

# 1. Welcome

## The Royal Cambridge Home Exhibition

Welcome to the exhibition on the proposed redevelopment of the site at 82-84 Hurst Road and the reprovision of a new care home for the Royal Cambridge Home (RCH) alongside a new extra care facility for the Sheppard Trust (an almshouse charity).

The two charities are working together to bring forward a facility fit for the 21st century so that they can continue to maintain the very high standards of care and housing on which they both pride themselves. The existing buildings cannot continue to operate as they are in the long-term, so now it is important that they are replaced in order to continue providing high-quality care for the residents.

The current proposals meet the aspirations of the two charities. They also want to ensure the local community is fully aware of the huge benefits these exciting new facilities will bring and give you an opportunity to comment on the plans ahead of a planning application.

As you make your way around the exhibition, please do ask members of our team any questions you may have about the plans. The team is on hand to understand your views and to make sure that they are noted.

At the end of the exhibition, please kindly fill out one of the feedback forms provided so that the two charities can consider your views.





## 2. The Charities

### The Royal Cambridge Home



As a registered charity, the Royal Cambridge Home (RCH) is a not-for-profit establishment which we believe sets us apart from most other care organisations. The Trustees give their time liberally and all the savings made ensure that this historic home offers excellent value in terms of comfort and care for all its residents. It means that our resources can be focussed on providing a “home from home” experience.

The Royal Cambridge Home offers residential and respite care all on one site. A dedicated and compassionate team works hard to maintain a happy atmosphere to make life comfortable, safe and stimulating for all our residents.

### The Sheppard Trust

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Sheltered housing for elderly ladies of limited means

The Sheppard Trust is a small charitable housing trust currently based in Holland Park, west London.

**Providing homes:** The Sheppard Trust provides homes for women over 65 in need of low-cost, comfortable, secure and well-maintained homes.

**Maintaining independence:** Residents live independently in their own apartments. A range of support and advice is on hand when it is needed.

**Community spirit:** Residents are active in the local community and a programme of social and community activities contributes to full and active lives.



### 3. Site Context and History

The Royal Cambridge Home (RCH) was founded in Kingston-upon-Thames in 1851 in memory of the first Duke of Cambridge and has been providing residential care, initially for the widows of soldiers, since that time. The Home moved to its present site in East Moseley in 1944, following war damage to the original Home.

It is the aim of the RCH to provide care to all of its residents to the highest standard, delivered by well-trained and motivated staff. The RCH can currently accommodate up to 28 residents who are encouraged to treat the Home as their own.

Sadly, the buildings are dilapidated and no longer fit for purpose. Over the years, a number of extensions have been added to the Home which have led to a deterioration in the state of the buildings.

The RCH therefore owes it to the current and future residents to propose a way forward which will allow us to continue to meet their needs on the existing site. The RCH believes that the best way to accomplish this is by providing a new custom built care home that will allow the home to care for both the existing residents and a greater number of people with more complex needs.





## 4. The Proposals - Summary

The proposals seek to optimise the site's ability to provide high quality facilities for the elderly so that RCH can continue to provide world class care fit for the 21st century.

To do this, RCH are working with The Sheppard Trust to build a replacement state of the art 32-bed care home for RCH on the existing site. This care home would sit alongside a new extra care facility, to be built and operated by the Sheppard Trust, a well-established almshouse charity. This facility would provide 60 extra-care for rent apartments.

The proposal at the Hurst Road site would therefore provide care for RCH care home residents and Sheppard Trust almshouse residents.

The two charities have had detailed discussions with planning officers at Elmbridge Borough Council and are working positively with them to ensure that the proposals we submit are in line both with Council policy and the needs of the existing residents and the wider community.

The proposals would mean the phased demolition and replacement of the existing buildings to allow for the construction of a new care home for RCH and an extra care housing for the Sheppard Trust. The RCH care home will be built in the first phase, followed by the Sheppard Trust extra care facility.





## 5. The Proposals - Design

### External view

Specialist architects PRP have carefully designed the proposals to respect the streetscene and conservation area by creating elegant buildings which are reflective of the villas that currently occupy the site, and respect neighbour amenity.

The architects have been careful to ensure that the proposals provides well proportioned rooms for the residents of the buildings whilst also making a high quality contribution to an important area of East Molesey.

As can be seen from the image below, it is proposed that the buildings are constructed in a light coloured brick and a style which is in keeping with the local aesthetic.



