



Bungalow Extension Project Across Residential Housing Plot

Aragon Housing Association is a 'not for profit' landlord who owns and manages 7,000 homes across Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, Northampton, Luton, Aylesbury and Cambridgeshire.

In 2012 FSG won a tender bid with Aragon to extend ten of their bungalows in Stonecroft, which housed elderly tenants under their sheltered housing scheme.

Aragon's objective was to improve living space for these tenants whilst increasing the property's value. By doing this Aragon could also offer larger homes to growing families in the future.

FSG scheduled the build works to extend and renovate two bungalows at a time. Six extensions allowed for a second bedroom on the property and the remaining four provided additional living space throughout.

To ensure that tenants remained comfortable, especially through the winter months, Aragon relocated each of them to a vacant property on their housing stock for six weeks until works were complete.

FSG helped each tenant relocate by instructing a removal company to move furniture and belongings to their temporary home.

Each bungalow received a remodel to the interior to uphold Aragon's standard of housing. Some works included new kitchen installations and heating system upgrades.

On completion we organised for all to be moved back and the FSG team went above and beyond by plumbing in washing machines, hanging curtains, mirrors, shelving and more.

The project was completed in just 8 months but not without a few obstacles. There was no direct road access to the bungalows and the site storage was a small distance away. We had to rely on manual labour to transport bricks and other materials to the bungalows. We also had to hire small diggers to help dig the footings too which took a little longer than scheduled. The diggers disrupted the pathways slightly outside each property but we managed to repair them and deliver the programme on time to Aragon.

"It was great to see the residents smile when they moved back home and saw what we had done. Going that extra mile was a real pleasure and the residents were very grateful to receive help with the little things they found hard." - Launce Wright, FSG Build Manager

