

# Housing Solutions For Social Landlords

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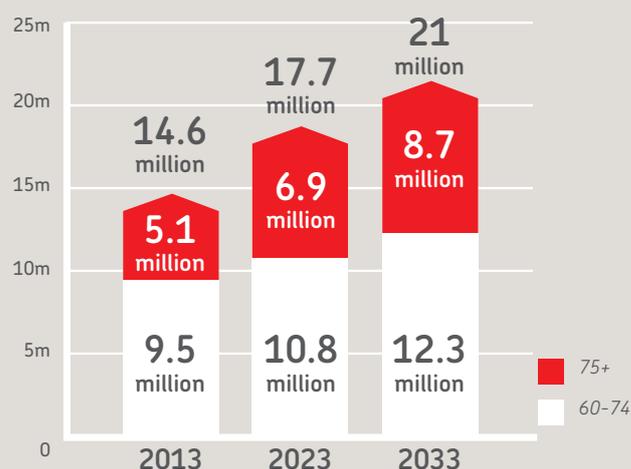
- Future-proofing your housing stock

There will be an estimated 44%, or 6.4million more, people aged 60+ in the UK in 20 years time - how will your housing stock cope?

## Our population is ageing

In 20 years time there will be **44% more people aged 60+** (6.4million)

Population projections for the next 20 years show we will have an extra 3.6million people aged 75+ and an extra 2.8million people aged 60-74



The problem of providing suitable and safe accommodation for the elderly is acutely felt by social landlords, with the biggest challenge often being the need to match available housing stock with the requirements of those at the top of waiting lists.

AKW can help. By including the 'AKW Bathroom for Life' adapter with Tuff Form wet room formers in a bathroom plan we can help to build much greater flexibility into both new build and refurbished properties across your stock, allowing:

1. Family bathrooms with baths to be quickly converted into wet rooms for the elderly & disabled (typically in 1/2 day)
2. Wet rooms to be converted back to family bathrooms (typically in 1/2 day)

And very importantly in the case of converting to a wet room, there will be no protracted wait for DFG assessment and processing.

## How it Works - Sovereign Housing Association Case Study

An example of how Sovereign Housing Association are using AKW products to address their bathroom flexibility challenges is highlighted below.

Willow Close in Newbury is one in a series of developments by Sovereign that provides modern homes for older people. In spring 2012, 63 apartments and seven bungalows were completed for people over the age of 55. Built to the Lifetime Homes standard, each property was designed to meet the existing and future needs of tenants.

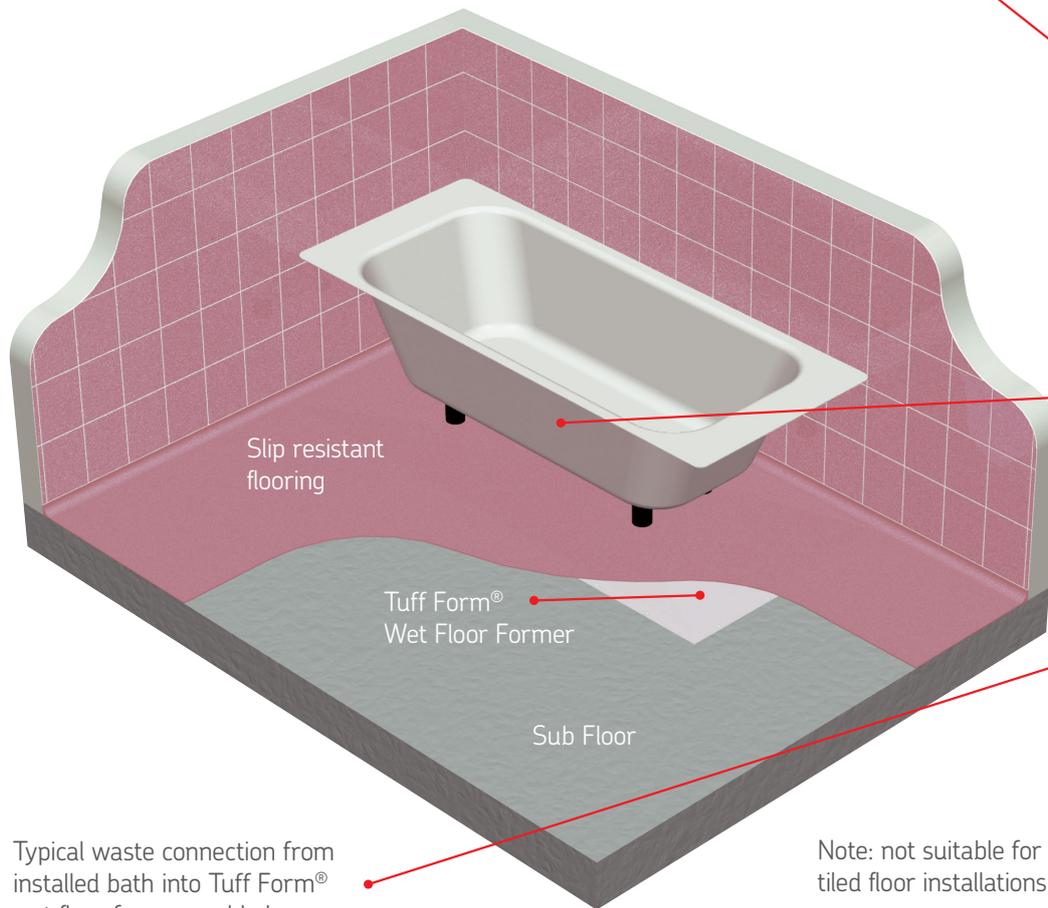
To this effect, an AKW 'bathroom for life' was installed in each of the bungalows. Paul Clayton, Contract Manager from Sovereign Housing, explained: "When tenants move in they start off wanting and needing a bath, but as time moves on, their needs change. When this happens with a 'bathroom for life', very little disruption is experienced. A trusted local installer is employed to undertake minor adaptations without any structural damage. The bath is simply taken out and, because the plumbing is already in place, they only need to fit a waste adaptor to create a level access shower room."

Two years later, some Willow Close tenants were ready to have their bath taken out and replaced with a level access shower room for health reasons. Paul Clayton commented: "Our tenants were particularly pleased that they didn't have to wait a lengthy period for their bathroom to be adapted. There was hardly any disruption and they now have a level access showering area that suits their daily needs. We are extremely pleased with the results and our bathrooms for life from AKW."

# Bathroom for Life installation

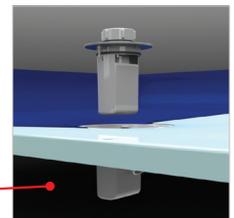
The AKW Tuff Form® offers superior strength and rigidity which can support a full bath and bather. Installed with a Bath to Tray Adaptor this provides an easy upgrade option from a conventional bathroom to a wet floor showering area when needed.

The Bath to Tray Adapter has been designed to offer landlords and tenants a Bathroom for Life.



Bath to tray adapter

Bath legs can be situated directly on top of the Tuff Form®



Note: not suitable for tiled floor installations

**IMPORTANT:** This AKW 'bath to tray' adaptor is designed to work with TF75 wastes (25106 or 25408) or with Combination Wastes - Tuff Form waste adaptor + GW50 / GW19 (25124 / 25129)

## Talk to the experts

If you work in social housing, contact us today to book a bathroom or kitchen adaptation consultation with a member of our 60-strong team of sales and surveying experts. We can tailor a solution to your specific tenant or building and budget constraints. You can request a visit by contacting us using the details below.

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