about. The information that has been collectively

shared will truly help influence the service design of comfortable homes for customers, an efficient workplace for staff and most importantly a thriving community for all to enjoy.

We have a packed year ahead in 2023. Over the next few months, we need to continue gathering lots of information and think hard about what life could be like in our new surroundings. Specifically, we will be focusing on: transport, communal areas, external grounds and staff working practices. Assistive technology is an exciting area - modern tools which could help support daily life in our homes and centres. How we present plans about potential assistive technologies is yet to be decided... perhaps demonstrations within your services? Let us know what you think!

**Get in touch with our Co-Production Leader, Jen,
and share your views.**

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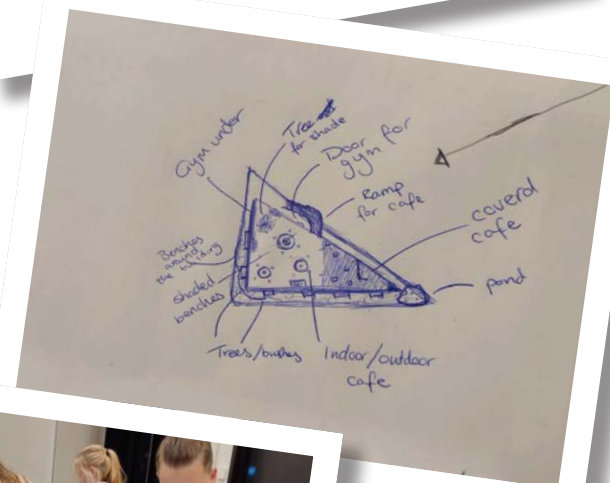


MOBIE Design Challenge Update

Our Inclusive Community Project Design Challenge was featured in Education Scotland's January Newsletter, "Scotland Learns", which has led to interest from schools across Scotland. Meanwhile, pupils from Bertha Park High School are working away on the challenge and have asked if they can explore the potential for a small triangular piece of land that sits between our proposed site and the school. The developers, Springfield Properties, are happy for the pupils to do this – watch this space for what they come up with!

Both Springfield Properties and Sigma Capital (who have developed privately rented properties at Bertha Park) have agreed to sponsor prizes for the Design Challenge. It could be money towards technology or lots of Lego.

We have extended the Design Challenge until the end of April, with awards announced in May and a prize-giving event on June 30th with George Clarke in attendance.



The Design Statement & Brief: What's the Difference?

The basis of any successful project is a clear, well-informed “Brief”. This should capture not only what the development must contain, such as the spaces and functions (a “Design Brief”) but what it must support people to do (a “Design Statement”). However, both processes are interconnected and should also build on previous consultation work and guidance produced by legislative bodies such as Town Planners and the Care Inspectorate.

Design Statement Work

In early 2022, Architecture and Design Scotland (A&DS) started to work with Capability Scotland to support the charity’s ambitious proposals for Our Inclusive Community Project at Bertha Park. A&DS have drawn on their experience advising on major health projects and combined this with direct engagement with Upper Springland customers, their families, and staff hosting three hands-on workshops and recording over 500 responses to help us create a Design Statement for this project.

The Design Statement is intended to act as a visual reference guide for architects and planning teams, to help them understand some of the key principles we are looking for in a development. It helps develop agreement on shared values and records key preferences, such as improved access to services, increased integration, increased well-being, and benchmarks for how these might be achieved.

A Design Statement generally contains short statements of needs matched with images of what success might look like. Our Inclusive Community Project Design Statement also includes a view of how the development will provide a positive addition in a community context.

