

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

<p>To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Subject: PETITION FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A DAY CARE FACILITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN WESTFIELD ROAD, KILSYTH</p>
<p>From: HEAD OF SOCIAL WORK DEVELOPMENT</p>	
<p>Date: 25 FEBRUARY 2009</p>	<p>Ref: DM/AB</p>

1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Housing & Social Work Services Committee of receipt of a petition regarding the proposed development of a small day care facility for older people in Westfield Road, Kilsyth.

2. Background

- 2.1. At the time of the closure of Burngreen Lodge residential care home for older people in Kilsyth, the Council made a commitment to create a day care facility for local people.
- 2.2. At present older people from Kilsyth with significant health and care needs who require day care must travel to Cumbernauld to receive this type of support.
- 2.3. A petition signed by 31 residents in the Westfield Road area has been received. Residents who have signed the petition object because they believe "this will cause disruption with parking....and it will be a haven for youths to hang around causing disturbance." They also believe it will be unsightly and adversely impact upon property prices.

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1. The development is planned for a sheltered housing complex in Westfield Road and so will also provide, for the first time, communal space for residents of the complex. It will be available for use by residents when not in use as a day care resource. The provision of communal space for use by residents fits with the strategic policy objective of enhancing quality of life for residents of sheltered housing. The facility will deliver further improvement to the service available to residents through the provision of on site accommodation for the warden [who lives outwith the sheltered housing accommodation].
- 3.2. The facility will accommodate a maximum of 14 older people at any one time, none of whom will use their own transport to attend. As there will be a maximum of 3 staff working at any one time, it is considered that this will present minimal parking problems for local residents, a view shared by the Roads Department.

3.3. The facility is considered to be a desirable and much needed asset for older people in Kilsyth, both now and in the future. It is intended to deliver upon national policy objectives of ensuring that older people have access to public services which are people-centred, accessible and joined up; and can access quality services appropriate to their needs, when and where they are required [All Our Futures: Planning for a Scotland with an Ageing Population 2007]. The services provided there will be delivered on a partnership basis with NHS Lanarkshire, with the opportunity for some older people to receive treatment and therapies from health staff at the facility rather than have to travel, for instance, to Carrickstone Hospital. The facility will also contribute to ensuring that some older people who would otherwise have had to move to care homes will be able to continue to live in their own homes. Given its scale and location it is highly unlikely that it will attract youths. This can be monitored accordingly.

3.4. The proposal was considered by the Planning and Transportation Committee on 15 January 2009. The application was continued for a site meeting and hearing.

4. Recommendation

4.1. Committee is asked to note the petition and the decision of the Planning and Transportation Committee on 15 January 2009.



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