

Arthur Medical Centre Extension 2024



The new practice extension

We are expecting the building work for our practice extension to start next week (18th March 2024)

The extension will provide:

- an additional 6 consulting rooms
- a new downstairs multi-functional reception / office area
- a new downstairs waiting room
- improved patient access to the lower ground floor level via the rear of the building

(As the budget allows) we are also hoping to improve and redecorate some of the existing building.

Why we are extending...

- Our patient list size has grown
- We are already beyond the capacity of our current building
- So we can (can continue to):
 - House (& ideally expand) our core practice team
 - Give you access to additional allied health professionals through our PCN (Belper Primary care network <https://belperpcn.gpweb.org.uk/our-primary-care-network>)
 - Host visiting specialists
 - Host other community services such as midwives / phlebotomy / physiotherapists etc
 - Provide placements for GP registrars
 - Teach Medical & Nursing Students

This all depends
on service
commission
locally and
nationally and
practice resources

Because we know our patients want to receive high quality care, from a local team who know them, & can provide a wide range of services & skills, in a convenient location.

And we want this to!

Our ethos and vision

We are investing in our building and this community facility at a time of great uncertainty. This is a brave step for the practice at a time of huge unknowns.

We are doing this because we believe in the importance of general practice and see it as essential in:

- Providing holistic care with a person centred approach
- Supporting patients living with long term conditions – helping people to live well for longer
- Prioritising prevention & wellbeing
- Being a cost effective backbone of the NHS

Funding for general practice has decreased in real terms (please see our separate letter [here](#)) and the ability of practices to meet patient demand and expectation is becoming evermore challenging.

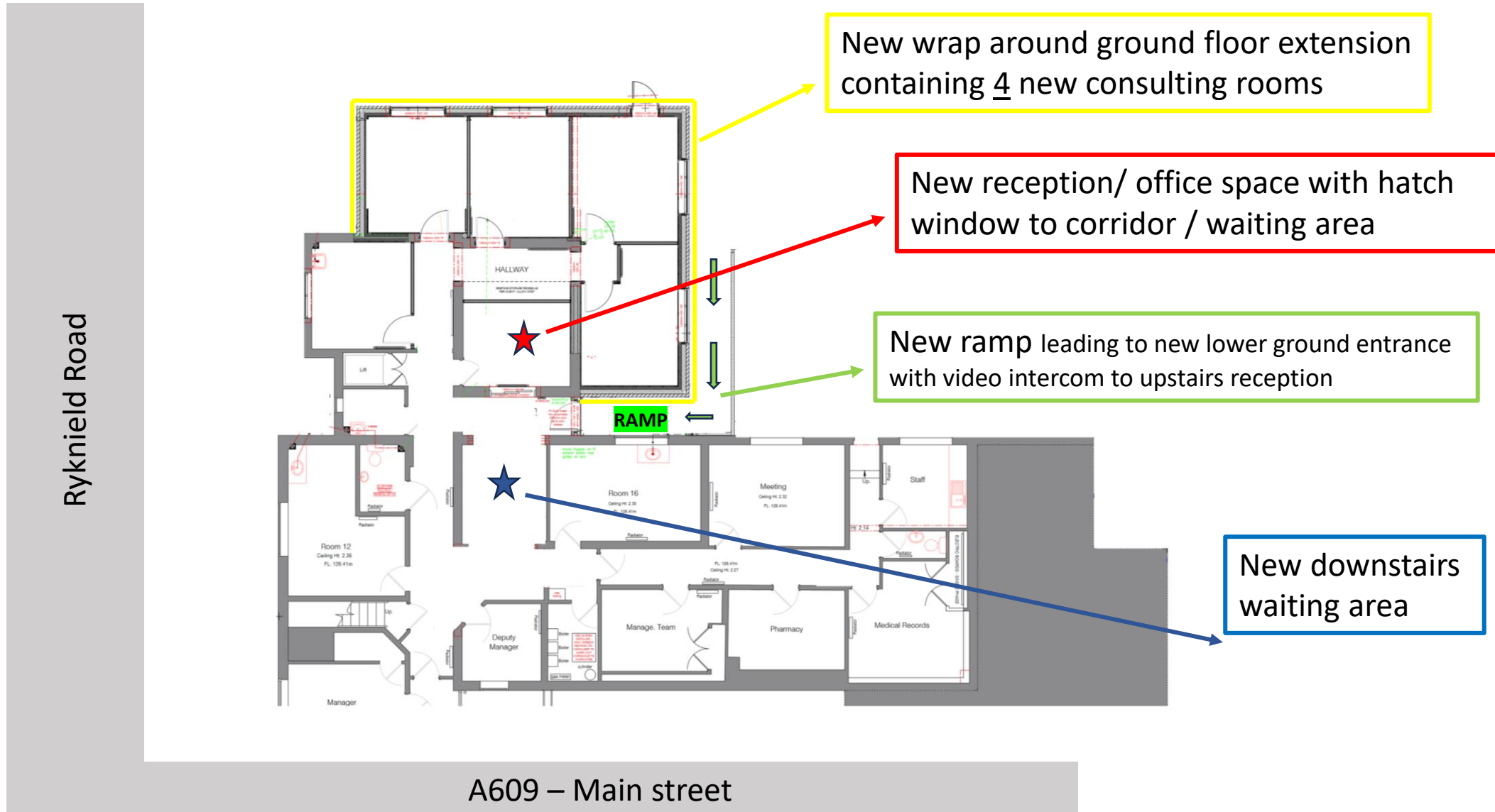
National changes & political agendas have moved away from prioritising ‘cradle-grave care’ by the ‘family doctor’.

