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## Retirement Living

Press Release

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### **Churchill Retirement Living is granted planning permission at appeal for new development at former Leatherhead Police Station, Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7BN.**

Retirement lifestyle specialist Churchill Retirement Living is pleased to announce that planning permission has been granted at appeal for a 38, one and two bedroom retirement housing development, including communal features on the site of the former Leatherhead Police Station and an adjoining pair of semi-detached houses at 40-42 Kingston Road, Leatherhead. The Police Station has been disused for a number of years and the new retirement living development will regenerate the area.

The Planning Inspector considered that the design of the proposed retirement living developments was in keeping with the character and appearance of the area and would not harm the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring houses. The planning officer refused the planning application in February however the Planning Inspector recognised the many benefits of the proposal including the new landscaping and gardens along Kingston Road which will replace hard surfacing and parking.

#### THE KEY BENEFITS

- Delivery of 38 retirement living apartments, meeting existing and future need;
- Provides elderly residents with safety, security and companionship;
- Benefits the 'basket shopping economy' as its central location encourages residents to shop locally;
- Provides an attractive, bespoke building which will complement the existing streetscape;
- Allows older people to downsize and free up under occupied houses in the local area for families;
- Secures a £450,000 contribution towards affordable housing and £28,000 towards off site infrastructure improvements.
- Creates efficiencies by allowing Health and Social Services practitioners to visit several residents at once, leading to a more effective use of public resources; and
- Discourages the use of private vehicles through its sustainable location close to facilities.

**Andrew Burgess, Planning Director of Churchill Retirement Living comments:**

“The Planning Inspector recognised that this proposal has been carefully designed to relate sensitively to the surrounding area and that this is a high quality scheme which will improve the appearance of the area. There will be no issues with parking or impact to neighbouring houses and a substantial sum is being contributed towards off site affordable housing and contributions towards libraries, waste recycling, environmental improvements and transport.”

“This is an accessible and sustainable location and future residents will be able to walk to shops and services in Leatherhead. The construction will get underway early next year, with first occupations anticipated by May 2016.”

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.

For more information on Churchill Retirement Living, please call 0800 458 1856 or visit

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Image of the proposed retirement living development.

