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Development delay means surgery shuts

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Residents fear that uncertainty over an area's future has led to a doctors surgery shutting up shop. Strouden Court in Warren Park, Leigh Park, has been at the centre of years of wrangling over its redevelopment.

The small precinct area has the surgery, a post office and shops on the ground floor and flats above.

It is desperately in need of r

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eneration but after 10 years of consultations and new proposals it is still in the same state.

On Thursday, the Hilltop Surgery which serves the people of Warren Park closed and patients will now be treated at the main surgery in Middle Park Way – just under a mile away.

Residents say they believe doctors would have renewed the lease if there was not such uncertainty over the precinct's future.

Leigh Park Community Forum chairman Dennis Ansell, said: 'Many residents are seniors citizens and there are many mums with children who use the doctors.

'Once it closes it will mean walking or waiting for a bus if they don't have their own transport. Either way it will involve extra cost and time.

'Yet again Leigh Park is losing a much-needed service. This has been an ongoing saga.'

The precinct, like much of Leigh Park, is owned by Portsmouth City Council but within the Havant borough.

In a blaze of publicity in 2006 plans were unveiled by Havant Borough Council for a £750,000 revamp of Strouden Court.

It was hoped developers would be interested in building on land that used to be the Warren Pub, but nothing came of it.

Alnoor Damani is the sub-postmaster at Strouden Court Post Office. He said: 'I took out a 25-year lease. The councils have been talking about developing this area for at least 10 years and it is very frustrating. I wanted to get the whole shop redone but I cannot do that because I don't know what is going to happen.'

A Portsmouth City Council spokeswoman said it was still consulting residents on what they want to see done in the area but there were no concrete plans for the future.

Doctors from the surgery would not discuss the closure with The News.

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