

# **Integrated Retirement Community Benefits** Summary



#### **Housing**

- Contribute towards the local five-year housing supply
- Meet growing need for specialist housing for older people
- Offer choice for older people
- Help to free up under-occupied family housing with knock-on benefits for the housing supply chain
- Support the creation of mixed and balanced communities



### **Health, Social Care & Wellbeing**

- Amenity spaces and organised activities improve social interaction and well-being, encourage independence, and reduce loneliness for older people
- Offer safety and security for residents, including 24/7 support and emergency response
- Schemes are designed with the changing needs of older people in mind so residents can age in place
- Fewer unplanned hospital visits, and reduced demands placed on NHS hospitals, GP surgeries and Adult Social Care services with associated cost savings, compared with older people living in their own homes
- Access to registered care provider and integrated care and support facilities, which are often
  extended into the local community
- Help older people to be more active and healthier for longer, thus reducing long term care needs



#### **Economic**

- Creation of permanent full time and part time jobs on-site in various sectors and at different skill points – including care workers, admin and management, catering, housekeeping, security, gardening and maintenance
- Additional temporary jobs created during the construction period
- Knock-on economic benefits for local shops and services and through locally sourced supply chain



## **Community & Environmental**

- Extensive communal amenity and health and fitness facilities, which are often made available to the local community
- Gardens and open spaces are also often accessible to the wider community, and provide opportunities for conservation and biodiversity gain
- Reduced pressure on local services (such as schools and playing fields for the younger generation) compared with traditional housing
- Lower levels of traffic movements compared with traditional housing, and journeys are generally made outside of peak hours
- Many operators provide access to transport facilities for residents to attend appointments, which further reduces reliance on the car