→ We don’t agree with many of these changes which we feel are taking away from our ability to provide high quality, community based, care.

- The BMA are currently consulting GPs over further real terms cuts being imposed in the 2024/2025 contract.
- As these political discussions continue we, as your local team, will work hard to try and ensure our personal professional views & the feedback from this community is heard.
- We want to ensure primary care is adequately resourced to provide you with the high quality care you expect for yourselves and your loved ones.

Support us in this by reading our updates, caring about the future of the NHS, backing campaigns and challenging your local MP.

The new layout –downstairs /lower ground floor



The new layout –downstairs (unlabelled)

Play park / Recreation ground

Ryknield Road



A609 – Main street

The new layout –upstairs

Play park / Recreation ground

Existing car park

Rykniel Road



New second story extension containing a further 2 new consulting rooms

Flat roof over lower ground new rooms, potential for further future expansion over this

Current back door / alley is internalised with a new door and foyer into downstairs waiting area

What to expect (early stages)

- The hedge has now been removed in preparation for the foundations
- The building team will be fencing off an area between the rear of the building and where the hedge was
- The old brick store will be demolished and a temporary storage container will be in place at the top of the car park
 - we will also need to store our bins close to the barrier so that they remain accessible for the practice/ pharmacy and for emptying.
- The first steps will be building the new area before later breaking through and joining it to the existing building.
 - Some rooms particularly to the back of the building will experience building noise
- We will be **unable to use the** current (keypad controlled) **back door**, the lower ground access to the front and the fire escape to the rear will remain accessible to staff.

Because of this ...

- **We will be turning off the lift for the duration of the build**
- This is because we will no longer have level escape routes to the lower ground floor for use in the event of an emergency
- So any patients who are unable to use stairs will be provided with appointments upstairs.

During the build

We will need to use our building differently through certain stages of the build.

Please be patient with us (no pun intended!), this is a big undertaking

We will do our best to communicate any changes to our patients and keep disruption to our patient care to a minimum.

Please leave all parking spaces in the front car park for those less able to walk & use the main car park to the rear if you are able bodied.