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Specialist & Intergenerational Housing

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- **Specialist and Intergenerational housing is affected by the wider housing sector, and good provision in these areas frees up homes more suited to other households.** Policy and funding need to acknowledge this.
- **There is huge unmet need for these types and this is growing with an ageing population.** Without additional funding and partnership support the market avoids these types of housing as done well they need space and support for communities within them. As well as developing these types, ensuring mainstream housing is more adaptable and has more generous standards, both for internal and external space can lessen the need to move.
- **Housing needs to have core themes such as social, economic and environmental sustainability.** These hold outcomes very firmly and ensure space is provided, crucially including the in between spaces needed for community to flourish. They will also drive adaptability so that homes can change and work for residents over time.
- **To foster co-design and sustainable community management, sustainable models are needed,** such as those which involve the land ownership or commons, giving communities a permanent stake for the future.
- **There are areas of oversupply for specialist homes in some urban areas but these are not attracting rural residents in need** – much can be done to re-model these developments which have great potential to provide supportive communities near to services and activities to help provide independence.
- **Data and technology are tools, both to help understand and establish the case for development, and to reach a diverse community** – but more prongs are needed to avoid sole reliance on tech for reaching the community, particularly where people struggle to access it.



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