



Makins Court, Winchester, UK

New Sheltered Accommodation:
Phased Redevelopment of Specialist
Housing



Inside and outside the building, there is plenty of light and space. Already the area has a sense of community



Makins Court resident

Makins Court sheltered housing is located in New Alresford, to the north-east of Winchester in Hampshire. The existing, institutional style, council run facility was built in the 1960s.

Project Delivery

- An option appraisal exercise involving residents and local community stakeholders formed the first part of the commission.
- The outcome was a decision to demolish and rebuild rather than refurbish.
- A steering group comprising existing residents, the local GP, councillors and voluntary organisations helped to develop a brief for a new building that would improve the quality of care.
- A phased redevelopment scheme to allow residents to remain on site throughout the demolition and rebuilding process.
- Lifetime Home Standard residential complex comprising 16 one and two bedroom flats and 12 bungalows.
- A main two-storey building to accommodate the flats, two resident lounges, guest rooms, scheme manager's accommodation, shop, and other facilities accessible to the wider community.
- Carefully designed accommodation to suit people with a wide range of mobility problems, incorporating special features to enable residents to live independent lives with varying degrees of support.
- Parking for visitors, mobility scooters and wheelchairs.
- An attractive landscaped courtyard to form the focus of the development.
- A generous balcony or a small private garden for every home.
- Realisation of the scheme in a contemporary architectural style with a traditional palette of materials: red brick and white render for walls and slate for roofs, to reflect older buildings in Alresford.

Client

Winchester City Council and Eastleigh Housing Association

Awards

*National Homebuilder Design Awards 2004
Commendation for Best Retirement Development*

*Alresford Society Rose Bowl Award 2003
Development making the most outstanding contribution
to the attractiveness of the town*

