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Dear Sir

Affordable housing supplementary planning document (2019): draft for consultation

The Norwich Older People's Forum finds it difficult to argue with the content of the affordable housing supplementary planning document (2019). However, we feel that the application of the contents of the document is as important as the document itself.

While we understand the need for flexibility and the concept of viability assessments, we believe that it is important to maximize the number of affordable housing units built in Norwich. We are concerned that not providing affordable housing in the Anglia Square and, we understand, the St Mary's Works developments should not set a precedent.

We agree that affordable housing should cater for all sectors of the community. We feel that it is important that the needs of older people and those affected by the "bedroom tax" should be taken into consideration. We understand that the National Planning Policy Framework is a guidance document only and should not be treated as a statute (paragraph 1.13), but it is important that Norwich creates places that are "safe, inclusive and accessible" (NPPF 127f) and ideally adheres to the Government's optional standards for accessible and adaptable homes for at least some of the properties.

Yours sincerely

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