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RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY AND HOUSING PREFERENCES OF OLDER ADULTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

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1. The passage through successive life stages results not only in different age-specific propensities to move, but also in shifting likelihoods of residing in larger or smaller settlements – this thesis
2. The strongest predictors of residential mobility of Dutch older adults are factors associated with the (suitability of the) home environment, while a deteriorating living environment plays an important role in explaining the older adults' propensity to move – this thesis
3. The tendency of Dutch older adults to 'stay put' is mainly motivated by choice rather than by constraint – this thesis
4. The Dutch older population is not a homogenous group. Instead, it is made up of people with different lifestyles, which shape their residential choice behaviour - this thesis
5. Later-life migrants typically make up a minority of the older population, and it is stayers -by ageing in place- who exercise a greater influence on spatial structures – this thesis
6. Research on residential mobility has tended to focus on mobility and treat residential stability as the absence of the event, rather than as occurrence in its own right
7. Older adults will not necessarily choose the most suitable dwelling, because they are more concerned about losing what they have, than about what they might gain
8. Defining 'ageing in place' is not straightforward; sometimes one needs to move in order to age in the 'right' place
9. Policy makers should move away from generic housing solutions for older adults. Instead, policy should focus more on participatory decision-making, in which the diverse preferences and demands of older adults can help to co-create policies on the provision of housing