

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 22

In order to meet the housing needs of older people should we:

- a. Allow developers to make their own decisions on house types and building standards;*
- b. Require developers to build a proportion of houses within housing schemes to the new optional building regulations standard aimed at making homes more accessible and adaptable. If so, what proportion would be appropriate; or*
- c. Require developers to build bungalows, level access flats, multi-generational housing, sheltered housing or extra care as a proportion of all new housing developments. If so, what proportion would be appropriate?*

The City of Durham Trust considers that a mixture of (b) and (c) should be pursued, modelled on withdrawn Policy 31 which set out meeting the housing needs of older people and specialist housing. Policy 31 required that 10% of private or intermediate housing on sites of 0.5 ha or 15 units or more should, in relation to design and housing type, provide for older people by way of level access flats, bungalows, sheltered housing, extra care schemes, or multi-generational families. It further required that all these properties must be built to Lifetime Homes Standards.