

## EDINBURGH CIVIC FORUM 8 DECEMBER 2015

### EDINBURGH PLANNING CONCORDAT - WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

#### **Workshop 1 - Pre-application Engagement**

- Developers not taking issues raised at pre-application stage into account
- Unsuitable dates/times for community consultation
- Need more emphasis on collaborative working
- Need much earlier engagement

#### **Workshop 2 - Community Engagement Outcomes**

- Tick box exercise
- No change to proposals as a result of engagement with community
- Lack of feedback from developer to community
- There should be a presumption in favour of community interest
- Planning authority should be fully aware of community priorities
- Improve quality of information available to assist community understanding
- Lack of parity in resources and skills available to assist engagement
- Democratic deficit
- Experience of bureaucracy

#### **Workshop 3 - Influencing Development on the Ground**

- Communities get involved too late in the process
- Communities are concerned that their views are not taken on board difficult to engage with volume of proposals
- Appeal decisions undermine confidence
- Lack of meaningful engagement through the PAC process

#### **Workshop 4 - Resources**

- Community engagement fund not widely known
- Feeling that development is fait accompli
- Want input earlier
- Clarify starting point - should be a blank canvas
- Resource in Planning to attend meetings
- PAC reports - not appearing in draft