



# Building New Affordable Homes

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# Background



- Dover District Council is increasing its construction of new affordable housing – new Council Housing
- Over the coming years, we aim to increase the number of new affordable homes we provide ourselves, and a building programme is underway
- Alongside this, we support Registered Providers (also known as Housing Associations) to build affordable housing for rent and shared ownership
- We will deliver new affordable homes across the district to meet the growing demands and needs of our residents
- The Housing Revenue Account (the provision for social housing) and receipts from Right to Buy sales will provide the funding.



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# Why do we need to build affordable housing?

- We have built some new affordable homes, but we have lost homes through the Right to Buy scheme
- The Office of National Statistics shows that our average lower house price to average lower gross annual earnings, makes it unachievable for many people to have a home of their own
- Coupled with our steadily increasing population, this means we need more places for people to live.



These factors and more create a demand for more affordable housing to be built.





# Resident Engagement Aims & Objectives

**Aim:** To provide opportunities for residents who are interested in the development process to become involved in developing new affordable housing in their local area.

## Objectives:

- Inform residents about the project
- Encourage residents to become involved
- Present feedback on all project activities
- Make informed decisions from resident feedback.

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# Outcomes

By the end of the new affordable housing programme, residents who want to be part of the development process will:

- be aware of DDC's new affordable housing programme
- become involved in the development process at any stage they wish
- have the opportunity to be part of a resident working group
- be able to provide feedback that helps inform the development process for the project in their area
- have new affordable housing that meets their communities' needs.



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## What is the development process?

Developing new affordable housing means going through a process of planning the new development. This means going through the stages below:

- Location
- Survey
- Design
- Build
- Allocations

You can register your interest in any of the stages or the whole process by completing the feedback survey after this video.





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How can residents  
become involved?

- Watch this video
- Complete the feedback survey, where you can register your interest



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# What's next?

Once registered, the community housing team will contact you.

The community team will explain:

- Who will be leading your group
- What the first resident working group meeting will be about
- When the meeting will be held
- How the meeting will be held
- Don't worry if that stage doesn't interest you, you can join another meeting later on at a stage that does interest you.





If you are interested in becoming involved in the development process in your area, don't forget to:

## Don't forget!

1. Watch
2. Complete
3. Join
4. Inform
5. Build better homes

- Complete the feedback survey, which is beneath this video on the webpage
- Register for updates on Keep Me Posted, Dover District Councils' e-news bulletin service
- Keep an eye on your dedicated area's webpage, on DDC's new affordable housing webpage.



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