



# Willow Gardens Extra Care Scheme

# What is Extra Care?

- Extra Care Housing is a way of supporting people with **varying levels of need to live in a home of their own** for much longer than they would otherwise expect to - as people's needs change, the care and support can change
- Extra Care Housing schemes have **fully self contained accommodation** (a lounge, fully fitted kitchen, one or two bedrooms and level access shower room with toilet) and a **range of on-site communal facilities** within the building. There is the reassurance of having **24-hour, on-site, professional care and support staff** is the real difference.
- Social activities and meal facilities are available, supporting people to access community and communal activities such as hot meals served in the dining room seven days a week, if they choose arranged in line with individuals' wishes and needs
- The security and privacy of their own home with a range of facilities on the premises, including Support Officers and Care Staff (as agreed after an individual care assessment ) seven days a week, 365 days of the year
- An immediate response in an emergency, and any necessary care put in place there and then



In March 2017 Cabinet took the decision to approve a new build Extra Care Scheme at Moor Lane. The Scheme will provide 90 units of high quality, purpose built Extra Care accommodation in the Borough.



In November 2019 Cabinet took the decision to allow consultation on the closure of two internal Extra Care Schemes – Manifoldia Grange and Holly Grange, with a proposal to relocate the existing staff and tenants to Willow Gardens



In April 2020, following consultation, Cabinet took the decision to progress with the closure of Holly and Manifoldia Granges, with a relocation of staff and tenants to Willow Gardens or other options across Sandwell.



Transferring tenants will occupy under half of the Scheme, with the remaining Units available to other Sandwell residents wishing to move to Extra Care. An Expression of interest list is currently being held, in line with the existing process for Extra Care nomination.



## Aerial views of the Moor Lane Development

## Current progress



- **A virtual tour of the Scheme has been created and shared with the staff and tenants scheduled to relocate**



- **There have been significant delays to the build as a result of the impact of Covid19 in addition to some logistical difficulties**
- **The completion date is currently anticipated to be September/October 2021**

# Timescale

