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Object

Document Element: Policy HC17: Open Space

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Summary:

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Change suggested by respondent:

For the plan to be consistent with national policy and effective the following text should be added to the end of policy HC17:

Older person's housing schemes are exempt from the above requirement so long as high quality amenity space suitable for older people is provided on site.

Legally compliant: No

Sound: No

Comply with duty: No

Attachments: None