

**REPRESENTATIONS MADE WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 2.7 LOCAL
POLICY 06 (LP06) SUPPORTED AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING**

**BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS
REVIEW OF THE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
CONSULTATION**

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These Representations relate to paragraph 2.7 Local Policy 06 (LP06) Supported and Special Needs Housing

- That the provision of care homes and care accommodation (retirement villages) would give rise to significant benefits in terms of providing for an established, recognised need, additional services for the community in addition to savings in public spending (health care and adult services) will free up family housing as a consequence of elderly people relocating into the retirement community;
- Will provide additional local employment and contributions to improving natural and physical infrastructure;
- The Government's over-arching policy objective is to substantially boost the supply of housing. Within this there is an increasing focus placed on providing for specialist housing, with housing for the elderly being one such grouping, this is described in Government policy as of crucial importance;
- Proposals for retirement villages will address a particular identified need and is a form of development that is highlighted as making an important contribution, not just to residential needs, but also wider care needs;
- There is a broad acceptance that the provision of specialised housing for the elderly results in the freeing up on family housing;
- A central feature of retirement village developments are the facilities and services provided within the village centre for the "well-being of residents", and this includes for the residents a personal needs assessment and a minimum care package and
- Proposals will provide significant local employment opportunities and a contribution to the local economy. This aligns with one of the key objectives of sustainable development.

It is submitted, therefore, that specific sites should be allocated for retirement villages in the Development Plan.