

SHILLINGTON



COMMUNITY PROJECT APPROVED IN SHILLINGTON

Optimis secured planning permission for 26 dwellings and a purpose-built community centre. The residential development provides the enabling development for the community centre and will generate the funds that are critical to the delivery of the new community facility.

The application for the community centre was approved by Officers under delegated powers, which was followed by a unanimous approval of the residential scheme by the Planning Committee.

The project, which started in 2012, was formed as a community project. Optimis has engaged widely with the community and statutory bodies/stakeholders including the Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee, Memorial Playing Field Committee, local clubs and community organisations to seek their views and amend the project proposals to meet their needs; and has worked closely with the architects and consultants to push this project forward.

The scheme will bring a considerable amount of benefits to the community, not only providing additional housing and highway improvements, but also a new and sustainable community facility that will create a hub for community activities, sports and social gatherings, designed with the needs of all the user groups in mind.

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DESCRIPTION:

26 dwellings including bungalows and a purpose-built community centre

CLIENT:

Rowan Homes

PLANNING AUTHORITY:

Central Bedfordshire Council

PROJECT TYPE:

Residential development and community centre

EXPERTISE:

Residential development; community engagement

Key facts

- **Community consultation and engagement to achieve successful outcomes**
- **Engaging with all areas of the community and seeking the views of all residents including difficult to reach groups**
- **Innovative design approach through dialogue with most effected residents**
- **Community Centre achieved delegated consent providing very positive cash flow benefits to the client whilst delivering homes and local facilities at the earliest opportunities**
- **Client satisfaction and support from community groups**