

The priority of applicants in Group 5 may be reduced for the same reasons as applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4, that is for having rent arrears, being involved in anti-social behaviour which has resulted in legal action being taken by the landlord.

## 6. Older Applicants

This group includes:

- Older people who qualify for special housing designed for their housing and support needs
- People over 55 with a disability may be considered at the discretion of the Council

### **Types of homes that each group will be considered for**

#### Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4

If a housing applicant is placed in one of the groups 1, 2, 3 or 4 and have enough priority to be housed, they will be considered for 'general needs' social rented homes. A general needs home has been built without any special adaptations or modifications which help people cope better with mobility or other disability issues.

Some general needs social rented homes that become available for letting have adaptations because they were installed for a previous tenant. Where adaptations have been installed in the past, it may be possible to use the adaptations in the home for another housing applicant with similar mobility or disability requirements or let as it is to a new tenant with no mobility or disability requirements.

#### Applicants in Group 5

Applicants in Group 5 who have enough priority to be housed will be allocated homes which have one or more of the following features which the applicant needs:

- all on one level internally,
- have level access from the street / outside
- and / or are adapted for mobility or wheelchair use.

#### Applicants in Group 6

Applicants in group 6 who have enough priority to be housed will be allocated homes which are designated for older people with housing and support needs. See the section on **Applicants in Group 6 seeking a home for older people** which describes this type of home in more detail.