

# **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)

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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**