

OLDER PERSONS PARTNERSHIP

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- Strategy vision:
 - All older people in Bracknell Forest will have choice to remain in their home for as long as possible or to choose another home that will meet their location, living and support needs to maintain their health and quality of life.



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- Aims of the strategy:
 - To enable and support people to stay in their own home for longer;
 - To identify the quality, type of accommodation older people will seek in Bracknell Forest in the future;
 - To ensure there is a range of good quality and affordable public and private housing which meets the changing needs of older people;
 - To develop a range of flexible services which meet the needs of older people now and in the future;
 - To promote integrated working between housing and support services.



What consultation told us?

- Consultation with older people found that 50% wanted to stay in their own home:
 - They wanted assistance with property maintenance;
 - They wanted improved access to transport;
 - They wanted lifeline services;
 - They wanted adaptations to their homes;
 - They said they would be prepared to pay for those services.



What consultation told us?

- Those households who wanted to move because:
 - They could not maintain their home;
 - Economic reasons;
 - To secure support;
 - Wanted accessible accommodation such as bungalow.
- Those who wanted to move:
 - Would stay in Bracknell Forest with Bracknell Town centre and Binfield top location choices – distance from family and friends and transport main factors;
 - Would consider flats with support as well as care villages.



What consultation told us

- Estate agents told us:
 - 24% of those registered to move were over 50;
 - Only 50% of those registered actually moved;
 - Lack of suitable accommodation in Bracknell Forest main reason why people did not move;
 - Older people seeking single storey accommodation with good access to transport and amenities;
 - Gap in the market for sheltered housing / care villages.
- Providers of private sheltered housing thought main gap was accommodation that could provide extra care facilities.



Affordable older person accommodation

- 966 homes designated for older people:
 - 184 bedsits which are unpopular;
 - Only 54 two bedroom which is in high demand.
- Overall demand for 498 homes:
 - Only 19 bedsits;
 - 354 one bed and 125 two bed.
- Turnover of about 40 units a year.
- Only one scheme capable of providing higher levels of care.



Demographics and demand

- By 2026 an estimated 29% increase in number of households aged over 65 and 50% increase in number aged over 75;
- Majority 973% of older people live in private sector;
- Majority of older people under occupy their home;
- Between 40 - 50 households enter residential care each year about a third could move into an extra care scheme in advance of that;
- Demand for 350 units of extra care housing by 2026 of which 90 units affordable and 260 private.



Objectives of the strategy

- Improve access for all to information and services for housing options;
- Improve how we consult and engage with older people;
- Strategically plan sustainable housing that meets the needs and aspirations of older people;
- Support older people to live independently and extend range of preventative services.



What have we done so far?

- Bracknell Forest Homes plan for the future;
- Commission 57 units extra care scheme on Garth School site:
 - Funded by HCA / BFH and Council;
- In principle decision for development of assisted living scheme at Binfield Nursery site;
- Secured future of Home Improvement Agency Service.



What next?

- Action Plan to end 2012/13;
- <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/older-persons-accommodation-and-support-strategy-2011-to-2026.pdf>
- How do you want us to engage with you on the Action Plan and progress?

