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Public Realm

The planning of the landscaping and lighting for the Public Realm and around the Community Garden has commenced

The pedestrian boulevard will help improve access across the site to the better transport links on the west of the site.



The view looking down what will become the "Public Realm"

Energy Centre

The energy centre has now been delivered and installed at site and will shortly be commissioned.

This will supply heat and hot water to all the buildings on the west of the site including the Health & Wellbeing Centre, Extra Care apartments, Dementia Home and Community Hub.

Following a recent visit to the Site, local Councillor, Ian Hollinshead described the development as *"very impressive — a much needed facility"*.



Community Hub

The Community Hub is really starting to take shape and the Furniture Scheme, who will be managing the building when it opens to the public have some great plans! Based on experience of running community facilities in Shropshire they will be looking to run a weekly programme of events and activities, together with offering space for groups to meet, internet access, connection to a number of local services and the opportunity to just call in and have a natter over a cuppa and some cake.

Jean Jarvis Chief Executive of the FS said, "We want to put the Northfield Community Hub right at the centre of local life. We want to offer opportunities for all ages, from toddlers to centenarians. We will work with the local community to get a better understanding of what's



already happening in the area and where there are gaps and we will then look at ways to fill them. We pride ourselves on working together with others and to get the best out of everyone and everything and we can't wait to get going!"

Health & Wellbeing Centre

The main roof has been installed.

Floor screeding is on-going and internal partitioning is underway.



Once completed the building will be occupied by the current Browning Street Surgery.

"We aim to deliver a leading community development providing housing, care and support which improves the lives of the people of Stafford"



Providing a new Health and Well Being Centre with Pharmacy — a replacement for the Browning Street Surgery



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Salt Bank Court

6 months on



Since occupying the building only six months ago, Rob Hayward, Voyage Care Service Manager at Salt Bank Court said that although the initial move had brought about a period of adjustment for a lot of people, overall it had proved to have been a positive move.

Everyone has adapted well to independent living and Salt Bank Court offers a lot more support and opportunity to access community facilities for each individual to undertake activities of their own choice.

Lisa Hughes, Senior Support Worker said that attitudes are more positive. It is good to have one-to-ones in individuals' flats - tenants are more comfortable in their own environments. She added that dedicated support is available from 8.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m. which is a great benefit.

Dementia Unit

Roof works are now completed. Paving and landscaping works are ongoing.

Scaffolding has been dismantled to two elevations allowing the application of render to the exterior of the building.



Internally work is progressing with the fit-out.

CHOICES ShireLiving Comes to Asda

ShireLiving Project Officers, spent a day at Asda, Stafford recently, introducing the local people of Stafford to the ShireLiving extra care brand.



Pictured Denise Bennett, ShireLiving Project Officer

The eye catching display was a great conversation starter and they were able to chat to people about the upcoming Elmwood scheme at Northfield village, giving out pens and other goodies and explaining the "live the life you choose" concept.

For information about ShireLiving and how to apply for Elmwood, please visit www.shireliving.co.uk or call 0800 023 2244

Follow these links to see videos on the Northfield Village website in support of Dementia Awareness Week :

<http://youtu.be/uRA-uZZp9U> - Nigel Downs from Choices

http://youtu.be/vqNtxrlc_Wg - Staffordshire County Councillor Alan White

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVugMiOo2y4> - Jean Teichmann and Matt Winn from Wrekin Housing Trust

Didn't they do well !

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At a glittering ceremony in the Lancaster London Hotel, the best of the housing world were honoured at the UK Housing Awards.

Established in 1997 to recognise excellence across the housing sector, the awards ceremony, organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing and *Inside Housing*, was hosted by comedian, writer and environmental campaigner Marcus Brigstocke.

As part of the awards, Wrekin Housing Trust and partners Reviive, Choices Housing Association, The Furniture Scheme and Shropshire Housing Association won the UK Housing Large Social Landlord of the Year award.



Choices were announced winner of the "Innovator in Care" award at the Great British Care Awards at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. The award was for the development of a safeguarding toolkit "In Safe Hands".

The toolkit was developed over a two year period by their employees; training department, customers and their relatives. This training resource helps individuals and care professionals recognise abuse and how to report it. The pack also contains a DVD produced in conjunction with a learning disability drama group which re-enacts examples of abuse and abusive practice.

Choices recruiting staff for "Limewood" Dementia Unit

As the completion date moves nearer, Choices are still seeking to recruit more Support Workers and Senior Support Workers for the Dementia Unit, "Limewood". There are a number of posts available and anyone interested is encouraged to contact Choices HR Department on 01782 254000.

Nigel Downs, Managing Director of Choices said "We want people with the right attitude and values who will commit to helping make Limewood a very special place to live and work. Regardless of their care experience we want to talk to people who are capable and dedicated enough to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver an exemplary service".

