

Welcome to our project newsletter about the works taking place at the site of the former Lakers Youth Centre in Goldsworth Park in Woking. Construction works are nearing completion to deliver accommodation for a new Short Breaks Service as part of Surrey County Council's "Right Homes, Right Support Programme".

This is the last instalment of regular newsletters that have been shared throughout the project to provide progress updates and inform you of movements in and around the construction site.

### What's the project about?

As part of Surrey County Council's aim to increase the provision of short breaks accommodation to help families of working age adults with learning disabilities and autism, Neilcott are delivering a new development at Goldsworth Park in Woking.

Situated on the site of the former Lakers Youth Centre, the building will provide eight en-suite bedrooms designed to be fully accessible to wheelchair users and suitable for service users with complex needs. Works will also include communal lounge and dining areas, a sensory room, landscaped gardens and courtyard and staff accommodation.

### Emily Lodge Short Breaks Service will be run by Surrey Choices.

Surrey-based social care provider Surrey Choices will operate the Emily Lodge short breaks service on behalf of the county council.

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<https://www.surreychoices.com>

Surrey Choices provides person-centred support to disabled, autistic and neurodivergent people to enable them to live active lives in their local communities.



### Short Breaks Accommodation

Short breaks offers those who look after adults with learning disabilities and autism, the opportunity to take a well-earned break from their caring responsibilities. Parents and carers, will have the chance to recharge their batteries and focus on their own well-being, while their loved ones are supported in a location close to home, developing new social skills and meeting others from the local community.

Designed for people of all abilities, the service will offer guests as much independence as possible while ensuring that their day to day needs for support are met.

### We are nearing project completion!

We are fast approaching practical completion of Emily Lodge and are looking forward to handing the keys over to our client, Surrey County Council.

Throughout the New Year, in February 2025, the team have been putting the finishing touches to the New Short Breaks respite centre for adults.

The team have also been testing all of the services and commissioning the building in preparation of the handover.

On occasion you may have heard the fire alarm or other testing occurring, this is normal during the commissioning stage of the building, with light testing also completed this week out of hours.

To celebrate, Surrey Choices invites you to a **Community Open House Event on Wednesday 12th March**. You can drop in anytime from **10.00am to 12.00pm**. Come along to meet the team, explore the facilities, and learn more about the support available.

For more information email [info@surreychoices.com](mailto:info@surreychoices.com) or call **01483 806806**.



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# EMILY LODGE NEW SHORT BREAKS CENTRE



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Circulation Space



Bedroom Layout



Bedroom into En-Suite Layout



Bedroom Lift & Automated Blinds



En-Suite Shower / Bathroom



## Providing a calm and comfortable space, bespoke for residents

Once complete, the building can accommodate up to 8 short term residences at a time, giving families a much needed respite.

The building feels light and open with interactive lighting throughout. Underfloor heating throughout the building means that there are no hot surfaces or sharp corners. Colours throughout the building have been sympathetically chosen to provide a calm environment, and all transition spaces match the bedrooms.

Day rooms allow staff and residents to prepare meals either together or individually as a training process, and provide purpose built facilities for whatever residents need.

The day rooms are all linked via custom built sliding pocket doors which make the spaces very user friendly, or can be closed off to make a more controlled environment. Particularly the living room that will double as a movie / cinema space.

The sensory room also has a hoist to assist residents with their needs and will allow each resident to be cared for in their own special way.

**It has been a real privilege for the Neilcott Team to design & construct what is a very sought after resource within the community, and we hope that all visitors, staff & users of the building will enjoy the legacy that has been created.**

**On our final note, we would like to thank our neighbours for being patient during busy periods, and a special thank you to St Andrew's Church Team for providing a meeting space for us when needed, along with a great bacon butty when required.**



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