The Chocolate Quarter From Concept Development to Practical Implementation

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We were starting on our new development in Keynsham

And we needed to get it right

What is happening in the market?

12.8 million over 65s by

And they will live longer

Over 65s need more care

45% are unable to manage at least one domestic task

49% are LLTI or disabled

33% are unable to perform one care task

House prices increase by 4,300% since 1970





Accommodation split

One high end home for every 495 of the most affluent over 65s



One mid-market home for every 535 mid-affluent over 65s





One affordable home for every 55 of the least affluent over







Over 65s living in housing with care



5% 5%

0.5%





We began a large scale listening exercise



We found a generational tipping point



The 1950s generation

People lived their lives like their parents



Queue for what you could get...



And then came the

















So what are they like now?









So how do we respond to them?
Don't simply repeat a good f

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Celebrate differences









Provide tech for older people



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Make people feel special

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How did this translate into the design of the Chocolate Quarter?

We started with the shell of a factory.





We know what we want to put in



But how do we get it right for all the users?

We invited them to focus groups and asked them



Focus groups for apartments





SW2 I've shown some of the topics discussed at focus groups, heating laundry and kitchen equipment Steven Webster, 27/10/2017





... for care homes





SW4 I've shown the topics discussed at focus groups, food, decor and activities Steven Webster, 27/10/2017

... for the communal areas



SW5 I've shown children to demonstrate that we want the whole of the wider community to come along. Steven Webster, 27/10/2017

and for the office space



SW6 I've shown the topics discussed at focus groups, food, decor and activities Steven Webster, 27/10/2017

From this we created zones with flexible use



Each zone is designed to work for a variety of different users

The Health and Well-Being Zone







So this is what we built




For the Gym and dance studio we wanted...





And we created





The Leisure & Commercial Zone







And our cinema now looks like this...







And they are now ready to be used





The Social Prescription and Learning Zone







The tools and the teachers are ready to start





Catering Zone







The Café and Restaurant are about to start serving...









The Atrium Jazz Bar




The Atrium Music Zone







The Atrium Activities Zone





The Apartments













The Care Home







The Chocolate Factory





Through mutual occupation we've created beneficial partnerships

Partnership between the GP Surgery and St Monica Trust



Commercial partnerships



New technology across the site





The Financials

Cost of land £10m

Cost to build £60m

Income from apartment sales £55m

Care home turnover £4.8m pa

Commercial income

WELCO £2m pa

Thank you for listening

