

# Questionnaire Older People Monday 19 September 2005

Questionnaire for the research project on "Housing for the Elderly" concerning housing requirements for older people in Middle Drenthe. Version 'Older people without concrete plans for moving house'.

## To be completed by interviewer:

Place:

- Nieuw Balinge
- Wijster

Group:

- Without concrete plans for moving house
- With concrete plans for moving house
- Recently moved

Date of interview:

Duration of interview:

Unusual circumstances during interview (for example, loss of concentration, tiredness, incomprehension of questions):

## I. Personal details

1. Gender of interviewee:

- Male
- Female

2. What is your age? ..... years

3. Who do you share this house with? (more than one response possible)

- Live alone
- With partner      Gender partner: male/female (circle as appropriate)  
Age partner: ..... years
- With adult children living at home
- With children under 18 years
- With other adults, specifically ..... (mention relationship, eg. brother or sister)

4. What is the highest completed level of education

Yourself:

Your partner (if applicable)

- No education
- Primary school
- Technical school or equivalent
- Middle level secondary school (O-level)
- Higher level secondary school (A-level)
- College or university

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5. What is/was your profession?

Profession or work:

Employed by another or own company:

If applicable, partner's work:

6. What is your current (combined) disposable income per month?

- Less than 1000 euro per month
- 1000-1500 euro per month
- 1500-2000 euro per month
- 2000-2500 euro per month
- 2500-3000 euro per month
- more than 3000 euro

7. How long have you been living in this village?

Interviewee: ..... years

Partner: .....years

8. Do you have family in the village?

- yes, ....(number of family members)
- no, not in the village itself but ..... (number of family members) in nearby villages
- no, my family all live elsewhere in the country al
- I have no family

9. Do you have friends and acquaintances in the village?

- Yes, a few friends/acquaintances
- Yes, lots of friends/acquaintances
- No

10. If necessary, can you ask family, friends or neighbours in Nieuw Balinge for help or support?

- always
- usually
- sometimes
- seldom or never

11. If you ask family or friends in the village for help, what sort of help is that usually (describe)?

## II Housing situation and facilities

12. Do you own the house you live in or is it rented accommodation?

13. What type of house do you live in?

- A 'normal' house with 2 or more floors
- A large house with plenty of living space on the ground floor (a farm house, for example)
- A flat or apartment
- Housing for the elderly
- Other:

14. Are you satisfied with your living accommodation? And with the are you live in? If not, what changes would you like to see?

(Interviewer: is this related to being elderly or not?)

15. What is your experience of living in a village?

16. Do you live in accommodation adapted for people with a disability or physical handicap? For example the accommodation has adapted thresholds, a stair lift, a ramp to the front door or wider door openings?

If so, what adaptations have been made?

If so, were these adaptations made for you/your partner or were they already present in the accommodation?

17. Do you wish to remain living in this accommodation in the future? Do you think you will be able to? If so, why? If not, why not (for example, adaptations not possible because it is rented accommodation, layout is unsuitable, access to the accommodation is unsuitable, cold or damp, no funds to adapt own home or not willing to do so)?

18. Do you wish to remain living in this village in the future?  
Do you think you will be able to? If so, why? If not, why not (consider: lack of facilities, lack of old people's home; moving closer to children etc)  
(Interviewer: in this question it is important to identify the accommodations *needs* and then compare these to the *possibilities*)

### **III. Health and care facilities**

Old age takes its toll they say. The following questions focus on your health and on the things you are still able to do yourself and the things you need help with.

19. How is your / your partner's general health?

20. Do you / your partner suffer from chronic illness, conditions or disabilities? If so, what are they?

21. Do you / your partner currently receive nursing or care at home?  
If so, how often and from whom (for example, family, neighbours, children, home care or volunteers)?  
What does this care involve (e.g. washing, dressing, caring for wounds)?  
Is this care/nursing temporary or permanent?

22. Do you currently receive help with household chores? By household chores we mean chores such as vacuuming, ironing, doing the grocery shopping and cooking.  
If so, how many times per week and from whom (for example, family, neighbours, children, home care or volunteers)?  
Is this temporary or permanent?

23. Would you be able to continue living independently without this help?

Which form of help which you have mentioned is for you the most important in order to be able to continue living independently?

24. Do you think the help you now receive will also be adequate in the future?

If you did need more help in the future, will it be easy to ask for it?  
Who can you ask / not ask? Which sort of help can you ask / not ask for?

25. I will mention a number of services to do with health and aging. Can you tell me whether you use these services, where they are and how you get there (if applicable)?

Service	Use / do not use	In village?	How do you get there?
Family doctor			
Dentist			
Chemist			
Medical specialist (e.g. dietician, optician)			

**IV Other services and facilities**

26. Can you reach the village easily in order to do your day-to-day shopping? If not, where do you do your grocery shopping?  
Do you do your shopping independently or do you receive help? From whom?

27. As a resident of Nieuw Balinge, it is necessary to go to other, often bigger villages/towns for certain things, such as the doctor, chemist, theatre, cinema, shops etc.

How do you find that?

- Never a problem
- Seldom a problem
- Sometimes a problem
- Often a problem
- Always a problem

If that is sometimes, often or always a problem for you, can you indicate below which facilities you are referring to and where you need to go to for that facility.

Facility	Place
1) .....	.....
2) .....	.....
3) .....	.....

Please describe below why this is a problem for you with these facilities.

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28. Living in a small village often demands good mobility of the residents. Many things are not as easily accessible as they are in bigger villages or towns. There are different mobility options such as bicycle, car, bus, local bus, special transport for the elderly etc  
If you make use of facilities in other villages/towns, how do you usually travel there?

Can you travel there independently or do you need help from others?  
If you need help with transport, can this be easily arranged or not?

29. Are you a member of a club? If so, which one?

(Active member or contributor?)

30. Do you sometimes participate in activities which are specially organised for the elderly?

31. Do you often go to visit people / receive visitors?

32. How do you rate your current overall living conditions in the village?

## **V Housing perspective for the future**

33. Do you sometimes think about moving? Or do you feel you will have to move in the future? In what time frame?

34. What would be a reason to move house for you?  
(Interviewer: get to bottom of motivation, differentiate between accommodation, care facilities and other facilities)

35. How do you see your living situation in the future?