



The Housing and Ageing Alliance

The aim of the Housing and Ageing Alliance is to bring about improvements to the housing and living conditions of older people.

The HAA believes that homes, communities and housing related services should be planned and designed in ways that enable choice, control, inclusion and independence.

With members drawn from national and local groups across the housing sector, older people's charities and representatives from older people's forums across the country, we work together to influence decision makers to achieve this.

Our manifesto **Creating homes we want to grow old in** details a 15-point plan for the next government. In summary, we believe:

1	A national older people's housing strategy should be developed by central government.
2	Older people should have access to independent information, advice and advocacy around housing and care options in later life.
3	Government should establish a Cabinet-level Minister for older people and ageing.
4	An Older People and Ageing Commissioner should be appointed.
5	Local authorities should develop older people's housing strategies that map existing housing for older people across all types and tenures, its availability and condition, and where there are notable gaps.
6	All older people should have the right to access practical, affordable housing repair and adaptation services.
7	Government should stimulate a greater range of financial products and develop a strategy to encourage homeowners and landlords to invest in improving, maintaining and adapting homes.
8	There should be a radical improvement in the speed and efficiency of Disabled Facilities Grant delivery and government should consult on the means test, upper limit and funding allocation.
9	Local and national planning guidance should increase the supply of housing for older people, including a requirement to assess and then plan for specialist housing for older people across all types and tenures in Local Plans, and encourage delivery.

10	The National Planning Policy Framework should have stronger direction on older people's housing, including affordable housing, and age-friendly communities.
11	Government should implement without delay its commitment to increase accessibility standards of new homes.
12	Homes England investment in all supported housing should expand, with a minimum of 10% of its grant programme to be for older people's housing.
13	Planning for specialist homes should encourage common spaces in new-build developments, tackling isolation.
14	Research is needed to tackle the issues and barriers to extending shared ownership for older people in mainstream and specialist homes.
15	Government and local authorities should engage with the recommendations of the TAPPI Inquiry and Smarter Homes for Independent Living to increase access to technological solutions.

Members of the Housing and Ageing Alliance are drawn from a wide spectrum of sector leaders, with current members from:

Age Action Alliance, Age UK, The Almshouse Association, Anchor, Associated Retirement Community Operators, Centre for Ageing Better Chartered Institute of Housing, Elderly Accommodation Counsel, Foundations, Habinteg, Housing Learning & Improvement Network Independent Age, International Longevity Centre-UK, McCarthyStone, National Housing Federation, Northern Housing Consortium, Older People's Housing Champions, Royal College of Occupational Therapists, Town & Country Planning Association.

To see the full document **Creating homes we want to grow old in: A 15-point plan from the Housing and Ageing Alliance** or for more information about our work, please visit: www.housinglin.org.uk/housing-networks/HAA/

