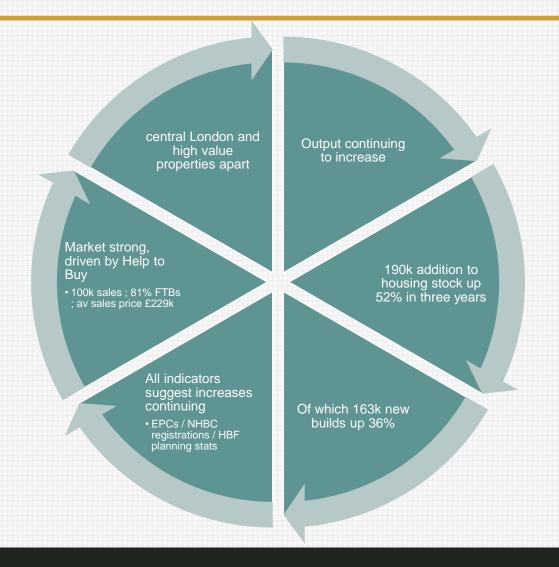
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# Output continuing to increase





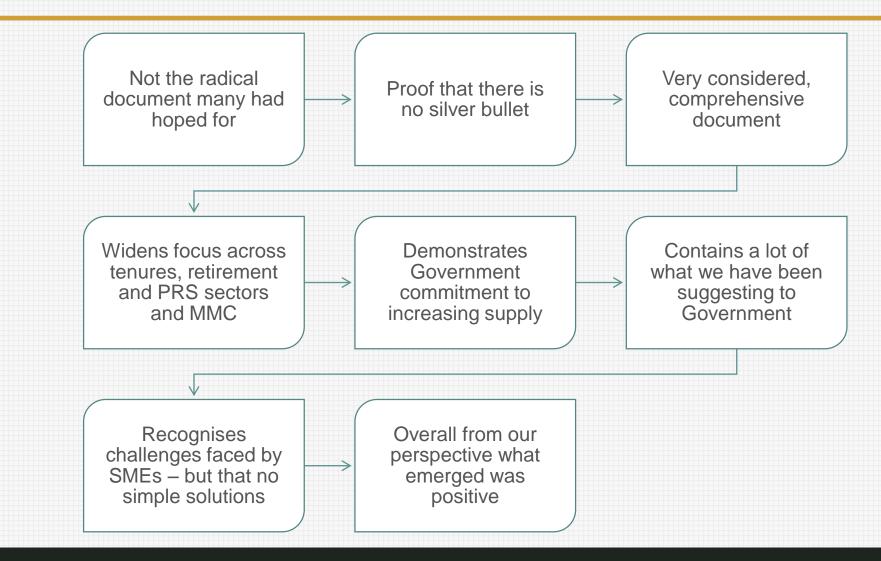
# Why?

Generally strong economy

Favourable policy environment

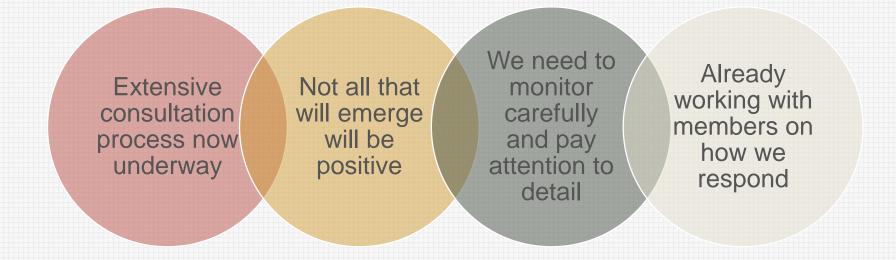


## White paper builds on policy framework





## Responding to White Paper





## Brexit – minimal impact so far

Market continuing as before Brexit. No reason why supply/demand should not be sustained

#### All key determinants on supply remain

- Acute need for housing
- Pro development policy environment
- Banks are lending; products on the market
- Historically low interest rates
- Help to Buy driving demand

However, we are monitoring situation closely, talking to Ministers and have set up a specific Brexit Gp to ensure all issues being considered

Key issues include access to labour supply – builders starting to report drop in foreign workers; and regulatory framework



#### Skills

# Home Building Skills Partnership

Already starting to deliver, workstreams emerging – get involved!

Key priority for next 12/24 months

### **CITB**

Reviewing how we respond to levy consultation

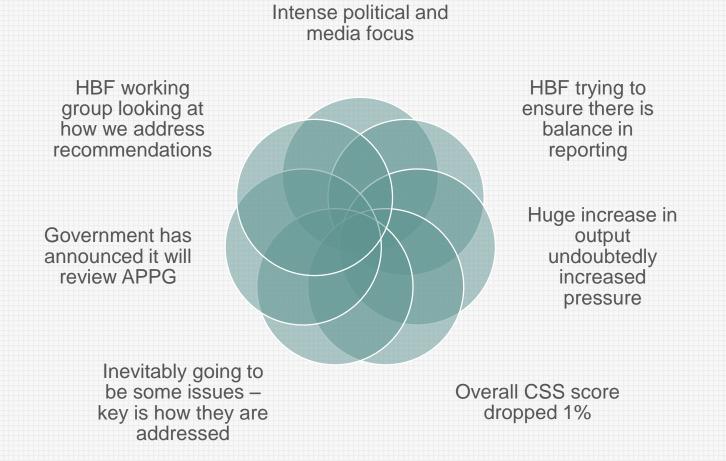
Need to ensure we are getting value for money

Imperative it dovetails with wider Government apprentice levy

Also reviewing how we respond to wider Government consultation into CITB

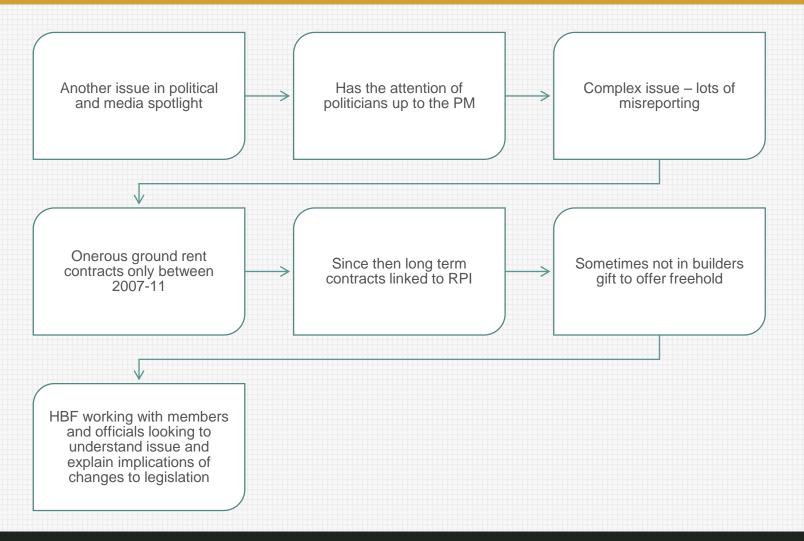


## Quality





#### Leasehold





#### Conclusions

Significant progress being made; big increases in supply; Government committed to delivering more

White Paper positive.
Essential we now engage on consultations
– and on Help to Buy

Brexit has had minimal impact on demand but labour issue already impacting

Recruitment and training of tomorrow's workforce absolutely critical

Housing at top of the political and media agenda and industry under the microscope

Considering current focus on housing Government can't ignore quality and leasehold issues

Assuming economic stability and continued development of policy framework, output should continue to increase.





# The voice of the home building industry

