



News release from Saxon Weald

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Residents welcome plans for new homes

Parish and district councillors have welcomed a successful application to build new affordable homes in Steyning, following extensive consultation with residents over the plans.

Horsham-based housing association Saxon Weald was granted permission to build 20 apartments for affordable rent and shared-equity purchase to people over the age of 60.

The new homes will be on the site of a housing scheme for older people owned by Saxon Weald, which was closed because the accommodation did not meet modern standards.

Saxon Weald held a consultation event in Steyning in June last year, where local people were asked to vote on whether they wanted a mix of affordable homes for younger people, families and older people, or for homes solely for retirement living. The result was overwhelmingly in favour of the latter.

Councillor Sue Rogers, who represents Steyning and Ashurst on Horsham District Council, said: "I have been very impressed with the way that Saxon Weald engaged with the community of Steyning at various stages of the planning process. It was evident that they listened to the views of residents and made adaptations. The outcome will be a very welcome development that will enhance our town."

Marie Riordan, Saxon Weald's New Business Manager, said: "We're delighted to have the support of residents to build these much-needed affordable homes. We hope to start work in the autumn and to have finished in early 2015."