

Housing 21- Vision for the development of cohousing for older people

- Housing 21 is a leading not-for-profit provider of Retirement Housing and Extra Care for older people of modest means, managing around 20,000 properties across the country
- Our Head Office is located in Birmingham and we are seeking to promote cohousing schemes in the inner city areas to meet the needs of the local older community and engage specifically with BAME elders
- The proposal is that Housing 21 will acquire sites within the neighbourhoods of interest and then work with the local community to recruit members to join and form the cohousing group
- Our intention is to encourage, support and enable cohousing group members to specify the design of the dwellings as well as identify what communal facilities should be provided
- It is anticipated that for feasibility purposes the tenure will be all rented however there is potential to include an element of sale should the cohousing group identify this as a requirement
- The proposal is to include environmental aspects to the development, e.g. to target fuel poverty.
- It is anticipated that each cohousing scheme will provide approximately 15 to 20 dwellings
- The cohousing group will be provided with a range of options for managing the scheme including self-management
- Housing 21 are keen to work with BCC in delivering our vision and support the City in meeting the needs of older people from some of the most disadvantaged communities living in inner city areas in Birmingham