

Vulnerable and Older People's Accommodation Plan Consultation Questionnaire 2016

Background

Vulnerable and Older People's Plan

Housing is increasingly being recognised as having a significant impact on people's health; poor housing conditions can aggravate both physical and mental health problems, whereas a suitable, warm and well-designed home can help to protect and improve health and wellbeing and help people to achieve and maintain independence for longer.

Vulnerable and older people are particularly at risk of deteriorating health from poor housing and cold homes.

The draft vulnerable and older people's accommodation plan explains the Council's vision and aims for promoting a suitable range of accommodation for vulnerable and older people living in the borough, helping to support them to live healthier lives and be as independent as possible. The plan has been developed in collaboration with key partners and stakeholders and takes into account feedback we received from an earlier consultation about accommodation for vulnerable and older people.

What we are consulting on

We want to know what you think about our ideas to help ensure that older and vulnerable people living in the borough have the opportunity to access a suitable and sustainable home that meets their needs and helps them to maintain their health and independence.

Please read the draft accommodation plan that accompanies this questionnaire before giving us your views by completing this survey; the document is available on the consultation web-page.

Paper copies can be requested using the contact details below.

What your views will be used for

Your views will be used to help to refine the draft accommodation plan. We will carefully analyse and consider all the feedback we receive from this consultation before producing a final version of the plan, which will be tabled for adoption by the Council later this year.

How to get involved

The consultation period runs from 25 April 2016 to 17 July 2016

There are a range of ways to express your views:

- Complete this survey
- Email: housingstrategy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Telephone on 0300 123 8 123 and ask to speak to the Housing Strategy Team
- Write to us at: Housing Strategy, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BE



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Helpful hints for completing this questionnaire

- **Please read the information on the front page before answering the questions**
- Please use a black or blue pen
- In most cases you will only have to cross (X) one box but please read the questions carefully as sometimes you may need to cross (X) more than one box
- Answer the next question unless asked otherwise
- Some questions will ask you to write in a box but please feel free to leave them blank if you do not wish to comment
- If there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, please feel free to leave them blank

Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

If you are aged under 16 you will need the permission of a parent or guardian to take part. They will need to sign in the space provided in Q9.

Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services

Council information is also available in audio, Braille, large print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please email us at

equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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Section 1: Proposed vision

This is the proposed vision for the draft vulnerable and older people's accommodation plan: "There is a suitable range of accommodation in the borough that supports older and vulnerable people to live healthier lives and be as independent as possible."

Q 1a To what extent do you agree or disagree that this is a suitable vision for the vulnerable and older people's accommodation plan?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q 1b If you do not think the vision is suitable, please tell us why.

Please write in the box below.

Section 2: Priorities

The draft vulnerable and older people's accommodation plan proposes five key priorities to fulfil the vision to ensure that there is a suitable range of accommodation in the borough that supports older and vulnerable people to live healthier lives and be as independent as possible.

Q 2a To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities that we have identified on page 8 of the draft accommodation plan?

Please cross (X) one box only on each row.

Priority 1: Increasing supply – promote the delivery of new specialist accommodation and more accessible general needs accommodation that meets the anticipated needs of older and vulnerable people living in the borough.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Priority 2: Design – the design of new homes supports older and vulnerable people to live healthier lives and maintain independence.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q 2a cont .. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities that we have identified on page 8 of the draft accommodation plan?

Please cross (X) one box only on each row.

Priority 3: Supporting health and independence – the right range of accommodation and services is available to support older and vulnerable people to live healthier lives and maintain independence.

Strongly agree

 ₁

Agree

 ₂

Neither agree nor disagree

 ₃

Disagree

 ₄

Strongly disagree

 ₅

Don't know

 ₆

Priority 4: Raising awareness – information about the range of accommodation and support options available is easily accessible and actively promoted.

Strongly agree

 ₁

Agree

 ₂

Neither agree nor disagree

 ₃

Disagree

 ₄

Strongly disagree

 ₅

Don't know

 ₆

Priority 5: Further developing the evidence base – robust evidence is available to inform future policy and delivery plans.

Strongly agree

 ₁

Agree

 ₂

Neither agree nor disagree

 ₃

Disagree

 ₄

Strongly disagree

 ₅

Don't know

 ₆

Q 2b Do you have any comments you would like to make about any of the priorities we have identified? Please write in the box below, noting the number of the priority or priorities you are commenting on.

Q 5 Which of the following best describes you? Please cross (X) all that apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ A local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ A local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Member of a voluntary or community organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ An employee of Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ An elected town or parish councillor in Cheshire West and Chester | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ An elected member of Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ Other (please specify in the box below) | |

Q 6 If you are responding on behalf of a group, organisation or club please state the name and postcode in the box below (you do not need to complete the rest of the 'About you' section).

Q 7a Do you have a long term illness, health issue or disability that limits your daily activities or the work you can do? Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Yes ₂ No ₃ Prefer not to say

Q 7b If you answered yes to the previous question, which of the following best describes your disability or illness? Please cross (X) all that apply

- ₁ Physical impairment that causes mobility issues (for example wheelchair users)
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Visual impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Hearing impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Learning disability or difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ Mental health issue |
- ₆ Long standing illness or health condition
- ₇ Other (please specify in the box below)

Q 8a Do you have a caring responsibility? Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Yes ₂ No ₃ Prefer not to say

Q 8b If you answered yes to the previous question, which of the following best describes your caring responsibility Please cross (X) all that apply

- ₁ A child/ children aged under 18 ₂ A disabled child/ children
₃ A disabled adult (aged 18 or over) ₄ A person aged 50 or over
₅ Other (please specify in the box below)

Q 9 Which age group do you belong to? Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Under 16 Signature of parent/ guardian
₂ 16 to 17 ₃ 18 to 24
₄ 25 to 34 ₅ 35 to 44
₆ 45 to 54 ₇ 55 to 64
₈ 65 to 74 ₉ 75 to 84
₁₀ 85 and over ₁₁ Prefer not to say

Q 10 Are you Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Male ₂ Female ₃ Prefer not to say

Q 11 Is this the gender you were born into? Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Yes ₂ No ₃ Prefer not to say

Q 12 Which of the following terms best describes your sexual orientation? Please cross (X) one box only

- ₁ Heterosexual (straight) ₂ Bisexual
₃ Gay/Lesbian ₄ Prefer not to say
₅ Other, please specify

Q 13 Which of the following terms best describes your ethnic origin?

Please cross (X) one box only

White

- English/Welsh/Scottish/
Northern Irish/British 11
- Irish 12
- Any other White background 13

(X and write in below)

Asian or Asian British

- Indian 31
- Pakistani 32
- Bangladeshi 33
- Chinese 34
- Any other Asian background 35

(X and write in below)

Other ethnic group

- Arab 51
- Other ethnic group 52

(X and write in below)

Black or Black British

- Caribbean 21
- African 22
- Any other Black background 23

(X and write in below)

Mixed

- White & Black Caribbean 41
- White & Black African 42
- White & Asian 43
- Any other Mixed background 44

(X and write in below)

Travelling Community

- Gypsy/Roma 61
- Traveller of Irish descent 62
- Other member of the
travelling community 63

Q 14 Which of the following best describes your religious belief/ faith?

Please cross (X) one box only

- 1 Buddhist
- 2 Christian
- 3 Hindu
- 4 Jewish
- 5 Muslim
- 6 Sikh
- 7 None
- 8 Prefer not to say
- 9 Other please specify

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey

Please return this form to:
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Council Offices, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE.

Closing date is 17 July 2016