

# The Commons - Vision and Values



## Vision

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As an intentional, place-based community we contribute to the world in a meaningful way, and show how humans can live in greater harmony with nature and experience profound individual and social flourishing in an urban environment.

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## Values

The Commons is an intentional, place-based community. The intention is to live together harmoniously with shared values that facilitate living sustainably with nature and the broader community. Rather than moving into an apartment with no idea who the neighbours are, the residents of The Commons are encouraged to connect and work together to build a vibrant community while also pursuing their own interests and lives.

We value:

### *Sustainability*

We want to have a lighter footprint on the world. We weigh environmental impacts when making decisions about our built environment and about our community. We support each other to make environmentally sound individual choices in our day to day lives. We work to reduce excessive consumerism and minimise waste where possible.

### *Low carbon lifestyle*

We strive to reduce carbon emissions. We reduce waste by avoiding excessive consumerism and by reusing, recycling and sharing where possible. We facilitate low carbon transport choices through encouraging the use of bicycles and EVs.

### *Participatory decision making*

The day to day running of the community will honour all voices, respect and promote diversity, and be based on transparent decision making processes in line with the by-laws and expectations of The Commons community.

### *Affordable*

Our collective approach aims to maximise affordability by sharing living costs and resources for the benefit and enjoyment of all, while respecting individual ownership and property rights.

### *Health and wellbeing*

The core of a vibrant and sustainable community is always the health and wellbeing of its residents. We value a healthy physical and emotional environment within The Commons, and also in the broader community.

### *Diversity and creativity*

Every member of our community has something to offer. We encourage and celebrate diversity in all its forms, share our resources to provide a sense of community, constantly re-imagining how challenges can be met, and work collaboratively to create a nourishing place to live.

### *Shared resources*

Living sustainably encourages making sensible decisions about shared property and resources such as our car share, community laundry, rooftop garden and common room, so that we all can share in the benefits while we achieve an economy of scale.

### *Showing what is possible*

If we are to pass on a healthy planet to future generations, people all over the world need to change the way they live, work and relate to each other and to the built and natural environment. Change is hard and collectively we learn best from good examples.