APPG Inquiry: Housing for those living with Dementia

Erosh response – June 2020

# Introductory information (from the [APPG webpage](https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingandDementia/appg-inquiry-housing-and-dementia/))

*There are currently around 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, according to the Alzheimer’s Society. This is projected to rise to 1.6 million by 2040. Two thirds of these are not living in residential care but in their own accommodation, and our study will consider the policies and practices that can enhance independence and quality of life.*

*The Officers of the APPG have decided to establish an Inquiry on “Housing for those living with Dementia”.*

*Launched on 13 May 2020, there will be four Inquiry sessions over the course of this year. Expert ‘witnesses’ will present at each session. These will cover dementia-friendly design/development of new homes, changes and adaptations to existing properties, ongoing input of care and support, including consideration of innovations in technological support. We intend to produce a report in March 2021 which:*

* *makes recommendations to central and local government and other key players*
* *provides guidance and stimulates interest for housing providers with an interest in older people*

# Themes

There are five key themes in relation to which evidence is being sought:

1. Links between housing, health and social care to improve the journey of people affected by dementia.
2. Design of new homes.
3. How to increase supply of specialist dementia-friendly properties.
4. Changes and adaptations to existing properties to enable people to live well with dementia at home.
5. The role of innovative technology to improve the delivery of better care and support.

Under each of these headings on the following pages (green boxes) please share your thoughts and responses. Please provide case studies if you can as these are always valuable. We will then collate these into our final submission.

**Please send your completed form to** [ceo@erosh.co.uk](mailto:ceo@erosh.co.uk) **by Friday 19 June 2020.**

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| Any other points you would suggest to make about independence and quality of life for people living with dementia (including partners, carers, and family members who live with them)? |
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