

Walton Court

Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust

Services: Project management, quantity surveying, architecture, CDM co-ordination

Contract Dates: August 2009 - Current

Contract Value: £7,000,000

Project Overview

Walton Court Centre is a mixed use 1970s development serving the Aylesbury community. Keegans and sister company, ECD Architects were commissioned to regenerate this area comprising retail units, a public house, healthy living centre and a community centre, 37 new and refurbished apartments for 24 tenants and 11 leaseholders. The isolation of the centre and its lack of security however had led to vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Reducing this was a key objective for the client on this regeneration project.

To determine the best way forward for the regeneration of this community, Keegans and ECD Architects have worked closely with the Trust and Centre residents through a series of consultation meetings, presentations and feedback sessions to agree regeneration plans. The proposals delineate a clear hierarchy of public and private space creating a safe and secure sense of neighbourhood for the residents. Relocation and redesign of the retail units provides a new high quality active street frontage for the centre whilst extension and upgrade of the community buildings encourages connection and interaction with wider community. The conversion of the relocated retail space into additional homes also provides much needed additional housing and

further income for the estate.

The new build elements consists of 21 new residential units consisting of studios and 2 and 3 bedroom flats, a new extension to the community centre and infill of the healthy living centre.

Refurbishment works to the Centre's existing structure include external cladding with super insulation, door and window replacements and Decent Homes upgrades. These measures improve the Centre's external appearance as well as its energy efficiency.

As Project Managers, Keegans have provided the single point of contact with VAHT's Project Managers in order to provide a seamless delivery of the multi-disciplinary design team role. With Keegans acting as the main interface with the Client, we have encouraged an open and collaborative approach to design and delivery of our projects and ensured that our Project Manager takes a single point of responsibility of the project at all stages .

This project is currently on site on a tight construction programme. Both commercial and residential tenants remain on site whilst works are carried out.

