

Press release from Morston Assets

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Whitecross set to boom

The village of Whitecross in Falkirk could soon be transformed into an eco-friendly metropolis if plans for 1,500 new homes, a primary school and community facilities go ahead.

Morston Assets has submitted pre-application plans to Falkirk Council for redevelopment of a 125 hectare site around the former Manuel Works and surrounding land.

David Morris, head of town planning at Morston Assets said: "This is a development built on sustainable ideals. As well as 1500 houses – ranging from family size to low cost social housing – and a primary school, there are plans for an institute for enterprise.

"It would be a centre where employers can come to and help locals set up businesses. This is about regenerating Whitecross and this is a big commitment for us. It is a real positive during a time of recession. There is an emphasis on environmental awareness. It will be great for Whitecross – this is a legacy that we want to be part of and for the community to be proud of."

The development will also have knock-on effects for surrounding towns and it is hoped it will generate its own employment sources.

David added: "There will be advantages for the surrounding area – a vibrant Whitecross is always going to be beneficial for Linlithgow."

A newsletter will be distributed to residents, properties and businesses next month with details of the plans. A two-day public presentation is also planned for February 3 - 4 where locals and elected representatives can view the plans.

The public consultation will form part of the planning application which can be submitted by March 25, 2010, at the earliest. If plans are approved, work in Whitecross could begin in early 2011 and it is envisaged the project would take 10-15 years to complete.

See the [artist's impression \(PDF, 832KB\)](#) of the Whitecross Site.