

## **290-Report from District Councillors for the Council** **Meeting on 25 September 2024**

### **Miles Lane Extra Care Facility update**

The Extra Care site on Miles Lane is nearing the final stages, with the 32 apartments for over-55s now taking shape.

Councillors Crosby, Collins and Galligan went to visit the site and were impressed with the size of the apartments – most of which have one spacious bedroom. Two apartments will have two bedrooms, and they all come with a large shower room. The kitchen area is off the living room, and two apartments have kitchens which can be lowered for wheelchair users. A large, communal accessible bathroom is also being created with a hoist.

There are ground floor and first-floor apartments, and there will be two lifts and two staircases to access the first floor. A mobility scooter room near the entrance offers a space for people to park and charge their scooters, useful for the short ride to the doctor's surgery or into Shevington, and to the bus stop outside.

There are two communal rooms – one large space with a kitchen attached which will have a dining and lounge area. And one smaller room at the front of the building. Lots of different activities will take place here, depending on the wants and needs of the tenants and the wider community.

Outside the building, there will be a new, wider road leading to the doctor's surgery and clinic, and several extra parking spaces created next to the clinic. The Extra Care facility will have its own barriered car park alongside the back of the building, adjacent to the playing fields. This will be monitored by the site manager, who will on hand to let visitors in. Tenants and their close relatives will access using a security fob.

Also outdoors, a communal garden for tenants use is being created and the site will be fully landscaped to make it look and feel like a great place to live. The rear of the building overlooks the fields all the way to Shevington Vale and the view is amazing.

We are expecting an open day to be arranged in the coming weeks, where two completed apartments will be able to view. We will inform the community of the open day but if you are particularly interested in attending please email a councillor so we can make sure you don't miss the event.

The apartments will be owned by Wigan Council and are rented as social housing, so you will need to be EITHER living in social housing OR on the social housing register in order to be able to bid for an apartment. If you would like to join the register, see the Wigan Council website. If you need help filling in the form, please contact the council's social housing team or pop down to a Saturday councillor surgery, 10-11am at Shevington Library, and we can advise. Library staff are also helping people to fill in forms on the computers there.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Housing/Council-homes/Find-a-home/Housing-register/index.aspx>

Cllrs Mike Crosby, Paul Collins and Vicky Galligan

Appendix A

