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Dear Councillor Kay Cutts,

The development of Extra Care housing was a key manifesto pledge from us because experience has demonstrated that it is a beneficial option for many people; distinct from both sheltered housing and residential care.

The last county- wide consultation demonstrated that a substantial majority of people regard it as a very positive option for our futures. It allows people to remain near their own communities, have as much independence as they can sustain or be helped to develop, within a safe environment, where a range of support services are on site.

It has been extremely encouraging to see the partnerships develop, especially with District Councils and Housing Associations to provide such schemes and to see the local influence on the schemes styles and focus.

The Extra Care strategy is progressing well with a number of schemes currently in development:-

- St. Andrew's House – Gedling District
- Bilsthorpe Bungalows – Newark & Sherwood District
- Poppy Fields – Mansfield District
- Darlison Court – Ashfield District
- The Old Elizabethan School Site, Retford – Bassetlaw District
- Walker Street, Eastwood – Broxtowe District

The new developments are to be located in those areas of the county where there is limited Extra Care provision currently. These developments will complement the existing purpose-built Extra Care schemes – Hilton Grange in Rushcliffe District and Moorfield Court in Newark & Sherwood District.

The County Council's £12.65m investment in Extra Care schemes is a small proportion of the overall investment in housing for older people and it contributes to a wider strategy to modernise services for older people across Nottinghamshire.

Update on Care and Support Centres and current occupancy and use:

Kirklands, Woods Court and St. Michael's View

With regard to the above Care & Support Centres, as you will be aware these homes will only be decommissioned when an Extra Care scheme is available in the local area. All residents will be offered a place at an Extra Care scheme if it would meet their care and support needs and officers are working with the residents and their families and we will continue to do so to support them to make an appropriate choice for the future. Currently, the plans are as follows:-

Kirklands – the Extra Care scheme being developed in the Ashfield District area is Darlison Court. It is anticipated that Kirklands will be decommissioned during 2016/17 to coincide with the opening of Darlison Court.

Current occupancy levels: there are a total of 29 beds at the unit and there are 11 people who are in long term placements. The remaining 18 beds are used as assessment beds, short term care beds (respite and interim care) and to support hospital discharges.

St. Michael's View - the Extra Care scheme being developed in the Bassetlaw District area is the Old Elizabethan School Site in Retford. It is anticipated that St. Michael's View will be decommissioned during 2016 to coincide with the opening of the Retford scheme.

Current occupancy levels: there are a total of 32 beds at the unit and there are 17 people who are in long term placements. The remaining 15 beds are used as fall and fracture and respite care beds.

Woods Court – to date a development has yet to be agreed and officers are working with Newark & Sherwood District Council to deliver an Extra Care scheme proposed site on Bowbridge Road in Newark. As such, a date for the decommissioning of Woods Court is still to be determined.

Current occupancy levels: there are a total of 47 beds at the unit and there are 15 people who are in long term placements. The remaining 32 beds are used as assessment beds and short term care beds for a wide variety purposes (interim/respite/fall and fracture and carer breaks).

Extra Care capital investment allocations:

With regard to the £12.65 million investment, it is broken down as below:-

St. Andrews House, Gedling District - total of 31 units, with 15 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £2,500,000 with NCC contributing £592,000 to the development.

Walker Street, Eastwood - Broxtowe District - total of 140 units, with 30 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £15,480,000 with NCC contributing £2,099,377 to the development.

Old Elizabethan School, Retford - Bassetlaw District - total of 93 units, with 25 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £10,680,000 with NCC contributing £2,027,394 to the development.

Poppy Fields, Mansfield District - total of 64 units, with 48 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £8,860,000 with NCC contributing £4,080,000 to the development.

Darlison Court, Ashfield District - total of 38 units, with 10 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £6,740,000 with NCC contributing £735,781 to the development.

Bilsthorpe Bungalows, Newark & Sherwood District - total of 25 units, with 9 NCC nominated units. The total cost of the development is £2,190,000 with NCC contributing £20,000 for office space only.

The balance of £3,095,448 is uncommitted at the moment.

Proposed Developments

In addition to the above, we are currently working on proposed Extra Care developments at Bowbridge Road, Newark (Newark & Sherwood District), Rolleston Drive, Arnold (Gedling District), Worksop (Bassetlaw District) and Ollerton (Newark & Sherwood District).

From the above, you will see that the Council is making a modest investment in Extra Care services as the majority of the funding comes from the housing developers. In addition to the £12.65 million County Council capital investment, the schemes attract a total of £46 million of inward investment through housing developers. Clearly, this has the additional benefit of aiding economic development in the County.

I, along with officers, have visited each of the Care & Support Centres and have met with the residents and their relatives. This work is continuing with the project team on an ongoing basis to ensure residents and relatives are supported throughout the process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Weisz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'M' and a distinct 'W'.

Councillor Muriel Weisz
Chairman of Adult Health and Social Care