

# **Southway Housing Trust**

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### **Developing Age-friendly Communities: Practitioner & User perspectives**



# A little bit about Southway...

- Set up in 2007 - Stock Transfer
- 6000 homes across 7 South Manchester Wards
- £110 million home improvements
- Environmental improvements
- Improvements to service
- Investing in our communities



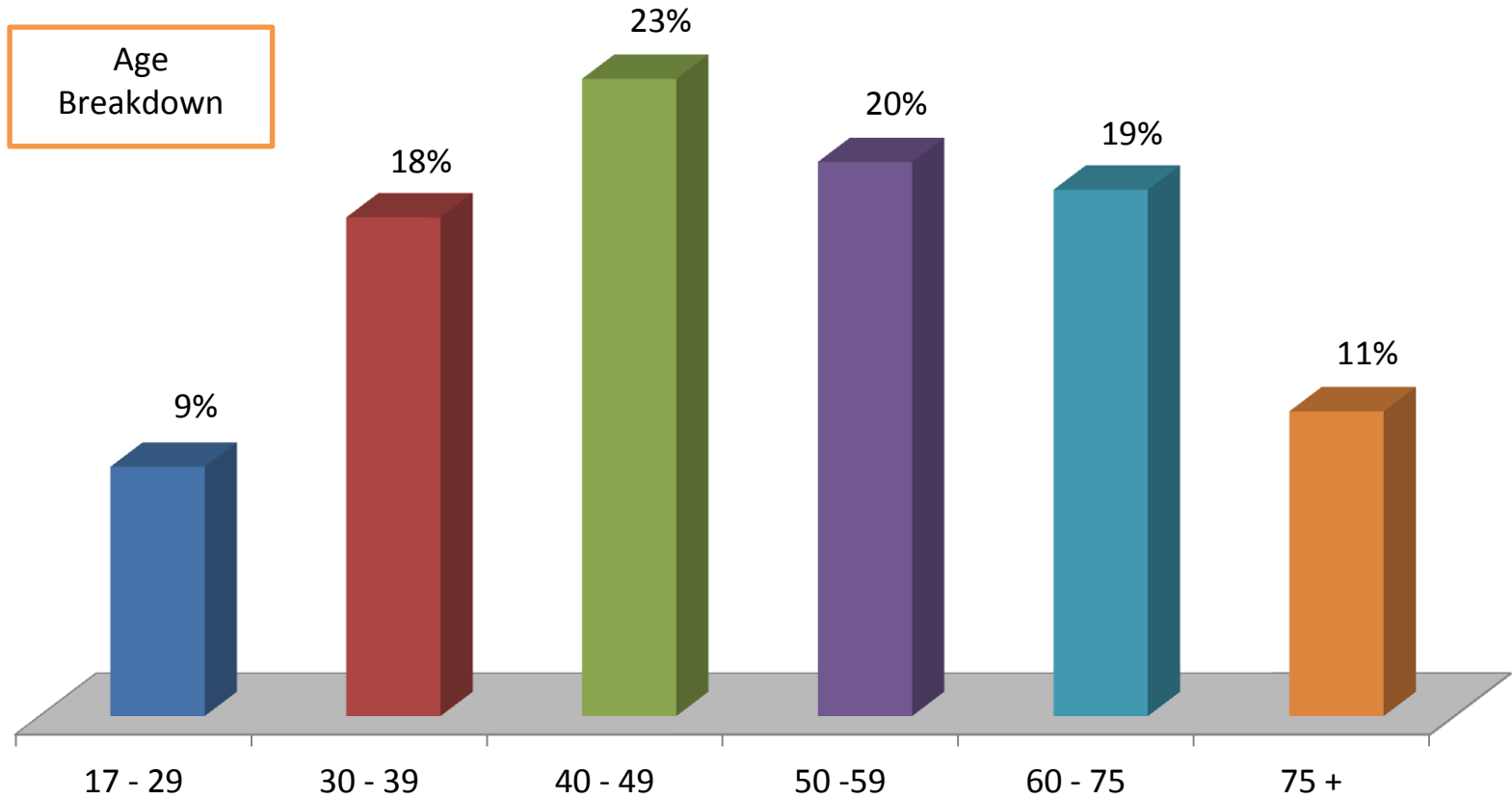








# Our Tenants



# Age-friendly Manchester

- In 2010, Manchester was the first UK city to be accepted into the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities in recognition of the work carried out by the Valuing Older People partnership.
- Manchester signed the declaration alongside cities such as New York , Lyons and Tai Pei in Taiwan



