

Independent Living Homes for the Disabled at 17a and 17b Western End.

Yesterday, on behalf of Newbury Town Council, Graham Hunt, (Chief Executive) attended a viewing and celebration of the Independent Living Homes for the Disabled at 17a and 17b Western End.

This is a major success for Newbury, achieved by Sovereign Housing Association working in partnership with a variety of organisations, including Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Council, funders, designers, developers etc etc.

This development has solved a problem for Newbury – and the Town Council - in finding a positive alternative use for a disused open space / playground that had been provided in the wrong location and had become a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

Newbury Town Council showed it's expertise in consulting with local residents to establish a preferred solution. It generated income for the Town Council (and West Berkshire Council) through the sale of the land. The development itself has added some S106 open space money towards providing better open space at nearby St George's Avenue. But what's best for all is the superb provision of purpose built houses for the disabled with lots of space in the centre of a caring community.

Graham Hunt, CEO for Newbury Town Council said "I was massively impressed with the care and attention to detail and wish the tenants every happiness when they move in, in the very near future. Well done everyone."