Manor House

Who we are

We are long term residents of Griffith with children at the local schools. We would like to redevelop our house and build a new form of housing with an option for us to ‘age in place.’

Our house is old, in need of renovation, energy inefficient and is too big for our family as most of our children have left home.

We are keen to look at options for a more sustainable and energy efficient dwelling which retains our garden and provides us a cost effective way to downsize. We love our garden and will retain our Ash trees, fruit trees and hedges.

What we are developing

The Manor House has been selected as a Demonstration Housing Project, which aims to showcase how we can deliver a compact and active city through innovative planning, design and delivery. Manor Houses are permitted in other cities, but to date have not been constructed in Canberra.

A Manor House is a low rise medium density housing option. It is commonly known as “two up – two down”. It looks like a house, has the same plot ratio and height as a house, but is actually more than one dwelling.

Our development is a sustainable development consisting of four dwellings, two on the ground floor and two above. It includes a basement for resident and visitor carparking so that the garden is retained and may be enjoyed.

We have engaged an architect, Rob Henry Architects, to design our house so that it responds to the character of other houses in Griffith.

Find out more

If you want to know more on the ACT Demonstration Housing Project and our development go to: https://www.act.gov.au/demohousing

You can also email us at: manorhouseproject@gmail.com
How do you feel about our development?

We want to hear your thoughts on our development.

You can either fill in the survey and drop it in our letterbox write us a letter or send an email. Our address is 20 Blaxland Crescent, GRIFFITH ACT 2603 or you can email us at: manorhouseproject@gmail.com

Please tell us how you feel. Make a smiley face 😊, a neutral face 😐 or perhaps a sad face 😞 to tell us how you feel about our development.

1. Would you like to live in a Manor House? 
2. Do you think our corner block is a good location for a Manor House?
3. Do you think Manor Houses would be popular in Canberra?
4. Do you think our design is sustainable?
5. What issues do you see with our development? (write your comment)

6. What do you like about our development? (write your comment)

7. Would you care to provide further feedback on the development? (write your comment)

8. Would you like to receive further emails on the Manor House? (write your email or email us to get on a mainlining list)

9. Optional demographic information:
   a. What is your gender? ____________
   b. What is your age bracket:
      
      | 18 – 34 years old | 35 – 54 years old |
      |-------------------|-------------------|
      | 55 - 64 years     | +65 years and over |