

THE HOUSING CHALLENGE FOR SEVENOAKS

The age profile of the Districts population is slightly older than the South East average and the trend towards an ageing population in the District is set to continue in the future.

2010-2026 will see a 31% increase in people living over the age of 65 and a 62.99% increase in people living over the age of 85, an increase in the retired population of the District that will have a significant knock on effect for the provision of housing and services.

WHAT COULD BE DONE TO HELP MEET THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

1. Review the Green Belt –Remove previously developed sites, such as redundant farms and nurseries still classified as being within the GB.
2. Increase density/Fort Halstead?
3. Work with planners and developers to achieve higher density and better use of land.
4. To help free up family homes, encourage developers/social landlords To develop retirement homes/retirement villages to provide a better choice for older people who wish to down size.

These are four of the points raised and briefly discussed by the housing/planning sub group on the 9th March 2015. The next step being take an in depth look at how these could be achieved.

WE HOPE MEMBERS WILL ENJOY THE PRESENTATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING COMMENTS/IDEAS.