



Elderflowers News



My shy partners

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PROGRESS UPDATE

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Dear Elderflowers supporter,

We are writing to inform you of the progress made in developing an Elderflowers scheme in Milton Keynes, as you previously indicated that you wanted to keep in touch.

We have your address because you have seen our brochure and may have attended a presentation about Elderflowers or participated in the survey we commissioned to ascertain views of Milton Keynes citizens of the Elderflowers model.

Progress Update

For the last two years we have been negotiating with Milton

Keynes Council and Home and Communities Agency, (HCA) about acquiring a large tract of land in Campbell Park and we hope to have some positive news soon.

We have submitted a pre-application to the council to gain their support for the Elderflowers concept, and we are awaiting a response. The support of the local authority is critical for securing land in Campbell Park.

Elderflowers has a partnership with a long established housing developer, with an extensive track record of delivering housing in Milton Keynes.

Additionally we have an agreement with a major housing association, to deliver the affordable housing element of the scheme, so that we can ensure that people of all incomes can benefit from what Elderflowers has to offer. Above is a photograph of the site we have been negotiating for, with the elbows of two of our partners – they are rather shy and did not want to be photographed - but I thought that I should include part of them to assure you that they do exist!

Why Elderflowers?

Elderflowers aims to provide accommodation for people getting older, when they

make the decision to downsize. We think that people should not wait until they become very old, and it becomes a difficult move from a much loved family home.

But whatever your age, the best time to move is when you decide to do it, rather than being forced for whatever reason. So we encourage people to think this through and we hope that the alternatives we are designing will be attractive to you.

For us, the advantages are clear:

- You would have a new specially designed energy efficient home, requiring minimal maintenance.
- It will be cheaper to run, with lower gas and electricity costs.
- There will be shared facilities such as a gym and a swimming pool, that most people couldn't afford individually.
- It could allow you to release equity in your home, freeing up money for other uses.

What's Next

As we get closer to starting to build the Elderflowers community, we would like to know more about your preferences and the options that you would like to see in your new home. Once we have acquired the land, we will arrange a time to meet to discuss your ideas for

an Elderflowers development.

I have started a 'mood board' on which I stick ideas and pictures of what I like, and I suggest you do the same. Here is a picture that I saw recently that is going into my collection.



Keep in Touch

We would like to keep you engaged and informed about our progress, via mailings and in the future via an Elderflowers Supporters Group.

We would prefer to communicate by email so please send us your email address if we do not already have it.

If you are no longer interested in updates about Elderflowers please do not hesitate to contact us and we will remove you from the mailing list.

In case you know anyone else who would like to be part of our group, please ask them to contact us by completing the contact form at the end of this newsletter.

And Finally

We would love to hear from you, what you are doing? and what would you like us to provide for

you? Please do write back and let us know.

With our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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(Jane, Kodzo and Robert)

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