

## **BUGGIES/SCOOTERS IN RETIREMENT HOUSING SCHEMES**

Most of Grand Union Housing Group's (GUHG) retirement housing schemes were built many years before electric scooters/buggies were invented. Any new schemes that GUHG develops in the future will have provision for the storage and re-charging of a limited number of buggies/scooters.

Unfortunately, making this provision available in existing schemes is often more problematic. There is often no space within the existing buildings to store buggies/scooters safely and building a purpose built structure is a costly exercise that needs to be budgeted for. However, GUHG is currently looking into the possibility of providing suitable storage space in its Retirement Schemes.

Fire regulations are very specific about where it is safe to store electric scooters/buggies and under no circumstances may they be stored under staircases, in corridors or entrance lobbies.

Given the increasing number of people wishing to use electric scooters/buggies and store them within the scheme boundary, it is becoming necessary for GUHG to provide some clear guidelines in relation to this.

When you are offered a property and before you sign up for this tenancy, you will be asked whether or not you own an electric buggy/scooter and you will be informed as to whether there is storage space available for your buggy/scooter at the scheme you have been offered. If there is not, you will not be able to take the buggy/scooter to the scheme at that point. Your name will be placed on a waiting list at the scheme and once there is storage space available you will be able to store your buggy/scooter at the scheme.