

# Supporting people to live their best independent life

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### ASTER GROUP **EAST BORO** Inspiring independence everyday HOUSING • CARE • SUPPORT 100 years | 1921-2021 **Connected Living** enham trust C&C ASTER LONDON HOMES FOUNDATION **SINCE 1926**

Aster Group provides affordable housing, residential care, community care, technology-enabled care, and a range of community based services throughout the South of England and London.

## Independence our living life strategy

- Independence (ageing and disability)
- Accessible homes and communities options to age at home or move
- Homes and communities good for everyone
- Integration housing, health, care and wellbeing
- Accessible tenure options
- Adaptability of existing and new homes
- Connectivity and digital inclusion
- Technology, data and AI
- Accessible communications and engagement
- Accessible employment options



## Accessible design Grace House

- Regeneration 170 apartments accessible in an affluent Westminster location
- Co-designed with residents involved in every aspect of the building design
- Adaptable building design flexibility to adapt to future needs, care ready
- Adaptable to future sustainability upgrades
- Accessible throughout level access thresholds, solutions for motorised scooters, orientation, toilets, diversity, community
- Officially opened in October 2022 by Lord Best OBE

#### Grace House Details & Case Study <u>ccht.org.uk/about-us/homes-opened-</u> in-2022-grace-house/



Winner: Best Social Housing (Europe), International Property Awards 2022

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Winner: Best Social Housing (London), International Property Awards 2022

**Shortlisted:** Best Affordable Housing Development (£20m+), Inside Housing Development Awards 2022

**Shortlisted:** Best Older Person's Housing (urban), Inside Housing Development Awards 2022

Shortlisted: Best Retirement Scheme, Housebuilder Awards 2023

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**Shortlisted:** Best Supported Housing Development (urban), Inside Housing Development Awards 2023

# **Co-produced for impact**

- Safety & security in communal spaces
- Location and accessibility of toilets
- How it was going to feel elegance
- Motorised mobility vehicle charging
- Outdoor space
- Diversity of use

We consult in a meaningful way

We communicate



We engage with our

customer experience and

insight and use this to help

us to offer better design of

homes and services

- Building name







Layout & flexibility

Testing



# Influencing our independent futures

- <u>Grace House</u> hosted inaugural government <u>Older People's Housing</u> <u>Taskforce</u> meeting in May 2023
  - DLUHC and DHSC working together to lead crucial work to improve housing options for people as they age
  - Case Study barriers to development
- National Housing Federation Older People's Housing Group
  - Removing barriers to development
  - The role of technology in housing for an ageing population
  - Supporting the Older People's Housing Taskforce
- Technology for an Ageing Population Panel for Innovation (TAPPI)
  - Steering Board
  - Phase 2: From Principles to Implementation
- Platform for Social Entrepreneurs
  - <u>Smplicare</u> Healthy Ageing and Falls, Observational Falls Research Study



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