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A Healthy Built Environment for an Ageing Population

Message from the Guest Editors

Suitable housing is fundamental to the challenge of population ageing. Appropriate housing markets and well-designed communities are said to reduce risks to health for older people, promote independence and wellbeing, and thereby offer the potential to reduce social and health care costs, but unsuitable ones can offer the reverse. Consequently, there is a growing awareness that we need to plan for the ageing population and, crucially, provide suitable housing and environments to cater for their varied needs. It is therefore important to ensure that housing providers and policy makers understand the needs and preferences of a diverse ageing society in order to promote their quality of life including public health and social wellbeing. This Special Issue explores the scientific forum on a healthy built environment including social studies on ageing population needs, stakeholders preferences and opportunities, socio-economic challenges for sustainable housing and environment design, and technological solutions.

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