

The asset-based approach to sustainable rural development - a Carnegie perspective

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Characteristic

Implication for Housing

Identifying, utilizing
and optimising assets

A set of principles governing the sustainable stewardship of assets:

- Financial (sources of finance for acquisition and building)
- Built (stock of properties)
- Social (social organisations to manage and develop housing stock)
- Human (skills for construction, maintenance)
- Natural (land, water supply, views)
- Cultural (vernacular styles, local traditional building techniques)
- Political (ownership, management and control)

Characteristic	Implication for Housing
Achieving fairness for everyone	Range of provision; rental and purchase Address affordability Retro-fitting
Empowering local governance	Community Land Trusts
Increasing financial resources for community benefit	Mixed use (market sales, holiday lets, income generating workspace)
Enjoying locally relevant services	New models of service delivery – new style accommodation for older people or young people
Enriching social capital and well being	Space for meeting up, growing food, playing, exercising

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Implication for Housing

Valuing local distinctiveness

Local vernacular, interpreted for a modern age

Developing reliable infrastructure

Access to essential services; water supply, broadband to facilitate home working

Enhancing environmental capacity

Distributed renewable energy, combined heat and power, rainwater harvesting, reed beds, low impact construction

Supporting a dynamic local economy

New economic opportunities: eco-construction, retro-fitting, maintenance, new forms of co-operative, maintenance,



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giving older people the chance to live in a 'home'-like environment