

## How to have your say

**We're keen to hear what you think about our plans for Southlands and we're making it easy for you to give us your views.**

We'll be holding consultation meetings to explain more about our plans and how they could affect you if you live at Southlands.

We'll also discuss our plan with you in smaller groups, individually and with your relatives, friends or advocates.

Our consultation starts on Monday 2 June and lasts for 12 weeks – finishing on Sunday 24 August.

### To give us your views you can:

- **write to** – David Gurney, Group Manager (Performance),  
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- **email** – [david.gurney@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:david.gurney@derbyshire.gov.uk)
- **phone** – David Gurney on 01629 532059.

For more details about our consultation visit our website at:  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/southlands](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/southlands)

**All comments must be received by 24 August 2014.**



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## Derbyshire County Council

# Your Care

# Your Future

# Our Priority

**Our plans to develop care, living and support services for older people.**

The proposed closure of Southlands Home for Older People in Main Street, Long Eaton.

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**At Derbyshire County Council we're committed to providing the best possible care and accommodation for older people across the county.**

We want to ensure there's a good mix of high quality accommodation and that people have the support they require as they get older and their needs change. In some areas we're providing this already, but we need to do more to ensure that we meet the needs of local people in years to come.

We're already investing in new developments to support our growing older population, while changing some of the services we currently provide.

Some of the changes we have already made include closing some of our residential homes and replacing them in the local area with modern, high quality accommodation which can support people with a wide range of needs.



## Our plan

**As part of our plan to improve accommodation and care for older people we are proposing to close Southlands home for older people on Main Street, Long Eaton.**

The care provided by staff at Southlands is of the highest quality, but the building itself does not meet the standards we provide in many of our other, more modern residential homes.

We are now holding a 12-week consultation and in this time you will be able to tell us what you think about our proposal to close Southlands.

## What happens next...

**During the 12-week consultation we will be asking for your views on the future of Southlands.**



When our consultation ends we'll consider all the views we have received and take them into account before we make any final decisions. We are likely to make a decision on the future of Southlands in October 2014.

If a decision is made to close Southlands we would aim to do this in spring or early summer 2015.

## If you are a resident

**Before anything happens – we'd carry out a full assessment of your needs. We would talk to you, your relatives, friends or an advocate about the best place for you to live, and we will always take your wishes into account.**

One of your options will be moving to our new centre which we are building with partners – Lacemaker Court in Tamworth Road, Long Eaton, if this is what you would like.



Lacemaker Court is a mix of extra care apartments aimed at people aged over 55 years and en-suite specialist residential care rooms for people with dementia and other higher level care needs, for both permanent care and short stays.

The new development, which is due to open in spring or early summer next year, will also have consulting and therapy rooms, a public café/restaurant and a hair salon.

If you choose to live somewhere else, we will support you with this.

Following the consultation, if a decision is made to close Southlands, we will be there to help you make the best choice and make sure it happens as smoothly as possible.