

BRITON'S CROFT UPDATE - A STEP CLOSER

Yesterday local Councillors met representatives from Saxon Weald, who unveiled their more detailed designs for the intended redevelopment of Briton's Croft on an "older persons" scheme, comprising 20 one and two bedroom flats within 5 two storey buildings with pitched roofs. It is intended that 12 of these would be affordable housing for rent, and 8 would be sold on shared equity schemes to eligible persons. All will be built to lifetime homes standards with two on the ground floor built for disabled persons.

The scheme will be put out for public consultation again, on 5th December at 3.00 – 7.00 pm at the Steyning Centre, when everyone is invited to look at these and to give their final comments before a planning application is made, probably before Christmas. As before, the public event will be advertised and letters delivered to local houses.

The proposals are very much in keeping with the local area, using traditional materials.

The eligibility criteria has not yet been finally settled, but will be very much on a cascade system so that Steyning residents will be offered the chance to take up the offers first, and then in the wider locality if there are insufficient takers. The age limit has not yet been settled at either 55 or 60 years.

There will be 29 parking spaces within the scheme, which is one per flat, plus 9 visitor's spaces. There will be landscaping and some modest individual gardens. However, all of the flats which don't have individual gardens will have balconies facing inwards.

Thanks to Saxon Weald for continuing to consult everyone.

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Chairman