

Fortrose Care Home Update

Construction phase

Works on Parklands' £5.5 million Fortrose Care Home is progressing well. The construction phase is expected to be complete in mid-June, weather permitting.

Works on the sewer drainage on Ness Road are continuing and are due to be completed by the end of this month.

These works are absolutely integral to the project. However, we are mindful of the potential impact on nearby residents and we have instructed contractors to keep any noise and disruption to a minimum.

The building

The care home will consist of 40 en-suite bedrooms spread over three wings.

Appendix 1 shows the administrative area of the care home now taking shape. This will consist of the reception area, manager's office, interview rooms, a café and hairdressers.

Appendix 2 shows drone footage of the structure taken in January (before the administrative area took shape):

- To the left, the image shows the site of the landscaped car park.
- The first block is a single storey wing with twin roofs. This block will consist of 10 en-suite bedrooms, a dining room, day room and service areas.
- The main block is a double storey unit, again consisting of twin roofs. The ground floor will house the main kitchen and laundry, a large dining room with glass-fronted views into the courtyard garden area. There will 9 bedrooms on the ground floor and a further 14 bedrooms on the first floor. Again, the first-floor dining room will have glass-fronted views of the courtyard garden below.
- The third and smallest block, to the right, is also a single storey twin roofed unit. There will be 7 bedrooms in this area, a dining room and day room and service areas.

Recruitment

The recruitment process for the new care home is already underway and the role of care home manager has now been advertised. Further roles will be announced shortly.

Parklands attended recruitment fair in Inverness on 6 February and there was keen interest from prospective employees in the new Fortrose facility. It is our intention to host a local recruitment event in the coming weeks, and further details will be announced in due course.

Community engagement

Parklands will be happy to facilitate a tour of the new facility for members of the Community Council once the construction phase is more advanced. In due course, as we did in Grantown, it is also our intention to host a community open day at the new care home, before it opens to residents.

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Appendix 1

Reception and administrative area (with first of residential blocks to the right)



Appendix 2

Three residential blocks, with landscaped car park to the left and courtyard garden in the centre of the blocks (image taken before admin area was erected)

