Our vision: to provide for a balanced community, by meeting the particular needs of older people, and also by encouraging them to vacate larger homes enabling more families to locate in Winchcombe.

Development assumptions

- Community consultations have identified the need for a dedicated retirement development - so that older people do not have to leave town when they want to downsize.
- Such developments are best located within easy walking distance of a town centre - and in locations that are embedded in the community.
- Any additional demands on the health services need to be properly planned and delivered.
- Depending on the degree of care required, such a development may also provide new job opportunities locally.
- One model might be the new supported retirement development in Painswick.

Development proposals

A potential developer is interested in building in Winchcombe to meet the demand. One option (see the plan here) has emerged following informal discussions with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It would provide:

- a range of accommodation types for a broad spectrum of residents from Winchcombe and the surrounding area, as well as older parents of current residents.
- a combination of independence and security of lifestyle within a socially active and supportive community.
- opportunities for people with a range of abilities and disabilities to continue to live in their own space, supported by a comprehensive and flexible network of personal care services, including registered nursing care when needed.
- a publicly-accessible on-site restaurant, library and wellness centre, including a swimming pool in the currently unused, listed Almsbury Barn.
- and possibly a residential care home elsewhere in our community, linked by transport to these central facilities, which would also be available to local residents.

Pictured above is a similar high-quality development in Painswick.

Development on this site would also deliver significant community benefits:

- the potential to release family homes locally for younger householders.
- new footpath networks through the development.
- a new visitor welcome centre and potential museum facility in the front part of the Almsbury Barn.
- as many as 100 new full and part-time jobs.
- more custom for town centre shops and for local providers of food and other services.
- a new, free, long-stay car park to relieve the pressure on Abbey Terrace and provide an alternative to parking in Vineyard Street.
- about a quarter of the traffic flow to be expected from a normal edge of town housing estate.
- if 100 supported units were provided on this site, that would reduce by 100 the number of other house sites this plan needs to identify elsewhere in the town (see next board).

Do you agree that providing serviced homes for elderly people should be a part of our overall plan. Should that be on this site?