

Limetree Court Update



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Welcome to the Limetree Court newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter regarding the new Limetree Court development. We will use this newsletter to keep you informed of the latest developments and updates and consultations.

New build for Limetree Court gets green light

At the end of April, Cabinet approved plans for a new purpose-built building to house Limetree Court. The building work is expected to start in early 2021 with the aim of being open to children, young people and families in 2022.

The building will be across the road from the current location, Bellfield House, and will be designed specifically for children and young people with disabilities. The building will enable the team who work at Limetree Court to help more families with short breaks and overnight stays.

Putting the child at the centre

Tony Hatley is the parent of a child who uses the current Lime Tree Court facility, he has been heavily involved in the journey with us and this is what he has to say -

As a parent of a child with a disability I was asked if I would like to be involved from a parent/carers prospective in the project for the new Lime Tree Court building, which is part of the Disability Short Breaks offer and to help improve the outcomes for children and young people with SEND.



At the start of this project, I think none of us on the project team would have envisaged us taking part in the Design Council's 'Design in the Public Sector' programme. At the start of 'Design in the Public Sector' programme everyone on the team thought that number one at the top of the list was the building itself.

Fast forward to the end of the 'Design in the Public Sector' programme and our focus had changed from the building being the number one factor, and that the framework for the design should be person centred (children/young people), communicate visually, collaborate and co-create and iterate, iterate and iterate.

The outcome of attending the Design Council's programme means the project team will Explore, Shape and Build something that is more than just a building itself, it will provide better outcomes for children/young people with SEND and their families. I am hoping as a parent of child with a disability I will be able to add and give a parent/carers insight into this and this is co-produced with children/young people with SEND and their families to create a building/home from home experience that will benefit all.

Our Local Offer page

You can keep up to date by checking out our [Limetree Court Local Offer](#) page, this will be updated with the latest developments and any consultation we would like you to be involved in.

[Access the Local Offer here](#)