# Age-friendly Communities Pilot Project



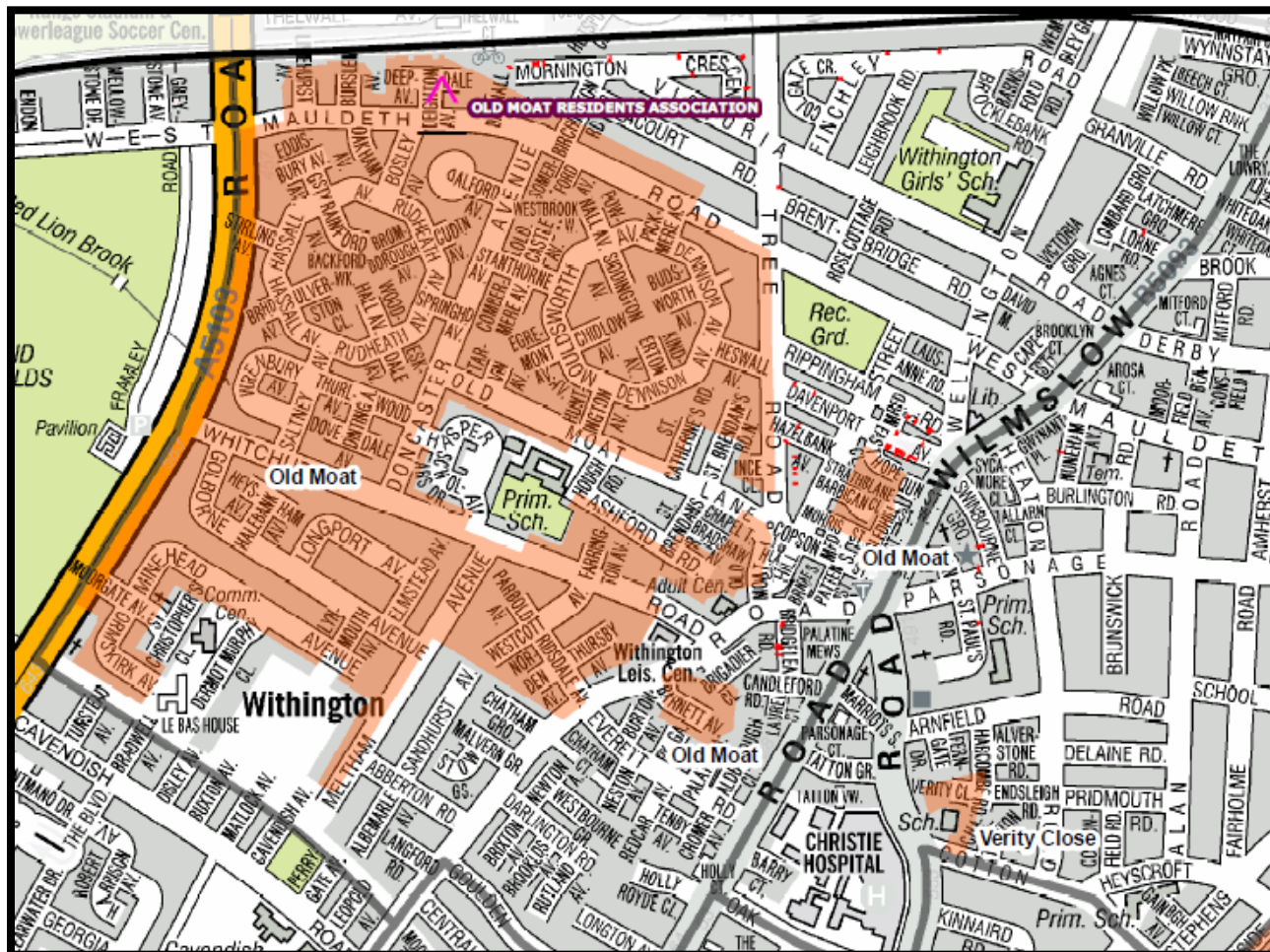
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- Age-friendly city principles
- Age-friendly community?
- Research Programme
- 2 Year pilot project
- **Tenant Involvement**
- Multi-agency
- VOP





# Old Moat Age Friendly Community?



# Why Old Moat?

- Demographics
- Transport links to the city centre
- Facilities – library, leisure Centre, swimming baths, Old Moat Park, Allotments
- Minehead Resource Centre
- ASSIST Good Neighbours Scheme
- District Centre



