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NEW SITE IDENTIFIED FOR RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE.

Following the withdrawal of the Raven Meadow site for sale by Shropshire Council earlier this year, Riverside Medical Practice are pleased to confirm that an alternative location has been found.

Shropshire Council has identified an alternative location at the former Tannery site and car park on St Austin's Street near to the new student accommodation currently under construction. Initial plans are being drawn up for the site and if approved will replace the GPs' existing premises and provide a long awaited solution for its 10,000+ registered patients, boosting local services and improving access to primary care and for Shrewsbury residents.

Riverside Medical Practice has been based at its existing premises since 1987 and its need for a new and larger facility was identified a number of years ago, due to its growing population and limitations within its current premises. The proposed new facility is yet to be constructed on land currently owned by Shropshire Council.

The practice and the development team are currently working on plans to create a bespoke solution for the site that allows patient care to be carried out in a first-class, purpose built environment which is more responsive to the needs of the practice population. Initial plans will include provision for an on-site pharmacy, improved disabled access and space for further expansion of services in the longer term. The practice hopes to extend their services from the new building, allowing it to align closely with NHS policies and strategies that aim to allow a greater number of services to be provided in a local community setting.

Tracy Willocks, Practice Manager for Riverside Medical Practice, said: "We were extremely disappointed with the outcome regarding the previously proposed site, however we are pleased to hear the good news with regards to these new proposals for the alternative development in the town centre. Our patients and staff have waited for many years for this project to come to fruition and hope we can now move forward and deliver excellent patient care our patients deserve.

Our patients and staff have been waiting for so long and look forward to getting to the point where construction can start."