

You Said We Did

An update around the planned use of the Shevington Community Primary Site and opportunity to contribute your views.



“Valued, connected and resilient people, living in the right home, with the right support will be happier, healthier and more independent”

YOU SAID

During the consultation around the closure of Shevington Community Primary School local residents were very clear that Shevington needed improved opportunities for older people

This was further reinforced by the informal consultation undertaken by Shevington Parish Council in the winter of 2017/18. Over 90% of respondents were in favour of an imaginative mixed development supporting the older population and including all-age provision. Many respondents also referenced possible extension to local medical services and associated parking.

WE DID

In response Wigan Council is planning to develop an extra care facility for older people on the site, which will include space for community use and a start well offer, bringing together older and younger residents for everyone's benefit.

We will work closely with the GP surgery next door to make the best use of the whole site and make sure we respond to the health and social care needs of the community.

What is Extra Care?

Extra Care is a type of specialised housing that provides independence and choice to people with varying levels of needs, enabling them to remain in their own home. Services are provided in a purpose-built, high quality housing environment with tailor made care and support delivered to meet the individual resident's needs. It comprises of a number of apartments, together with communal areas and outside space.

Extra Care provides 24 hour on site support, access to leisure and wellbeing facilities and a safe environment to its residents. The support is designed in a way which is able to respond flexibility to an individual's changing needs,

preventing older people having to move into a residential or nursing setting when their needs become more complex, also often avoiding inappropriate hospital admissions and delayed discharges from hospital. Extra Care reduces loneliness and social isolation, focusing on an individual's assets and talents and connecting people within their immediate and wider communities. It also provides communal space that can be used by local community groups and organisations, bringing people together.

Our Vision for Shevington Extra Care Development

Shevington Extra Care will be a great place to spend time, socialise and do interesting and fun activities, not just for the people who live there and their families and friends but for the surrounding community.

The site is ideal – close to the village centre with shops, library, churches, cafés and regular bus services; it is adjacent to a health clinic and GPs surgery. Shevington’s vibrant and supportive community networks will be a resource for this development just as the development will be a resource for the community.

The local consultation identified a real gap in terms of supporting older people and adults with additional needs. The demographic analysis of Shevington shows there is a growing population of older people.

The extra care development will contribute to the local economy and support the growth of a vibrant community offer in Shevington.

We will design in a start well offer, bringing young families into the extra care development.

We will make use of new technology to enhance the lives of residents and design the extra care development in partnership with health colleagues, incorporating feedback from local people.

Well-designed outside space will enable people to exercise, garden and spend time in the fresh air and the internal environment will include the best dementia friendly design.

We will ensure that the 200 year history of the former village school is built into the design, using photographs and art work to celebrate the school’s role in the lives of local people.

WHAT NEXT?

Wigan Council have made the commitment to develop specialist Extra Care on the site, in response to what local people have already told us.

This is at an early stage of planning and we want to hear more of your views and feedback to influence the next stage of development.

Please tell us what you think of this initial proposal by emailing xxxx or phoning xxxx Alternatively please speak to your local Councillors.

Councillor contact details:

We are attending the Shevington and District Community Association Meeting on Tuesday xxxx at 7pm in Shevington Methodist Church lounge, Gathurst Lane, WN6 8HA