# Minehead Centre





# Withington District Centre





# Audit Findings – District Centre

*Audit does not include services and facilities inside shops.*

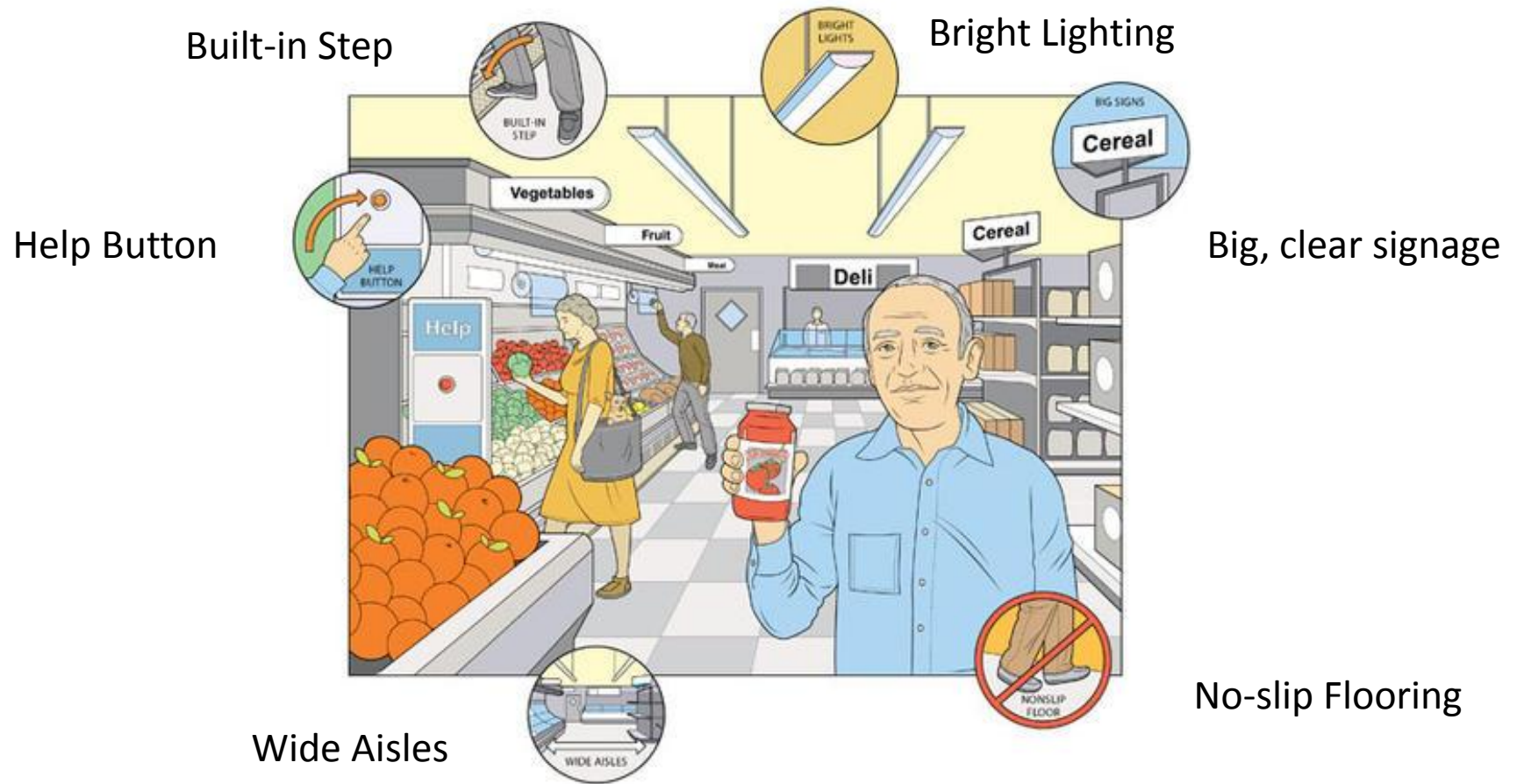
## **Positives**

- On a whole area neat & tidy
- Felt safe, no stray dogs
- Good range of shops
- Choice of Cafe's
- Local Post Office
- Charity Shops inc. Age UK

## **Negatives**

- Public Toilet closed
- Lack of seating
- No all shops are disabled access
- Empty Shops
- Lots of students bars/ fast food/takeaways which are closed in daytime

# Kaiser's supermarket in the East Berlin neighbourhood of Friedrichshain





Rather than hand baskets, Kaiser's offers small pushcarts with a built-in place to rest and other features that make shopping easier for older people.



<http://www.metropolismag.com/story/20070620/super-values>



# Age Friendly?





# Age Friendly Gardens







**Take a seat!  
STOP SPOTS**

# Thank You

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