



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. Are there criminals or dangerous people?**

People experiencing homelessness are in our community already, surviving in desperate situations, many of which have not committed crimes, but people are far less likely to offend while living in supported accommodation. Each homeless person that applies for a place will be expected to adhere to house rules and expectations around making a positive contribution to the community. A homeless person with a criminal record would not necessarily be refused a place to stay.

### **2. Is there going to be staff?**

Yes, there will be paid staff and volunteers.

### **3. How is it different than the squatters?**

Each person who asks to stay will be offered an assessment and checks will be done to ensure that they actually have nowhere to live. When someone is offered a place, they will be supported to find more settled accommodation.

### **4. Will there be antisocial behaviour like violence or noise?**

No, there will be rules about this and staff, volunteers and other residents will be enforcing the rules.

### **5. How are you going to deal with it?**

Anyone who is not sticking to the rules will be challenged and their place at the home may be in jeopardy depending on the situation.

### **6. Will there be frequent emergencies needing police presence?**

This is unlikely, but the local police are aware of Seaview's work, and they are supportive so if there was a situation that required police intervention, it will be dealt with swiftly.

### **7. How will it affect the safety of our community?**

We are confident that there will be no negative impact on the safety of the community.

### **8. Will there be people doing drugs?**

No, there will be rules prohibiting the use of drugs and breaching these rules could lead to residents being asked to leave the house.

### **9. Why can't accommodation for homeless people be put somewhere more central?**

Unfortunately due to the councils directive to prevent there being too many HMOs in a single area central locations are already at capacity, but the local and indeed national need for this kind of accommodation is regrettably high therefor looking a little outside of centralised locations is now essential.

The link to the councils directive is available online [www.hastings.gov.uk/planning/advice/hmo/](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/planning/advice/hmo/)

### **10. Will a HMO devalue my property?**

We don't know how HMO status will impact the local house prices and we aren't aware that it will, however we will maintain the property to a high standard, enforce reasonable and socially acceptable standards of behaviour, and will do our utmost to prevent any negative impact on existing local residents.