Yes, Blatchford is a statement.

It’s a statement about putting life first when developing a community. It’s the beginning of a new way to live on 536 acres in the heart of Edmonton. There will never be another opportunity quite like Blatchford—with 30,000 residents all living sustainably together this close to the core of the city.
Blatchford will be home to up to 30,000 Edmontonians living, working and learning in a sustainable community that uses 100% renewable energy, is carbon neutral, significantly reduces its ecological footprint, and empowers residents to pursue a range of sustainable lifestyle choices.
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Bike friendly.
Public transportation friendly.
Local shops.
Parks and green spaces.
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You can live a good life in an ordinary neighbourhood. But Blatchford isn’t about living an ordinary life. Blatchford is about living an extraordinary life.

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Blatchford Park provides the best of both worlds: colourful, character-filled, lively urban living next to a giant park filled with plenty of green space, trees, wetlands, extensive trails, and two large ponds. The park will be a true destination for festivals and events, walking, bike-riding, skating, cross-country skiing and tobogganing.
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Architecturally crafted homes in the heart of Edmonton

No part of life in Blatchford will be standard and that includes the architecture. All the homes will be condos, apartments or townhomes with a contemporary esthetic and an emphasis on creative and innovative design solutions that are forward-thinking, high-quality, timeless and sustainable.

The homes in Blatchford will look and feel like the philosophy behind the entire community. Because Blatchford is about creating a high-density sustainable neighbourhood, it will be the first community in Edmonton with no single-detached homes.
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8. Community Gardens
9. Townhouses
10. Mid-block Walkways
11. Control Tower
12. Summer Lawn & Event Area/Winter Skating Area
13. Pedestrian Gateway
14. Urban Walking Trail
15. Garage Suites
16. Yorke Mews Walkway
17. Tree Planting Cells
18. Local Shops
19. Custom Street Signs
20. Yorke Mews Walkway
21. Garden Rainwater Collector
22. Community Firepit and Warming Hut
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**Streets for People**

Blatchford will be designed to accommodate all modes of transportation, but what makes Blatchford unique is that it will be focused on pedestrians first.

A mix of high-quality urban design elements will make walking, cycling and public transit the easy and natural transportation choices for those living and working in the community.

Pedestrian comfort and safety will be prioritized through custom-designed streets, sidewalks and boulevards.

Transit will be fully integrated into the community, with stops and stations located at key activity centres. Two LRT stops planned right in the community will connect Blatchford to the rest of Edmonton.

In addition to the environmental benefit of reduced vehicle usage, a walkable community means healthier people and safer streets.
Places for people

A sustainable community also enhances well-being and social interaction. Gathering spots will be carefully designed to create spaces and places for people to connect. Great urban design will emphasize connectivity, generous open space allocation and a mixed-use approach to development.

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Water is life.

We know that clean water sustains healthy people and ecosystems. Blatchford will use a variety of strategies to minimize the community’s impact on our water system.

Blatchford is using a combination of low impact development features like bioswales, rain gardens and wetlands to manage runoff and to use nature to clean the water before it hits our river.

Many of these areas will also provide micro-habitats where plants, trees and birds can thrive, adding more green space and biodiversity.

Parks and open spaces will be landscaped primarily with native and drought-resistant species, mitigating the need for irrigation. Agricultural and ornamental landscaping will be watered through on-site rainwater capture and reuse.
Energy

1. **Build energy-efficient buildings** to reduce the amount of energy needed for heating, cooling (air conditioning) and hot water.

2. **Make sure the energy you need is used efficiently** by using a District Energy Sharing System (DESS).

   Very simply, a DESS allows the same unit of energy to be re-used multiple times between buildings and between seasons.
How Blatchford manages energy will be critical to achieving our sustainability goals. As the community develops, we will continually examine new ways to ensure community energy resiliency.

As a first step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Blatchford has adopted a three stage strategy to provide heating, cooling and hot water for homes and businesses in the community.
Urban Agriculture

Blatchford recognizes the important role food and urban agriculture will play in the community — not only increasing sustainability, but also increasing the quality-of-life for people living in Blatchford. Community gardens, fruit tree orchards, edible landscaping and flower gardens will be located throughout the neighbourhood. Building roofs may also be used as green roofs, gardens or for private or shared patios.

Parks

More life means connecting more to nature. With more than double the amount of green space typically devoted to a development (121 acres of parks and open spaces total), residents will have opportunities to walk, picnic and relax throughout Blatchford.

In addition to the over 80-acre central park, smaller parks will be located throughout the community. These green spaces will have amenities like community gardens, playgrounds and plazas.
Life in Blatchford is about more.

It’s about more of the things people love in one place. Parks to picnic in, bike lanes to cycle, and lively street fronts to stroll. Walk from a coffee shop to a restaurant to the grocery store. And back home again. Live an entire life within a bustling urban neighbourhood. Or hop on the train to easily connect to everything on Blatchford’s doorstep. The Blatchford life is about doing more of what you enjoy, more easily and more often.
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