HIA OF TAN-Y-FRON EXTRA CARE HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

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Why?

- Health and wellbeing, community impacts
- Communities First area and deprived estate
- Community knowledge/participation
- Develops actions and services appropriate for local needs
- Aim to enhance services/mitigate for any unintended impacts
How?

- Rapid HIA – 2 stages
- Steering Group established and HIA scoped
- Half day participatory workshop held to inform the ECH facility and bring stakeholders together
Who?

- LA representatives – housing, older people services, social services
- Voluntary and community representatives – driven by Conwy Communities First Cluster
- Local residents
- Pennaf Housing Association
Vulnerable groups identified…

- Older People
- Young People (especially those who use the MUGA)
- Specialist needs groups who meet at the Community Centre next door
- Familial carers
- Whole community (deprived area) and immediate residents
CROSS CUTTING THEMES…

- Accessibility – including car parking, dropping off and picking up at events. How to manage this?
- Inter Generational differences – MUGA, ECH residents. How to bring young people and older residents together?
A FEW OF THE IMPACTS…

- **Positives**

  - Diet and Lifestyles (healthy food, allotments link, potential food co-op, woodland path for walks, fitness classes in centre, independent living)
  - Social (Intro DVD produced for residents about area)
  - Economic (training kitchen for nearby school, volunteering ops, new jobs created, skill sharing)
  - Access to services (hospital next door, IT suite, links to Community centre, shops near by, bus to town on the doorstep)
  - Macro (supports local and national policies)
A FEW OF THE IMPACTS…

- Negatives
  - Community and Social factors (inequalities in housing made clearer, perception of ‘outsiders’, potential conflict with YP and local community)
  - Environmental (car parking including allocation and space, potential congestion at peak times with youth club and events, noise from MUGA and youth club, security at the back of the site)
  - Access to services (sudden influx in a short period impact on GPs etc)
SOME RECOMMENDATIONS…

- Contingency plans to be drawn up for car parking, noise and congestion
- Use the DVD produced to inform residents about the local area as an opportunity to discuss the local context and share information about the MUGA and community centre and its services
- Strengthen the links between the Community Centre and the development – managers to meet
- Direct residents to public transport
- Intergenerational involvement – YP to learn from residents – skill sharing and training; xmas dinner residents to be served by YP from local school
- Mobility scooter charging site to be identified in town
OUTCOMES

- Involved key community stakeholders
- Identified gaps/issues to be addressed and wider community impacts
- Directly influenced the Development and how it will integrate into the community
- Contingency planning to start
- Short report to be produced and sent to LA Executive decision makers for action