

Bungalow scheme gets planning permission

Planning permission has been granted for a new bungalow housing scheme for older people in Wirral. Housing 21, a leading provider of housing, care and health services for older people will develop 22 bungalows in Wallasey adjacent to their existing Willow Bank extra care scheme.

The new bungalows, which will be a welcome addition to Willow Bank, will comprise 14 bungalows to purchase on a shared ownership basis and eight for affordable rent. They will each provide two bedrooms. Residents will be able to enjoy independent living as well as easy access to the facilities at Willow Bank, which includes a restaurant, shop, hairdressing salon and activity room.

Jane Hinde, Regional Operations Director for Housing 21, said: "We're very pleased to have achieved planning permission for these bungalows. Willow Bank has proved to be a popular hub for the local community since it opened in 2010 and the additional bungalows will be a lovely complement to the existing scheme."

Cllr George Davies, Wirral Council's Cabinet member for Housing and Community Safety, said: "We're delighted to support this development using Council land to provide much-needed, affordable housing for older residents. It is especially appealing because of its proximity to Willow Bank; allowing new residents to use the facilities there should help promote a real sense of community."

The £2.2 million bungalow scheme, part of Housing 21's Homes and Communities Agency affordable housing programme, will be built on the Council owned site of the former Poulton House residential care home in Willow Close.

Local building contractor, Cruden Construction, will be building the scheme on behalf of Housing 21, whose portfolio of homes in the North West includes four extra care developments across the Wirral.

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Housing 21's mission is to promote independence and choice for older people through quality care, health and housing services. It provides around 130,000 hours of care each week and manages around 19,000 sheltered and extra care apartments, providing services to more than 31,000 service users.

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