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Object

**Document Element:** Policy HC12: Space about dwellings and internal space

**Respondent:** Grade Planning

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**Summary:**

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**Full text:**

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**Change suggested by respondent:**

In order to ensure this policy is consistent with Draft Policy HC4, the policy wording under 'external space' should be amended to specifically state that: 'In the case of units designed for older people or those with special housing requirements, a lower provision and length of amenity space may be acceptable'. The supporting text should explain that for those properties it may be more appropriate to provide smaller, lower maintenance external space.

**Legally compliant:** Yes

**Sound:** Yes

**Comply with duty:** Yes

**Attachments:** None