

## LP02 - Residential Annexes

### Policy background and explanation

- 13.04 The creation of annexes, whether the host dwelling is located inside, or outside settlement boundaries can create additional accommodation for a dwelling and can help to create more flexible use of the accommodation to respond to changing family circumstances over time.
- 13.05 Residential annexes should be designed so that they are ancillary in use and scale to the main dwelling unit and provide genuinely flexible accommodation that can be adapted and re-adapted to meet the changing needs of an extended family over time. This should include the option of absorbing the annexe back into the main dwelling accommodation, if necessary, by the same or future occupiers.
- 13.06 To meet these requirements it is essential that the main and annexe accommodation are either directly connected by an internal link or have a close spatial relationship with shared facilities and space.
- 13.07 The Councils will apply restrictive conditions or obligations to ensure annexes do not create sub-standard dwellings with inadequate standards of access, amenity and space, and potentially result in additional dwellings in unsustainable locations.

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**1. Residential annexes will be supported where the proposal:**

- a) Is ancillary and subordinate in scale to the host dwelling;
- b) Does not involve the physical subdivision of the residential curtilage; and
- c) Is designed to easily allow for the annexe to be integrated later into the main building as a single dwellinghouse when the need no longer exists.

**2. Where proposals for residential annexes are considered acceptable, planning conditions or obligations will be imposed to limit the occupation for use as an annexe, and to prevent the future use of the annexe as a separate dwelling.**