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HEALTHCARE HUB TO SIT AT HEART OF NEW VILLAGES PROPOSAL

- **Major new healthcare centre to sit at centre of *The Vale***
- **GPs & dentists would work alongside complementary therapists**
- **Plans meet NHS England's Healthy New Towns goals**

A new healthcare hub – with GP and dental practices sitting alongside complementary therapists – is being proposed by Taylor Wimpey as part of its Vale development in North Somerset.

The housebuilder is proposing to build three new villages adjacent to Bristol – and has now announced the new 1,000 square metre healthcare hub would sit at the heart of its development.

The new facilities could be adjacent to retirement homes, to provide easier access to healthcare for older residents. The hub could see complementary therapists – like chiropractors, osteopaths and counsellors – practicing alongside GPs, dentists and physiotherapists.

The healthcare hub is just one part of Taylor Wimpey's plans to create a healthy place to live and work, as project director Gareth Hawke explains:

“The Vale is the most sustainable place to build a new community. It is so close to Bristol, that – with some additional new cycle routes and footpaths – residents will be able to get to work and key services without ever stepping into a car. Metrobus will take just 12 minutes to get to Temple Meads.

“More than half the land will be left as open space with sports facilities and parkland, creating a clean environment which is good for both the health and wellbeing of our residents.

“One of the great advantages of starting from scratch – with new villages – is we can plan a community that works in all ways. And building the healthcare hub in the centre of the development puts health at the heart of our proposals.”



Proposals for the Vale – currently opposed by some North Somerset councillors - are currently excluded from the draft Joint Spatial Plan.

In 2016 NHS England launched its Healthy New Towns initiative to put healthcare at the heart of new village and town proposals. This includes bringing together a range of care and health services into single, integrated centres. Its other main goal is to create better environments to encourage people to pursue healthier lifestyles.

“We fully agree with the approach NHS England is pursuing through its Healthy New Towns initiative, which is why we are putting our healthcare hub at the heart of our development. The Vale offers a real chance to create a healthy place for the people of North Somerset and Bristol to live,” said Mr Hawke.

Taylor Wimpey is expecting to start discussions with Clinical Commissioning Groups, GP & dental practices and local complementary practitioners later in the planning process.

More details of *The Vale* are available at www.thevale-northsomerset.co.uk where interested parties can provide feedback and sign-up for email updates.

People can also find out more and sign up for updates via The Vale Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/taylorwimpeythevale/> or follow the Twitter feed @twthevale.

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