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Focus groups for people aged over 60

If you are local and aged 60 or more, Lichfield District Council want to hear from you at one of four focus groups.

Lichfield District Council is currently asking local people aged over 60 from across the district for their views on housing through its Housing in Later Life questionnaire.

To make sure it has plenty of responses and information from its older residents, the council, working in partnership with Housing LIN, is also holding four focus groups this November.

The focus groups will discuss what type of housing residents need as they age, what factors matter most when considering a move, and what types of care and support options are important.

Separate focus groups will run for homeowners and for people who rent. They will run at:

- **The Hub at St Mary's in Lichfield** on Monday 4 November from 2.30pm to 4pm - for homeowners
- **Beacon Park Village in Lichfield** on Monday 4 November from 6pm to 7.30pm - for people who rent
- **The Old Mining College Centre in Burntwood** on Tuesday 5 November from 2.30pm to 4pm - for homeowners
- **The Old Mining College Centre in Burntwood** on Tuesday 5 November from 6pm to 7.30pm - for people who rent

Travel expenses will be paid and everyone who comes to the focus groups will receive a £10 Love2shop voucher.

Councillor Ashley Yeates, Cabinet Member for Communities & Housing, said: "The focus groups are a chance to share your views and aspirations about housing in later life.

"It will be a friendly and informal discussion over a cup of tea or coffee, and to say thank participants will receive a £10 voucher and their travel expenses.

"We hope plenty of our residents who are aged 60 or over will get involved and help us to make sure we have the right housing plans in place."

The feedback from the focus groups will be added to the answers from the questionnaire, which will help inform the council's Housing Strategy and identify what housing is needed for Lichfield District's older population.

To book your place on one of the focus groups, please email s.fox@housinglin.org.uk or call 07444 431554.

The Housing in Later Life questionnaire can be found online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/housinginlaterlife until 18 November 2019.

Paper copies are also available in the reception of District Council House on Frog Lane in Lichfield, and Lichfield Library and Burntwood Library.

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