

## PROJECT NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2025

**As the appointed contractor of the redevelopment of The Squirrels Short Breaks Service, we will continue to publish regular newsletters throughout the construction, to inform the local community of progress and forthcoming site activities.**

**Visit the Community Engagement website for the project here: <https://squirrelsbs.communityuk.site/>**

### Introducing Neilcott

Established in 1967, Neilcott Construction is a highly regarded regional main contractor boasting an experienced workforce operating from our Head Office in Orpington, with Regional Offices in Winchester and Hemel Hempstead and a Fit Out division in London.

### What's the project about?

Neilcott have been appointed to carry out the re-development of **The Squirrels Short Breaks Service**, for Surrey County Council. The proposed 550m<sup>2</sup> building will provide 8 fully accessible en-suite respite care places designed specifically for working-age adults with autism or learning disability needs. The scheme will prioritise accessibility, safety, and comfort, ensuring the environment is supportive for those with disabilities or limited mobility.

The works will also see provision of a communal area, staff area and associated garden space. The landscape of The Squirrels Short Breaks Service takes influence from the adjacent woodland and is designed to embed the new building within the leafy woodland context.

The design has been developed in collaboration with the project ecologists to maximise bio-diversity enhancements. These include areas of new habitat, bug hotels, bat and bird boxes, a high percentage of native planting, plus the retention and enhancement of existing ecological features where possible.

Works are scheduled to start from June 9th, beginning with demolishing the existing building and asbestos removal. These works will take approximately 11 weeks to complete.



#### Project Manager: Lee Wills

*Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or queries and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. See below for contact details.*



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### What's happened so far

- The building has been emptied and vacated
- Arboriculturist / ecologist surveys have been completed
- Trees and hedges have been removed/trimmed as per surveys
- Site hoarding to perimeters has been installed
- We have completed drainage and ground penetrating radar surveys for the exiting utilities

### What's happening next

- Internal soft strip out of the building
- External scaffolding will be installed
- External strip out of soffits and fascia boards
- Full demolition works to commence
- Site cabin/welfare will be installed



### Thank you!

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank our local neighbours for their patience as we carry out the construction works. Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team as detailed.*

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