



Consultation on the Future of Westlands Older Persons Home



Central Bedfordshire Council wants the best possible quality of life for all its residents and is committed to developing and improving accommodation with care for older people. The Council owns and operates five care homes which were built several decades ago and which currently no longer meet the expectations of customers and regulators in terms of facilities and accommodation.

The Council has been investigating options and opportunities in the Leighton Buzzard area and has secured a site in Hockliffe Road which would be suitable for a new care home.

The Council is therefore consulting on the future of Westlands.

The Council has considered the following options in relation to the future of Westlands including:

1. Doing nothing - continue to run Westlands in its present form.
2. Facilitate the construction of a new home in the area, relocating residents to new homes and closing Westlands.
3. Transferring Westlands to another organisation to run as a going concern.
4. Building a new home on Westlands site - moving residents to alternative homes, demolishing the old home and building a new home.
5. Running the home down - stopping new admissions to the home but keeping it open for an agreed period of time or until it had no residents.
6. Refurbishing the home so that it meets modern standards.

Having reviewed a number of options (which are set out in more detail in the document 'Options Considered for the Future of Westlands') the Council's current preferred option is to secure the development of a new care home capacity at Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard with sufficient places at that home for anyone at Westlands who wishes to go there, and then to close Westlands.

If agreed this option will take a minimum of two years to implement during which time it is intended that Westlands will remain open.

We want to know the views of residents, their relatives and other interested parties. The simplest way to let us have your views is by completing the following questionnaire.

For more information about the consultation process please read the fact sheet 'Have your say on the Future of Westlands'.

You can obtain further copies of these documents by contacting Rebecca Carr on 0300 300 6609 or email rebecca.carr@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

Please submit your response to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations or return your completed survey to the address below by **Monday 6th November 2017**:

FREEPOST RSJS GBBZ SRZT (You do not need a stamp)
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Chicksands, Shefford
SG17 5TQ

The options considered

Q1 What are your views on the Council's preferred option?

Q2 Are there any options that you think we have not correctly evaluated?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

If yes, please state which one(s) and why you think should be evaluated differently in the comments box below.

Q3 Are there any options listed that you think the Council should investigate in more detail?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes, please state which one(s) and say what further information or investigation is needed.

Q4 Are there any other option(s) that you think the Council should consider that are not in the document?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes, please explain what these option(s) are.

Q5 Do you have any further comments about the future of the home?

Welfare of residents at Westlands

Q6 Throughout the process we will be conducting individual meetings with residents and their relatives, and providing advocates where necessary. What could the Council do to minimise the impact of any changes on the existing residents and their relatives at Westlands?

Other comments

Q7 Do you have any further comments about the provision of accommodation for residents at Westlands?

About you

This section of the survey is about you. The following information will help us when considering your opinions and to make sure that we're getting the views of all members of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual.

Q8 Are you a:

- Resident
- Relative of a resident
- Member of the public
- Member of staff
- Charity or organisation
- Other

If other, please specify

Q9 Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

Q10 What is your age?

- Under 16 years
- 16-19 years
- 20-29 years
- 30-44 years
- 45-59 years
- 60-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75+

Q11 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?
Under the Equality Act 2010 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Yes

No

Q12 To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

White British

Black or Black British

Asian or Asian British

Mixed

Other

If other, please specify

Q13 If you would like to receive any updates on this consultation or alerts for any new consultations, please provide your email address below to be added to the list:

Data Protection Act 1998

Please note that your personal details supplied on this form will be held and/or computerised by Central Bedfordshire Council for the purpose of Westlands consultation.

The information collected may be disclosed to officers and members of the Council and its' partners involved in this consultation. Summarised information from the forms may be published, but no individual details will be disclosed under these circumstances.

Your personal details will be safeguarded and will not be divulged to any other individuals or organisations for any other purposes.

Information classification: Protected when complete.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.