



Press Release

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Planning permission granted for Churchill Retirement Living's new development in Andover

Retirement lifestyle specialist Churchill Retirement Living is pleased to announce that planning permission has been granted by Test Valley Borough Council for a 65, one and two bedroom retirement housing development, including communal features and Lodge Manager's office in Chantry Street, Andover. The site is currently vacant and has been left undeveloped for a number of years. The development will also include seven commercial units at ground floor providing uses such as retail, cafés, and offices.

Andrew Burgess, Churchill Retirement Living's Planning Director, says: "There is a massive need for private sheltered housing in the Test Valley area and at present there are only 181 retirement apartments built for sale in the private sector." A recent survey commissioned by Churchill Retirement Living revealed that in Andover more than 80% of householders are owner-occupiers, much higher than the 67% national average. No private sector retirement schemes have been built in the area since 2005. With 21,500 people in the area aged 65 and over, and a forecast 76% growth in this age group by 2035, it's clear that owner-occupied retirement accommodation is going to be in increasing demand."

As well as meeting the need for high quality retirement apartments, the development will bring benefits to the local economy in Andover. Owners will be within walking distance of many amenities such as shops and restaurants, and people in this age group tend to prefer local shopping rather than the large supermarkets. When older people

sell their homes – often quite large properties – they release these family sized houses back onto the market, meeting another local need.

Andrew Burgess, Director of Churchill Retirement Living comments: “The Council recognised the benefits of this retirement living development as well as the established need for Private Sheltered Housing within the Andover area. The site is located on a main road into Andover, close to the shops and amenities of Andover and is well served by public transport and provides sufficient parking.”

“We have successfully achieved planning permission first time,” continues Andrew Burgess, “and this is our first development in Andover. The construction will get underway soon with first occupations anticipated in summer 2015. This positive outcome is a testament to true collaboration and professionalism by our planning consultants, affordable housing advisers, architects and the planning officer, Jason Owen; from Test Valley Borough Council.”

The new development will follow the same highly successful pattern of all Churchill Lodges, providing high quality, self-contained homes in landscaped grounds. Owners have the benefits of a Lodge Manager, 24 hour Careline, Owners’ Lounge, guest suite and laundry room. It is a lifestyle that is becoming increasingly sought after by people of retirement age, who enjoy freedom from household and gardening maintenance, and have the benefit of built-in sociability whilst still retaining their independence and privacy.

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Image of the Churchill Retirement Living development proposed in Andover.

