

As a couple approaching our 80's we are interested in Retirement Villages. We have visited a few. You would think that this development would be attractive to us, and others like us, but the answer is NO.

1. We do not want to live in a blot on the landscape.
2. We do not want to be isolated, particularly as it is likely that we will no longer drive. A bus, even electric, is a poor substitute for being able to walk to the shops and other amenities. Regular taxis would be expensive. One developer of homes for the elderly ensures that shops are only a short walk away.
3. We do not want to contribute to the destruction of the wetland habitats, to have an adverse impact on the water table, and to endanger the adjacent Wildlife Site. The proposed two Local Wildlife Sites acknowledge that there is an issue but are inadequate.
4. We do not want to impose, given the lack of clear access to the site, several years of noise and heavy vehicle traffic on the Residents of Hook Lane and Firs Wood Close who were attracted by the security provided by the Green Belt.
5. We do not want to live in a block of flats which dominate the development. What folk like us want is a bungalow with a small piece of land that we can call our own.

We could go on, but trust that we and others like us will not have to end up living in the proposed development..