

HOUSING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

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| SOC152 | <p>The provision of housing to help meet the needs of elderly people will be encouraged on all allocated and windfall sites of 5 units or more but avoiding an undue concentration in any location.</p> <p>All of the urban extensions should include a range of housing and accommodation to suit the various housing needs of elderly people, including the very elderly.</p> <p>Where specialist housing falling into Class C2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) is proposed, support will generally be given provided that the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that there is a genuine undersupply of that type of accommodation provision in the locality and that any new proposal will not lead to an unacceptable over-concentration within the area; (b) that the scheme is situated in a sustainable location – having good access to public transport; healthcare; shopping and other community facilities. (c) Where a mix of C2 and C3 uses are proposed on a single site, on-site affordable housing will be required related to the C3 element (Policy SWDP 31). <p><u>Reasoned justification:</u></p> <p>South Worcestershire has an ageing population and significant growth is predicted in middle aged and pensioner households. It will be necessary to address this by providing a wide range of new homes required to meet the needs of older people, including an element of Extra Care provision and a range of dwelling types to meet their needs including flats, bungalows and houses. All housing sites of 5 units or more should therefore help to meet this need where appropriate.</p> <p>Generally it is considered that the specialist housing needs identified for elderly people (e.g. C2 housing) may be delivered primarily in Worcester and the main / other towns but also in other sustainable locations with good access to public transport; healthcare; shopping and other community facilities.</p> <p>This Plan seeks to enable the provision of extra care housing and supported housing,</p> |
| | <p>To ensure that the SWDP demonstrates that it has been positively prepared, it needs to be amended.</p> <p>The Worcestershire Housing Strategy, County Council projections and the Worcestershire SHMA indicate that there will be a significant increase in the number of people aged 65+ over the next two decades. Also, the rise in the number of people aged 85+ will lead to greater requirements for different forms of supported housing. The policy should therefore actively encourage the provision of a range of housing for all including the elderly. A new policy has been produced specifically on Housing to Meet the Needs of Elderly People.</p> |

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| | particularly where it is driven by population trends in an area. Whether it is classed as housing or institutional use, it is being planned for and managed as part of the housing strategy and housing land supply. | |