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Dear Planning Policy Team

Babergh Mid Suffolk SPD Consultation – Housing

Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council (SCC) on the draft SPD – Housing.

Where amendments to the plan are suggested added text will be in *italics* and deleted text will be in ~~strikethrough~~.

Adult Social Care

Regarding Section 2.7 on the delivery of affordable housing and specialist housing schemes, it is positive to see the inclusion of specialist and supported housing within affordable housing.

Paragraph 5.1.3 states that communal areas should be avoided in order to avoid service charges, and in most circumstances maisonettes will be preferable to flats. SCC believes that consideration is needed for exceptions under some circumstances for the inclusion of communal spaces within specialist and supported housing. Flats may also be appropriate, dependent on the intended use and needs of individuals.

Policy LP24 part i) states: Provide at least 50% of dwellings which meet the requirements for accessible and adaptable dwellings under Part M4(2) of Building Regulations.

SCC supports this, dwellings built to adapt to and accommodate the needs of the occupier over their lifetime can facilitate choice, help meet the needs of an ageing population and improve quality of life.

Policy SP02 part 2) states: On sites of ten or more dwellings or 0.5ha or more, a contribution of 35% affordable housing will be required on greenfield sites. For brownfield sites a contribution of 25% affordable housing will be required.

SCC believes that consideration is needed regarding the amount of affordable housing that would meet the M4(2) standard with the majority meeting this requirement where possible.

I hope that these comments are helpful. SCC is always willing to discuss issues or queries you may have.

If there is anything that I have raised that you would like to discuss, please use my contact information at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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