

Housing for our Ageing Population

Architecture Centre's work in this area:

Northern Architecture:

<http://www.northernarchitecture.com/northern-architecture/resources/72/home>

Northern Architecture's contribution to a Northern Housing Consortium publication on Age Friendly Communities:

<http://www.northernarchitecture.com/northern-architecture/resources/74/neighbourhood-2020-age-friendly-communities>

Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/housing-ageing-population-panel-innovation.htm>

The Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation (HAPPI) has gathered good practice from across Europe and put together new and creative proposals to help put us at the forefront of housing for older people.

The Homes and Communities Agency was commissioned by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in partnership with the Department of Health to set up the innovation panel, as part of DCLG's commitment outlined in 'Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: A National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society', published by DCLG in 2008. (for more information and to download publication see here: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/lifetimehomesneighbourhoods>)

Chaired by Lord Best, the independent panel spoke to housing experts before embarking on an intense period of research visiting schemes and meeting residents over summer 2009. The panel made recommendations to government to help ensure that future housing will create sustainable and inclusive homes and neighbourhoods which our ageing population want and can afford to live in.

Recommendations

The HAPPI report sets out the panel's findings in four chapters, the last of which offers detailed recommendations directed towards the government and key organisations. Four important issues are captured in the following headlines:

- The time has come for a national effort to build the homes that will meet our needs and aspirations as we all grow older.
- We should all plan ahead positively, creating demand for better choice through a greater range of housing opportunities.
- Housing for older people should become an exemplar for mainstream housing, and meet higher design standards for space and quality.
- Local Planning Authorities should play a key role to ensure delivery of desirable housing in great places, tuned to local need and demand.

Specific recommendation 12 on page 55 states:

“For the RIBA, RICS and other professional bodies, and CABE, Architecture Centres and other organisations concerned with design and delivery of the built environment we recommend that:

- A strategy is put in place to promote knowledge development and incubate innovation in the design and procurement of housing for older people
- The theme of housing for older people is incorporated into education, professional training and career development including continuing professional development (CPD) modules”.

[Download the Executive summary - PDF \(378KB\)](#)

[Download the full HAPPI report - PDF \(4.67KB\)](#)

[Panel meetings - stakeholder feedback - PDF \(60 KB\)](#)

Case Studies

[HAPPI report case studies part 1 - PDF \(8.63MB\)](#)

[HAPPI report case studies part 2 - PDF \(8.60MB\)](#)

Other information

Housing Design Awards – HAPPI winners

http://www.hdawards.org/archive/2010/winning_schemes/happi_winners/index.php

The Housing Learning & Improvement Network (LIN) is the national network for promoting new ideas and supporting change in the delivery of housing, care and support services for older and vulnerable adults, including people with disabilities and long term conditions.

<http://www.housinglin.org.uk/AboutHousingLIN/>

<http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingOlderPeople/OlderPeopleDesign/?parent=3675&child=2401&>

National Housing Federation

http://www.housing.org.uk/policy/older_and_vulnerable_people.aspx

Breaking the mould: re-visioning older people's housing

The Federation has launched the 'Breaking the mould' report to encourage all local authorities and housing providers to enhance the housing options available to people in later life and to effectively 'break the mould' of older people's housing.

Download the report here:

http://www.housing.org.uk/publications/find_a_publication/care_and_support/breaking_the_mould_re-vision.aspx

Chartered Institute of Housing, Scotland

http://www.cih.org/scotland/policy/AP_OP-June09.pdf

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

http://www.nihe.gov.uk/older_people_housing_policy_review_action_plan_2008-2010.pdf

Weblinks

[Care homes for older people: national minimum standards and the Care Homes](#)

[Regulations](#): third edition (revised), Department of Health 2003 ISBN 0 11 322607 1

[Quality of life and building design in residential and nursing homes for older people](#), Chris Parker, Sarah Barnes, Kevin McKee, Kevin Morgan, Judith Torrington, Peter Tregenza (Ageing & Society 24, 2004, pp941-962)

[The Care Home/Extra Care Perspective: commissioning a new building and design considerations](#), Anne-Marie Nicholson, Director, PRP (2006)

[Living with dementia: can design make a difference?](#) News release about a research project led by Professor Hilary Dalke, Director, Design Research Centre, Kingston University

[Pollard Thomas Edwards architects](#)

PTEa has been designing for older people, in both the public and private sectors, for over thirty years. Here is a link to their Extra Care brochure and case studies of projects.

Barac, Matthew, Park, Julia HAPPI: [Housing our Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation](#) (Communities and Local Government, Department of Health, Homes & Communities Agency 2009)

[Care Services Improvement Partnership](#) (CSIP) The Extra Care Housing Toolkit (Department of Health 2006)

[Croucher, Karen: Housing Choices and Aspirations of Older People: Research from the New Horizons Programme](#) (Communities and Local Government 2008)

Evans, Simon, Vallely, Sarah: [Social Well-being in Extra Care Housing](#) (Joseph Rowntree Trust 2007)

Swan, Amy: [In Your Lifetime: A vision of housing, care and support for an ageing society](#) (National Housing Federation 2010)

[Communities and Local Government Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: A National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society](#) (Department for Communities and Local Government, Department of Health, Department for Work and Pensions 2008)

[Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide](#), World Health Organisation (2007)

Co Housing

<http://www.owch.org.uk/owchpages/article%20pages/article1d.html>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/work/workarea/housing-with-care-older-people>

Inclusive design

[Design For All Education and Training](#)

This resource was originally developed by the RSA for design students, their tutors, professional designers, design managers and policy makers. It is now hosted and developed by EdeAN (European Design for All e-Accessibility Network). As well as key contextual information and examples it provides comprehensive information on the strategies, tools and methods needed to develop design solutions that put people at the centre of the design process.

[The Center for Universal Design](#)

Exemplars of universal design, universal design history etc.

[Helen Hamlyn Research Centre](#)

The HHRC provides a focus for people-centred design and innovation. Its multi-disciplinary team undertake practical research and projects with industry to advance an approach to design within the Royal College of Art that is people-centred and socially inclusive. It has a special research focus on design for inclusive design, patient safety, and workplace design.

[Ormsthwaite House, Inclusive Design Challenge](#) (2008)

A new footprint for a modular care home designed specifically for people with a dementia that would be appropriate for elderly people without the disease.

[Age UK](#)

UK National Charity website which has information on ageing in a policy and practical context.

[RICAbility](#)

Included on the RICAbility (Research Institute for Consumer Affairs) website are their consumer reports - factual and user-focused guides based on user tests by disabled and elderly people and on other original research; information on inclusive design; and their report 'Meeting the needs of older and disabled consumers: guidelines for product design and testing', which provides information about designing mainstream consumer goods so that as many people as possible can use them easily, whatever their age and ability.

[Universal Designers and Consultants](#)

This US consultancy has a useful resources section

[Universal Design Network and the Global Universal Design Educator's Online News](#)

Newsletter and network based in USA.

[access2go](#)

Provides information on accessible places.

[Centre for Accessible Environments](#)

The Centre for Accessible Environments gives information on how the built environment can best be made or modified to achieve inclusion by design.

[The Usability Methods Toolbox](#)

Usability methods – organised into four categories – inquiry, inspection, testing and related techniques