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Housing for Elderly

Consider incentives for the Development of Multi Storey / Multi Unit Residential buildings in which are comprised of Family Parent Apartment Units. And/or Grant schemes which reward those who may be required by necessity to live in close proximity to their elderly parents.

This is being explored in Asia at present (Singapore) . It is especially suited to Families where for example responsibility falling on Adult Children to care for an infirm Parent/s or Relative clashes with the demands of their own career / lifestyle . Or to situations in Cities where the Elderly Parents no longer require nor are capable of maintaining a Large residence and would consider downsizing.

The idea is that there is a Family sized Apartment with a smaller "Lifetime" Apartment either adjacent or in the same complex for one or 2 elderly parents. The Elderly parent gets to live in close proximity to Family but both Family and Elderly Parent/s retain their independence and autonomy.

This arrangement has considerable social advantages

- removal of Social Isolation for Elderly Parents - increased social interaction both with Family and with other Pensioners
- Grandparents benefit from increased care and companionship in their final years and increased security in terms of personal safety and increased access to assistance in the event of a medical emergency
- Family members benefit from increased child care options - ie. childminding provided by Grandparents while Parents are at work / away
- reversion of smaller apartment unit to young adult as first step on property ladder once Grandparents are deceased

Not for everyone obviously and probably more relevant to typical large Asian Cities but may have merit in Dublin where there is intense pressure on access to Housing

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