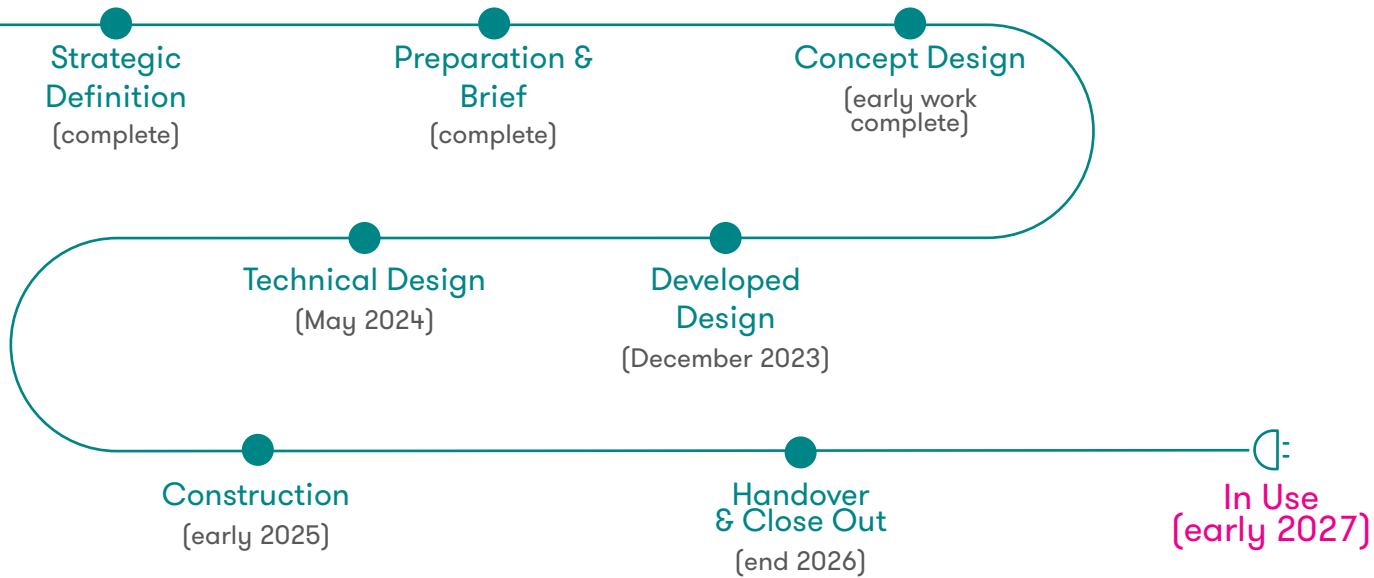
Our Design Statement looks beyond the hard edges of the built environment and prioritises key user experience, and aspirations-focused areas such as accessibility and site layout, well-being, shared spaces both inside and out, as well as staff working environments and the experience of moving around the buildings.

Design Brief

The process for completing the design of a building is divided into stages. This helps establish milestones for the submission of progress reports, the preparation of information for approval, when decisions need to be made, and for making payments.



The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) use an eight-stage referencing system, they are:



It's taken a significant amount of time and investment to get to this stage. However, the more information we can gain from Co-Production in the early stages of the project, the more effective our decision-making and problem solving process will be later.

Now that we have completed Stage 2 (concept design) as the final part of the Design Brief document, we are commissioning Stage 3 (developed design) work to allow us to consider various options and refresh our project cost estimates.

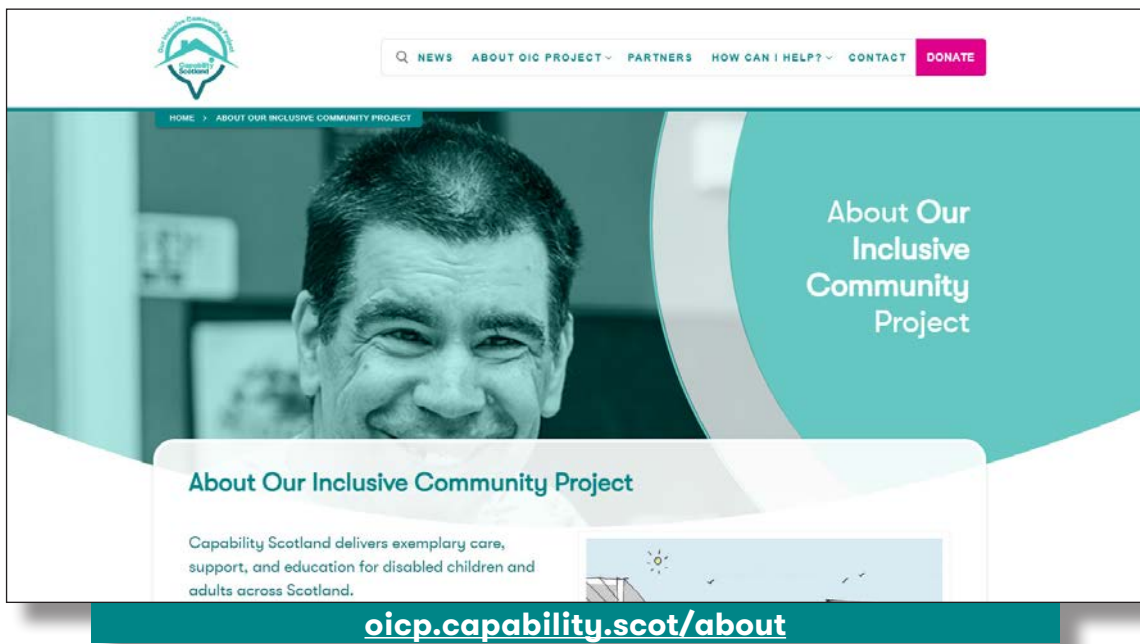
Microsite

Our Inclusive Community microsite is the online hub for all things related to the development of the project - take a look:

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Here you will find out the latest updates on the design process and co-production, how you can get involved by providing feedback or doing some fundraising, as well as learning more about our partners and the people supporting us to make this project a reality.

