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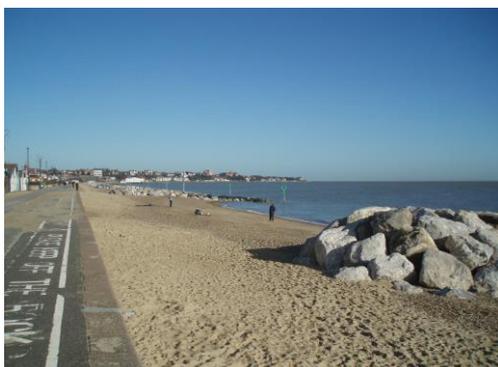
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## SEASIDE & COUNTRY HOMES NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4 AUTUMN 2017

Welcome to this, the autumn edition of the Seaside & Country Homes newsletter. This is very much an East Anglian edition highlighting the county of Suffolk and also meeting Mr & Mrs D who moved from London to Hunstanton in Norfolk through the Seaside & Country Homes Scheme.

As always, the mobility team are here to discuss your application with you and answer any questions you may have. Please note our new contact number which is 0207 983 4583

### FEATURED COUNTY: SUFFOLK



We return to East Anglia for our featured county in this edition. Despite bordering Essex to the south, our properties in Suffolk are much lower demand and offer you a far better chance of a move.

Suffolk is a pleasant county of undulating countryside and smaller, historic market towns. Apart from the major town of Ipswich, life is much slower than in London. It also has a long and attractive coastline. Our flats in Felixstowe for example, are just behind the promenade and offer unrivalled sea views (see left hand photograph above).

We can also offer a selection of flats and bungalows in the port of Lowestoft (see right hand photograph above), which contains the most easterly point in the UK. Lowestoft is a larger town with all of the day to day necessities you would need. Whilst offering 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities it is still very much rooted in its past as a fishing port.

If you prefer the countryside we can also offer flats and bungalows in the town of Beccles and bungalows in Stowmarket. Being of a similar size these towns offer all the facilities and services you would need and having mainline railway stations offer quick and regular services back to London..

If you are currently registered for a move to Essex and have had no luck with being offered a viewing, why not consider Suffolk? It may provide the opportunity to move much more quickly although please note that we have no immediate vacancies. If you would like to add any Suffolk locations or want more information don't hesitate to contact the mobility team on 0207 983 4583 or email us at [housingmobility@london.gov.uk](mailto:housingmobility@london.gov.uk)

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## MR & MRS D's STORY – LONDON TO NORFOLK

Mr & Mrs D had lived in London for over 50 years and had decided that the time was right to move away, ideally closer to the seaside. They chose Hunstanton in Norfolk as their daughter lives nearby and it was a location they liked and knew well having spent many happy family holidays in the area.

We asked them how they were adjusting to life outside London and they both agreed it was the best thing they have ever done. They love their bungalow and garden and being within five minutes' walk of local shops and the beach, it suits their needs perfectly.

They were surprised how quickly they had got used to living away from London with the better air quality, reduced noise and no traffic congestion being the things they certainly don't miss. The bungalow is also much easier for them to look after having lived in a three bedroom home in London.

We asked them what advice they would give to someone thinking about moving through the scheme. Their key piece of advice was to think about the areas you want to move to and ensure you have visited them so you know they will meet your needs. Be prepared for things to be much quieter and accept that some shops and other amenities may not be as close to hand as they are in London. That said, they did find they very quickly adjusted to life outside London



Finally we asked them if they would ever consider moving back to London. Their response was “No, we are living the life we dreamed about and it is a pleasure to wake up in the morning. We loved London, but we have found something better. London was our past and this is our present”

## NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that the number 08450 212020 has now been withdrawn. Therefore, if you wish to contact the mobility team you should call us instead on **0207 983 4583**.