

# Extra Care Housing Report - Summary



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This report presents the findings from our consultation that asked people what kind of services they would like to see in local Extra Care housing schemes.

The consultation was in response to Hull City Council's Extra Care Strategy that will see the number of Extra Care places in the city increase from 40 to 2000 over the next 10 years. The findings from this consultation will help inform the final specifications for the first 220 houses.

To help ensure that the new Extra Care housing schemes are successful, Hull City Council wanted to collect local people's views about what the housing should look like so that the final developments would meet the needs and aspirations of the people that are going to be living in them.

## What we did...

Hull LINK joined a working group led by Hull City Council. Through attending this group's meetings, the LINK learned about how Extra Care housing works and what types of accommodation and facilities can be offered in such schemes. The group also visited existing local developments and attended meetings with the Council's technical advisors to the new schemes. Following these meetings the LINK designed a survey that would help clarify people's preferred living options.



- People would rather have a 2 bedroom property with outdoor space and car parking.
- Security is a key concern with people wanting a fenced site with on site security.

## What people told us...

People also told us what else would be important to them when living on such schemes:

- Independence - many people were keen to be able to stay active and live the life they want.
- Location - location is important with people wanting to remain close to family and in the areas they have always lived.
- Community - people would still like to be located close to local facilities and communities, no matter how many facilities are provided on site.



## What we found...

- People welcome having facilities available to them on site, and particularly would like to have communal areas, a transport service and day time activities.

## The response...

Hull City Council has welcomed the feedback received from this report. Some of the points raised are already being incorporated into the design specifications and others are being fed into further discussions. The Council will keep the LINK updated on the progress of this project.

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