



## OUR VALUES

1. The promotion of residents' **wellbeing** through -

- A **physical environment** which provides private, self-contained residential accommodation organised with additional communal facilities to support social interaction among residents – and between residents and the wider community. The facilities would anticipate the needs of an age 50+ population with respect to mobility, security and other specific age considerations.
- A cohousing group **culture** which would seek to encourage: a harmonious balance between independence and interdependence; shared decision making and governance; wider community engagement; opportunities for an active lifestyle within a creative and fun-loving environment. Residents looking out for each other, rather than looking after each other.

2. The creation of a **physical environment** (buildings and grounds) which is life enhancing by virtue of the quality of its aesthetic, practical and sustainable design. The project will aim to be carbon neutral and actively address the climate emergency. Within the constraints of economic viability, the development will aspire to be an exemplar of its type.

3. The commitment to **sustainable lifestyles** by the community and individuals, maximising use of public transport, car sharing, recycling waste and reducing consumption where possible.

4. The commitment to a **social responsibility** to the local and wider community through: sharing common facilities with non-residents; seeking opportunities to contribute to the wider community both as individuals and as a group.

5. The commitment to a culture whose actions and relationships are informed by **ethical values** developed and agreed by the residents.

6. The commitment of **residents to behaviour and communication** that is: non-violent, non-abusive; respectful; non-judgemental; considerate; caring. Individuals will commit to consensus decision making and also to engage with dispute resolution processes when required.

7. The commitment to embracing and supporting **diversity** within the co-housing project and in the wider community, including differences in culture, race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, disability and belief system.