HOUSING LIN EASTERN REGION MEETING – 17TH MAY 2018 NORTHSTOWE

Bullet Points from Group Discussions

What can we take back and implement across the region from Northstowe’s project

Positives

* Use good design principles and link to initiatives such as Age Friendly Communities
* Consider Residents’ views at an early stage
* Designing for older people benefits everyone
* Need to consider the package and offer around the accommodation to support wellbeing and limit care and health needs
* Integrated thinking to achieve long term sustainable solutions
* Communal and social spce to avoid isolation
* Learn lessons from before eg. Camborne Involvement by CCG
* Learn from other healthy new town and other good examples on HLIN website
* Provide information that is meaningful in consultation/involvement

Issues

* Coproduction and consultation can lead to delays and going backwards. Cost of coproduction can be outweighed by good development with increased social value
* What does age mean and who should benefit?
* Aspiration v cost reality can raise expectations that cannot be delivered
* Guest flats expensive
* Things change quickly and schemes become out of date
* How do we provide success?

How do we get the best out of the planning process to develop quality housing for older people?

         More planning representation on practitioner groups (like the LIN) – SP to discuss with EPOA

         Hold joint events with planning

         Ensure we engage the relevant experts

         Promote good design as a matter of course

         HIA specialism often underused

         Peer support for older people when moving

How do we work better together at an operational level to deliver quality houses and improved for older people ?

General Discussion

Improve Partnerships

* Better strategic links between health, housing and planning
* Multi Disciplinary Group to oversee operational priorities
* Separate budget streams and financial pressures result in piece meal short term solutions

Increase Development

* Convince local political leaders
* Include older people’s housing targets in planning regulations
* Impose conditions on general needs builders to design to sustainable home standards and % of adaptable properties
* Embrace HAPPI principles
* Provide evidence of need and long term benefits

Support Communities

* Ensure advice guidance and support is effective, streamlined and consistent
* Provide opportunities for community leadership and self development
* Celebrate success and local benefits.

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