Dementia Awareness Week

Dementia Awareness Week ran from 18th to 24th May. The Memory Hub in the Limewood Dementia Unit on site will help people suffering with dementia, and their carers, living in the community.

The Memory Hub will contain a 1950's "street scene" with a working cinema, pub, hairdressers and terraced house.

The Hub has been designed with the help of Stirling University, recognised leaders in improving lives of people with dementia.



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WOW!

The project reached a milestone on Friday 16th May 2014 with the 1,000th worker coming through the gates!

1,000

16.5.2014

HEALTH & SAFETY

Galliford Try are pleased to announce that due to close monitoring of Health & Safety on site, there have been no reportable accidents on the project.

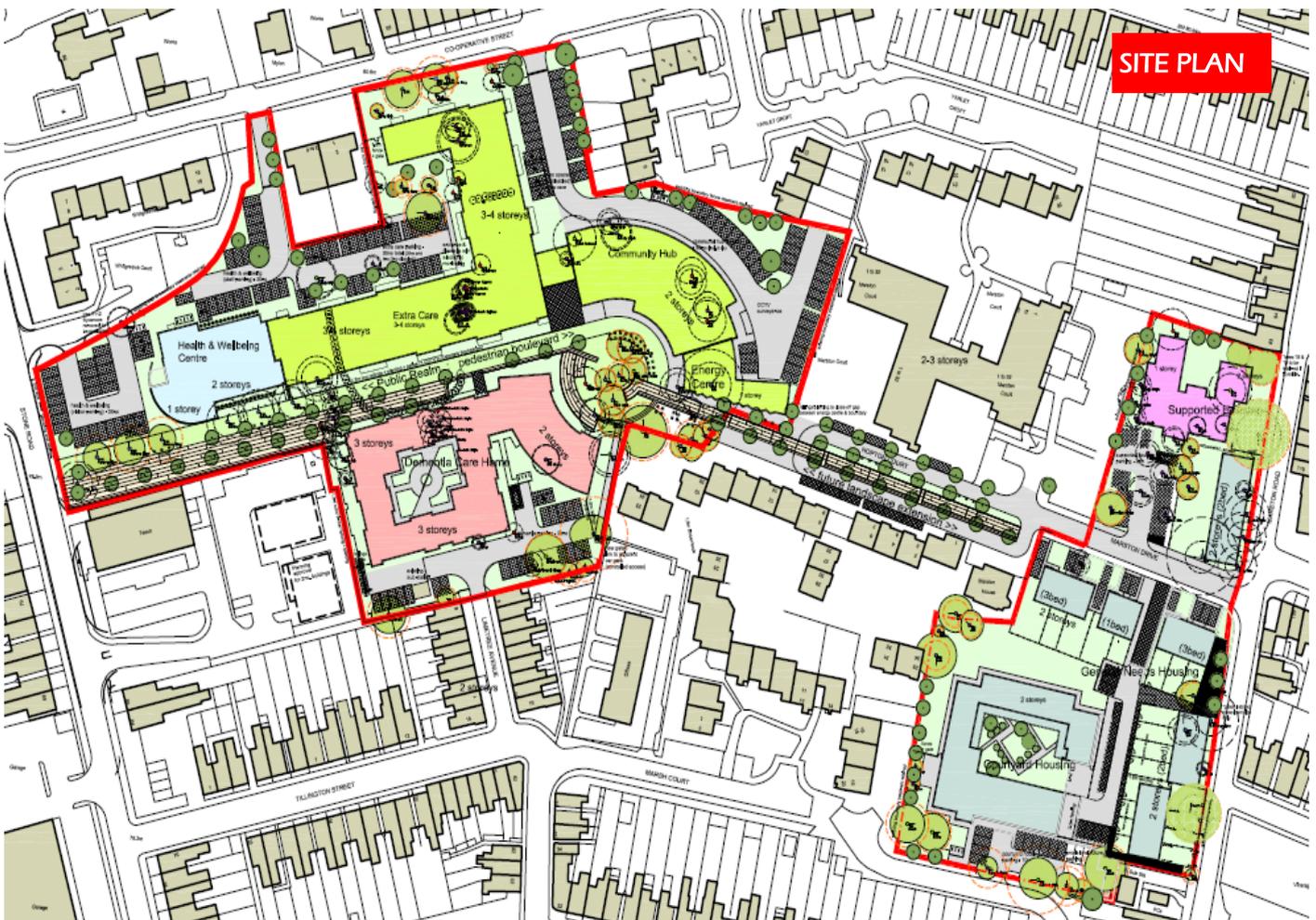


Galliford Try currently have ten apprentices on the Stone Road Development

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS



The site has re-registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme for 2014



SITE PLAN

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