The site is focused on sharing information about the progress of Our Inclusive Community Project and the work completed to date, this can be found in the 'About Our Inclusive Community Project' section along with updates on the MOBIE challenge, stories of the people we support and information about the ongoing co-production process.



We will be sharing more information about plans for fundraising and volunteering in the next few months but for now, if you would like to make a gift or discuss your ideas or plans for future fundraising activity, pop on to our microsite and read more:

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Donate now and help Capability Scotland deliver our Inclusive Community project, allowing the people we support to have their voice heard, contribute to society and fulfil their potential.

Your gift will help us build state of the art facilities, be at the heart of a new community and deliver exemplary services.

You can support Capability Scotland with a regular gift or one-off donation and be part of our Inclusive

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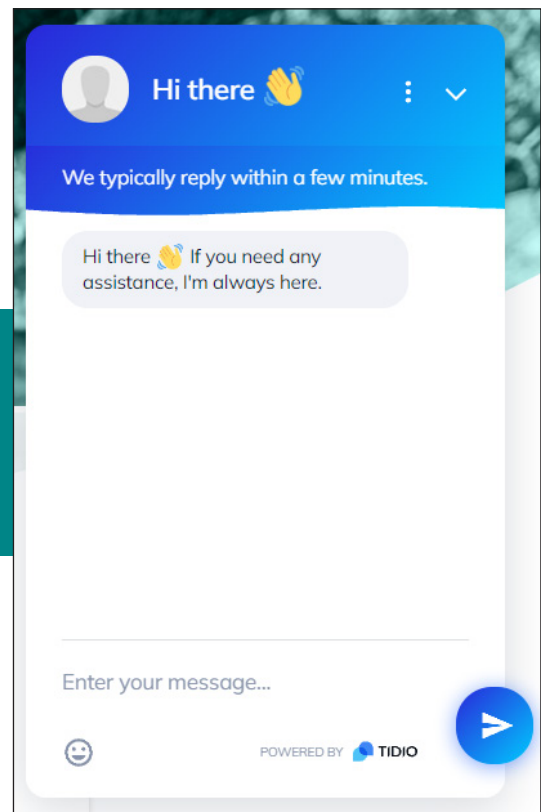
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Beyond the practical difficulties of securing appropriate homes, the barriers faced by many disabled people can be societal or attitudinal, and are usually based on prejudice, misunderstanding, stereotypical representation and a lack of recognition of the requirements people with disabilities may have in order to fully participate in our society.

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If you have any questions about the project, thoughts or feedback you can get in touch through the contact us form [Contact - OICP \(oicp.capability.scot/contact/\)](https://oicp.capability.scot/contact/) or by using the live chat function - we look forward to hearing from you!



Care Inspectorate

As Our Inclusive Community Project continues to develop, we must engage with a wide range of partners for the future. The Care Inspectorate is the regulatory body in Scotland, responsible for registering and inspecting care services. When it's time to move to our new community, they need to approve our plans and give them the go-ahead. To ensure this happens, members of the Project Board have met with them regularly over the past year to keep them updated.

In January, we met the Care Inspectorate to present our progress and the design brief being developed in partnership with our architects. Their feedback was very positive, particularly around the ambition of our project and enthusing about the amount of co-production work done to make sure the aspirations and views of customers, family and staff are reflected in our plans. The inspectors had an opportunity to look around the mock up studio in the theatre at Upper Springland and they told us they were impressed with the space and the thought that had gone into the design so far.

We are pleased the Care Inspectorate has committed their time to discuss our project with us and are delighted they were so positive and have told us they will be happy to stay involved as we continue on this journey.





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Capability Scotland delivers exemplary care, support, and education for disabled children and adults across Scotland.

We were founded in 1946 and have always strived to be a major ally in supporting disabled people to have full equality of opportunity and participation as citizens of Scotland.

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