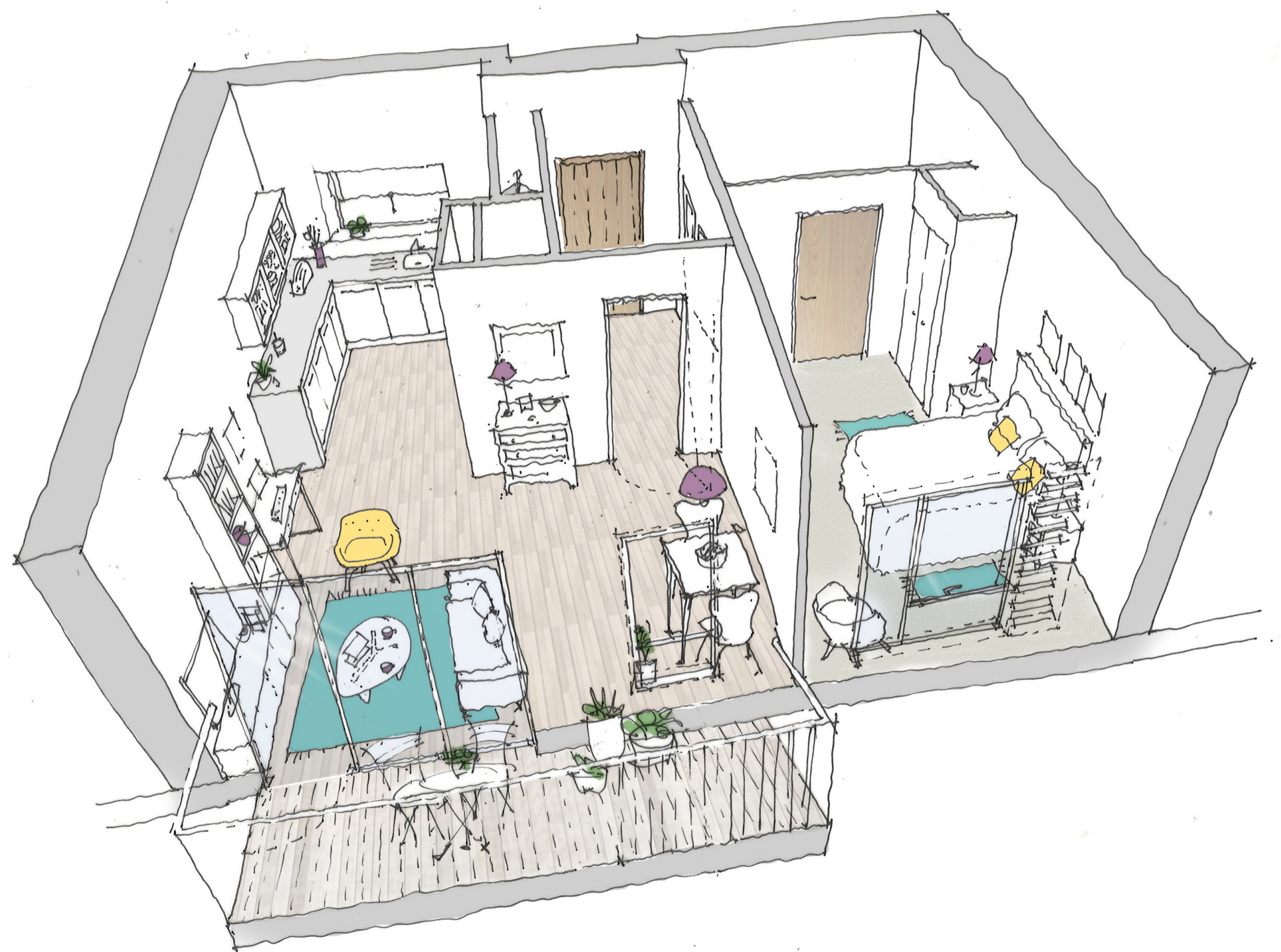
View of proposed external brickwork with stone banding and detailing

### Internal view

Both buildings have been designed to be barrier-free and wheelchair accessible, with specialist features to meet the needs of the older residents.

The proposed new RCH care home has generous en-suite bedrooms to allow for care and equipment, as well as personalisation by the residents.

The proposed Sheppard Trust extra care facility would have individual residential apartments designed to allow the residents to live independently for as long as possible.



Internal view of a proposed apartment in Sheppard Trust's extra care facility





## 7. Next Steps



The two charities plan to submit a joint planning application to Elmbridge Borough Council soon. Please do fill out one of the feedback forms provided. Your feedback will of course be taken into careful consideration as the charities prepare for submission.

Following the submission of our application, we will continue to engage openly and proactively with our residents and the local community.

Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact our team on:

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View of the proposed scheme from Hurst Road