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Proposed site for new Ashfield care home

A site on Peverill Drive in Ashfield is the proposed location for the brand new County Council care home.

In April last year, councillors decided to build a 60 bed care home to replace Kirklands, Ashcroft and Daleside Care Homes. The home will also include day services support.

The County Council is hoping to build the home on the current football pitch site, which is owned by Ashfield District Council. The pitch would be replaced on the land next to the current pitch,

which is owned by the County Council. A feasibility study has been carried out and the land is suitable for development subject to planning permission.

As part of the planning process, local residents will have the opportunity to give their views. If the new home and day services are approved, they could be ready by June 2010.



Alice Carline from Kinoulton was one of the guests of honour at a special event held by the County Council's Chairman to thank people for taking part in the new extra care DVD.

Alice was visiting her grandmother Ella Horton at Hilton Grange on the day the film crew arrived and ended up being one of the stars of the DVD. She even had a special treat at the reception, when the Chairman Coun The Hon Joan Taylor MBE let her wear her ceremonial chain for a photograph to use in her school presentation.

Extra care for Skegby Lane?

Skegby Lane, which straddles the borders of Mansfield and Ashfield, is the proposed site for the new 250 unit retirement village.

The site is currently disused open space, which is owned by the County Council. The project is still subject to planning permission and local residents will be able to have their say.



the new extra care scheme could include a computer room, like this one at Hilton Grange.

If the scheme is approved, at least 35 of the 250 one or two bedroom apartments will provide 'extra care'. This means that people can get support with their personal care needs from on-site staff up to 24 hours a day.

All 250 properties would benefit from other facilities which could include a computer room, café area, gym, library and hairdressing salon. If the scheme gets the go-ahead, the communal facilities and some of the flats could be ready by the end of 2010.

Local people can have their say on how all the new schemes are developed.

If you would like to find out more, phone 08449 80 80 80 or email communications.ssd@nottsc.gov.uk

As this is a long term project, all timescales are estimated at this stage and could be subject to changes.

Eastwood site could get extra care

The County Council owns a piece of land in Eastwood, which is at the back of the current Beauvale Court Care Home site. It is proposed to use this land for the new 50 place extra care scheme and new day services support, which will replace the care home.

This scheme is subject to planning permission and local residents will be able to give their views as part of the process.

There are also discussions taking place with local GP practices, who are considering having a base at the new extra care site if the scheme gets the go ahead. Having social care and health services based on the same site could really benefit the local community.

If planning permission is granted, the extra care scheme, day services and health services could be opening in September

Old school site for Retford

The old Elizabethan Lower School site on West Furlong has been identified as a possible location for the 100 place extra care scheme in Retford.

The land is very near to the new NHS Bassetlaw health centre which includes a pharmacy, several GP practices, a falls and stroke team and a rapid response service which helps people at home in times of crisis. The location also has good bus links and is close to St Michael's View Care Home.

Planning permission will need to be granted by Bassetlaw District Council before the scheme can go ahead and local residents will be able to give their views as part of the process.

If approval is given, the extra care scheme and day services could open in September 2011.

Thank you to DVD stars

Residents and staff from four of Nottinghamshire's extra care schemes enjoyed a thank you reception hosted by County Council Chairman The Hon Joan Taylor, MBE.



The reception, which was in December, was held as a thank you to people who were featured in the new extra care DVD. 20 people attended the lunch at County Hall in

West Bridgford. The residents, relatives and staff travelled from their extra care schemes at Westmorland House in Harworth, Abbey Grove in Worksop, Moorfield Court in Southwell and Hilton Grange in Edwalton.

Councillor The Hon Joan Taylor, MBE said: *"It was lovely to meet all the residents and staff who helped to make the DVD possible. Thank you again to everyone who took part in the film and told their own stories about living in extra care. We hope that the residents' stories will help other older people in Nottinghamshire find out more about this type of service, which helps people live as independently as possible with the reassurance that they can get help if they need it."*

The residents' stories

The DVD features the stories of Joshua North, Cynthia Garthwaite and Elsie Charnock, from Abbey Grove extra care scheme in Worksop, and Joyce Bridgett, Maria Dejas and Doris Graham from Westmorland House extra care scheme in Harworth.

“ In the film, Joshua talks about how he lived at home alone for 15 years before it all got too much.

Now he's at Abbey Grove, his daughter knows he's getting looked after well. The other tenants also talk about their backgrounds, support needs and experiences of living in extra care housing.



Married couple Kenneth and Eileen Davis and Sylvia Proctor from Moorfield Court extra care scheme in Southwell also star in the film.

Kenneth and Eileen explain how it became too much for them living in their bungalow and, as soon as they walked through the door at Moorfield Court, they knew it was where they wanted to be.

Eileen says: *"It's just peace of mind knowing that we're safe and I haven't got any problems thinking 'what would I do if he fell down?' I know that I've only got to pull this cord and they're here."*

And in the south of the county, Ella Horton and married couple Dorothy and Albert Healey from Hilton Grange extra care scheme in West Bridgford tell their stories about extra care.

Dorothy says: *"I had a massive stroke and was in hospital for four months. They wanted me to get back with Albert because I couldn't eat or sleep. My husband takes care of me during the day but at night time I just need to ring the bell and they're there just like that."*

The film also shows many other residents using the extra care facilities, including hairdressing salon, library, gym and café area. If you would like to hear the residents' stories and find out more about extra care, you can watch the DVD at

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/extracare or phone 08449 80 80 80 for a free copy.



Search for a partner

The County Council is in the process of finding a partner organisation to build new extra care schemes around Nottinghamshire.

The project to develop seven specialist housing schemes across the county will need a private sector company to fund, build and manage the schemes. There will be a total of 650 one or two bedroom homes, at least 160 of which will be extra care units. The County Council will invest £19 million, including land, which will attract investment from prospective partners. The tender process to choose a partner will take at least 18 months.

The County Council will then appoint companies to build and manage all of the schemes. There will also be a process of choosing a care provider for the schemes. Cherry Dunk, project manager for the County

Council, said: "Once we have received all the bids from companies to build and manage the schemes, we will analyse all the proposals to ensure we're developing the best possible services for the best value before deciding who to appoint.

"It could be the case that one company will win the contract to build and run all the different schemes across the county. Or there could be several different companies involved in developing individual schemes. Whoever wins the contract, we are determined to work closely with them and with older people themselves to make sure we are developing first rate services that are what local people want."

Have your say

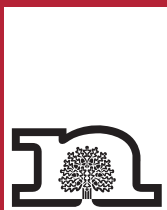
The County Council will run a series of focus groups in early 2009 to find out how local people think extra care and day services should be developed.

Councillor Alan Rhodes, Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health, said: "It's vital that we speak to older people, their families and members of the public who may one day wish to use extra care. Otherwise, how can we possibly create services that are right for the people who are using them?"

"We want people to tell us which services they would like, such as hairdressing salons,

libraries, chiropodists, gyms or cafes. Anyone can get in touch to find out how they can take part, so please have your say."

If you would like to get involved with the extra care focus groups, please phone **08449 80 80 80** or email: **communications.ssd@nottscc.gov.uk** to register your interest by 31 March 2009.



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