

**FEEDBACK TEMPLATE**

This template is designed for those leading discussions on housing beyond 2021 to complete after the discussion to provide to the Housing Beyond 2021 Team in Scottish Government. The completed form should be sent to the Housing Beyond 2021 mailbox at: [HousingBeyond2021@gov.scot](mailto:HousingBeyond2021@gov.scot)

This template can also be used by others (e.g. those who were unable to attend a discussion) to provide their views but it must be routed through the relevant policy lead official in the Scottish Government. Unfortunately, we are not able to process unsolicited e-mails to the mailbox.

Please complete each of the three sections.

**SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

**Scottish Government officials present (if any):**

Name	Unit / Team	Ext.

*Please add more rows as necessary.*

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*Please add more rows as necessary.*

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**SECTION 2: ABOUT YOUR DISCUSSION**

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Location:</b> (e.g. Edinburgh)	
<b>Style*:</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>
<b>Series**:</b>	

\* If the discussion was added on to a business as usual meeting, select “regular meeting”, otherwise choose the most appropriate description.

\*\* If the meeting was part of a regular series of discussions, please provide the name of the series (e.g. XY Working Group)

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### SECTION 3: FEEDBACK

How to complete this section: please identify the main **theme** of the discussion (from the list in the **discussion document** at **Annex E**). If you discussed more than one theme, please reproduce the table below for each theme you discussed.

We do not need a full note of the discussion. Please try to provide as succinctly as you can a bullet point list of **ideas** for the vision or future options, **concerns** about current policy or practice or future proposals and **questions** for the Beyond 2021 Team either about the direction of policy or the process of engagement. It is useful if you can indicate whether these were widely shared in the group or from one or a minority of participants. They should be anonymous unless you agree otherwise with the participant(s). Please note that this material, or a summary of it, may be made published.

Theme:	<b>Accessible homes for disabled people</b>
<b>Ideas:</b> (Suggestions for the future vision, themes or interventions – start, stop or modify.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having significant conversations about an individual’s future housing needs earlier in their life.</li> <li>• Link with Life curve work (ADL Research/Newcastle University) which reinforces the need for earlier occupational therapy interventions and has the evidence base that earlier rehabilitation will have increased impact of increasing function, reducing need for compensation and this will impact on adaptations.</li> <li>• Current practice is to refer much later in service users journey often at point of crisis, and to address a critical or substantial need, with refer being for adaptation to compensate/ maintain function rather than at an earlier stage when intervention might have built capacity and increased function.</li> <li>• Earlier intervention from occupational therapists would empower people to make better housing choices</li> <li>• Consider better, more mainstreamed, use of technology options</li> <li>• More Occupational Therapists working with / employed by housing authorities who are developing new homes</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns:</b> (... about current or future policy, challenges, trends.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of a national target for number of houses built to wheelchair accessible standard.</li> <li>• We need new housing to be built to higher levels of inclusive design so that they are accessible and adaptable to cater for changing needs across all tenures</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizon Housing <i>Still Minding the Step</i> report states the number of wheelchair users is projected to rise by around 80% by 2024 with 157,212 households including a wheelchair user at that point. Currently almost 20% of wheelchair users say their home is not suitable and only 1.07% of new homes are built to required standard mostly in social rented sector.</li> <li>• Lack of sharing of information across agencies e.g how many wheelchairs issued linking to wheelchair suitable housing need</li> <li>• “Housing for Varying Needs” document is still widely used but requires updating</li> <li>• Postcode lottery for adaptations funding</li> <li>• Ongoing sustainability as demand for Care and Repair services continue to rise</li> <li>• Different Care and Repair options across Scotland e.g handyman service in some areas. A <i>Once for Scotland</i> Approach is required.</li> <li>• Cost of adaptations can be excessive due to poor alternative options: poor choice of suitable alternative housing options to move to</li> <li>• Few alternative housing options is more problematic for owner occupiers due to limited amount of accessible private housing stock</li> <li>• Issues around equity of access to adaptations for owner occupiers who will be required to contribute to costs and can be “asset rich, cash poor”</li> <li>• Lack of funds to support building of accessible homes – with different budgets to adapt less suitable homes which is often an expensive option</li> </ul>
<p><b>Questions:</b> (... about the process of developing the vision or route map or policy questions for SG to consider.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Scottish Government plan to support co-production to best plan and meet the needs of both people with a disability/who are aging and locality based models of care</li> <li>• Are there plans to develop a “<i>once for Scotland</i> “ approach to funding adaptations</li> <li>• Is there a target for the number of housing units built to higher accessibility standards?</li> <li>• What is the learning from “<i>Help to Adapt / Adapting for change</i>” pilot and how does Scottish Government plan to use this learning?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What plans</li> </ul>
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<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Ageing population</b>
<b>Ideas:</b>  (Suggestions for the future vision, themes or interventions – start, stop or modify.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher levels of ‘Inclusive design’ approach to new build developments. Build housing to accessible / adaptable standards to reduce the need for adaptations/moving house as needs change</li> <li>• All new housing developments should have mixed types of housing</li> <li>• Innovate approaches to funding e.g shared equity</li> <li>• Use innovative construction methods to build flexible housing which can easily be altered to accommodate changing needs</li> <li>• Earlier intervention by enhanced numbers of occupational therapists to maintain function, solve problems: to rehabilitate not just compensate.</li> <li>• Scottish Government should encourage use of technology to improve safety e.g installation of equipment to detect when stove has been left unattended.</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns:</b>  (... about current or future policy, challenges, trends.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of housing options for older people, particularly in the private sector</li> <li>• Cost of options can be high</li> <li>• No “Once for Scotland” approach</li> <li>• Later housing and care interventions cost more</li> </ul>
<b>Questions:</b>  (... about the process of developing the vision or route map or policy questions for SG to consider.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National campaign to encourage people to think about their future housing needs “think before crisis”</li> <li>• This might include something similar to the bowel screening letter everyone gets when they are 50?</li> </ul>

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<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Regeneration and sustainable communities</b>
<b>Ideas:</b>  (Suggestions for the future vision, themes or interventions – start, stop or modify.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locality working involving enhanced numbers of occupational therapists to consider wellbeing and independence of service users and not just adaptations in time of crisis</li> <li>• Future housing stock should be built to higher levels of inclusive design so that it is both accessible and adaptable</li> <li>• Suitable housing should be integrated throughout communities and suitable for different types of need.</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns:</b>  (... about current or future policy, challenges, trends.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing as well as health should be key part of IJB agenda</li> <li>• TEC infrastructure – reliable fast broadband for all is required to support Technology options for independence at home</li> <li>• Clarity is required for the term sustainable – age in place with sustainable housing with sustainable not just referring to green technologies but being able to be sustained in ones own community</li> </ul>
<b>Questions:</b>  (... about the process of developing the vision or route map or policy questions for SG to consider.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the Scottish Government strengthen housing on the H&amp;SC agenda?</li> <li>• How is the Scottish Government considering accessibility as part of regeneration of town centres – e.g centrally located housing which is both suitable and accessible?</li> <li>• Transport links to suitable housing in both rural an urban areas</li> </ul>

*If your discussion covered more than one theme, please copy the table above and complete it for each theme.*