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We cannot see where the Plan directs development towards the specific needs of the project population.

For example: Page 59 para 6.12 states that almost a quarter will be over 65 during the life of the Plan, and the policy states an intention to meet the needs of the population, but there are no specific proposals to make this happen.

There is however a definite intention to build three and four bedroom houses in locations on the periphery of the Borough where lack of local services mean they are entirely unsuitable for this age range.

The strategic policies p 36-50 of the Plan give details of the numbers of homes proposed for each site. There is often reference to "family homes" but none at all to smaller units suitable for elderly people.

Larger -3/4/5 bedrooms are clearly unsuitable and unaffordable for young people and young families. Can the Council clarify where in the Plan are proposals to meet the needs of this group.