

Warwick House Development

Latest News!

Background

Following the news that East Sussex County Council is planning to build a new library and day service for older people in Seaford on the site of the existing library, we are currently in the consultation phase and it is anticipated the building will be ready for occupation during the summer of 2012. The development will also include a number of self contained flats for adults with learning disabilities, in partnership with a registered social landlord.

Proposals

Along with a brand new library, the building will support a more flexible day service which will focus on individual needs, promote choice and support people in their own homes and will aim to improve and strengthen partnership working with voluntary agencies e.g. Alzheimer's Society and Carers' groups.

"This is excellent news! With this investment we will upgrade our older people's day service currently offered at Homefield Place. It's very exciting for both service users and for the team of staff who will transfer over to the new building, once it's built"

Keith Hinkley, Director of Adult Social Care

The new library will offer improved services to the people of Seaford and the surrounding catchment area and customers will have a wider choice of materials in a modern, welcoming environment.



Current Library in Seaford

This project will deliver a unique service to the community and will provide a much needed local resource.

"I'm delighted that Seaford will get a stunning new library – and in such an innovative community setting. This project promises to be a great success.

The major cuts in central government funding and the squeeze on the public finances generally mean that we've had to take a long hard look at our priorities and only put forward the schemes that we believe our residents want and need - and this development at Seaford is one of those."

Bill Murphy, Interim Director of Governance and Community Services

The County Council is also working with Saxon Weald Housing Association to provide up to nine supported flats for people with learning disabilities. The flats having their own entrance and lift facilities will be provided on three floors adjacent to, but separate from, the main library and day service.

The supported flats will provide opportunities for people with a learning disability to live in the

community through having their own tenancy with support and care being provided by their own staff team. There are a number of people currently living with their families or in residential care who will particularly benefit from the increased independence and choice afforded by this exciting new development in Seaford which is part of a range of supported living developments for people with a learning disability across East Sussex.

Progress to date

- Consultations with local people who use the Library Services and Adult Social Care services, local councillors and voluntary organisations.
- Registered Social Landlord involvement
- Appointment of Architects – RH Partnership, Brighton
- Appointment of Construction Company – Crispin & Borst, Maidstone
- Engagement in various design processes to create an exciting, functional and environmentally friendly building which meets the needs of all services involved.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2nd to 14th August 2010

Seaford Library:

2nd-14th August 2010 inclusive

Static display showing initial plans for comment

Wednesday, 4th August : 3pm-8pm

Drop-in session for general public with architects and ESCC staff available for discussion

Tuesday, 10th August : 5pm-8pm

Drop-in session for general public with architects and ESCC staff available for discussion

Saturday, 14th August : 10am-12noon

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Homefield Place will also have a static display showing initial plans for comment by service users and carers only from 2nd-13th August 2010 inclusive.

“The design team and service providers have been working closely together to develop a clear strategy to integrate the different functions of the project, whilst allowing them to retain their own identity and provide the services necessary to meet Seaford's needs now and in the future.

The architecture will celebrate its new presence within Seaford as a 21st Century Public building. It will address the integration of the different services with one another, the site and the local context. Issues such as sustainability will be at the forefront of the design, to ensure it becomes a building for the future of Seaford.”

RH Partnership - Architects

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