

PROJECT Description

SITE CONCEPT

Concept

The proposal locates the integrated care facility to the high point of the site. New access through the sandstone wall along Craighleith Hill Crescent will ensure clear delineation of access and separation of services and commercial vehicles from the remainder of the site.

This location uses the existing sloped site to accommodate both 2 storey and 3 storey blocks linked by a glazed entrance with roof top garden. The topography ensures that roof level does not encroach that of the existing hospital.

The integrated carehome facility is visually linked to the retained and refurbished B listed admin building by a new 'village green'. This green garden strip offers a frontage and amenity space to both buildings whilst linking proposed residential terraces. In addition this green space runs parallel with the existing green space which in turn sits next to the established tree belt along Craighleith Road. Each of these green strips are linked by a perimeter road and primary vehicle access linking both existing gatehouses as before with tertiary pedestrian links running from north to south which are complimented with a green park swathe offering a pedestrian link through the site from the tree walk to the existing access at the top right corner..

Within this grid we propose terraces of housing 2.5 storey high picking up on the 'colony type' housing found elsewhere in the city. This allows a reasonably dense footprint whilst not compromising on form, scale or massing.

Toward the bottom of the site at the low point of the hill and hidden behind the tree line we propose to introduce small towers which can contain flats, these treehouses will offer a varied mix of housing type and assist in life long housing for the development. In addition there is a proposal for 1.25 acres of commercial office space adjacent to the south east entrance and set within the green space provision.

