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# Current position - Brexit dominating but spotlight on housing

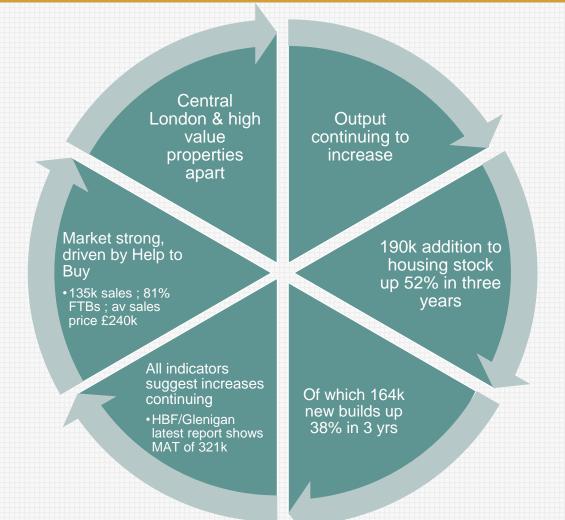
Sales rates consistent
Output continuing to increase
All forward looking indicators strong

Market strong

Help to Buy
Government focus on increasing supply
Improving policy environment
Economy remains strong

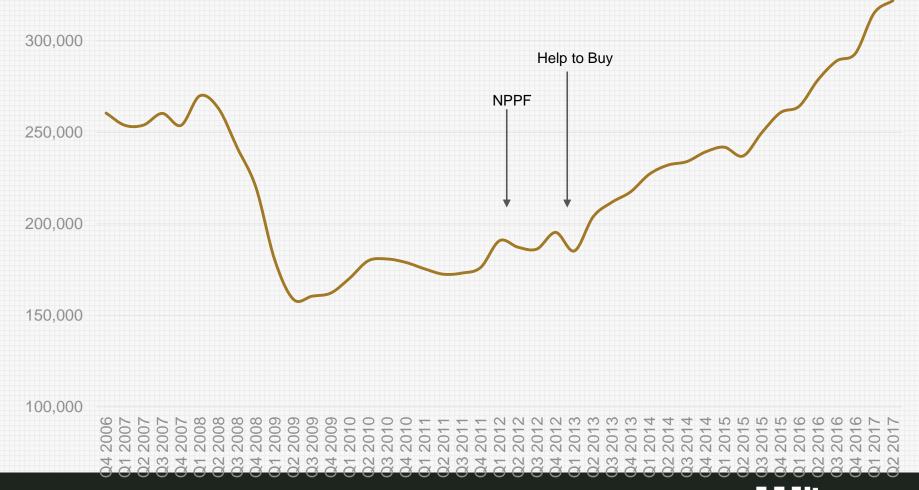


## Output continuing to increase





# Forward indicators point to further increases – NPPF is delivering record numbers of plots



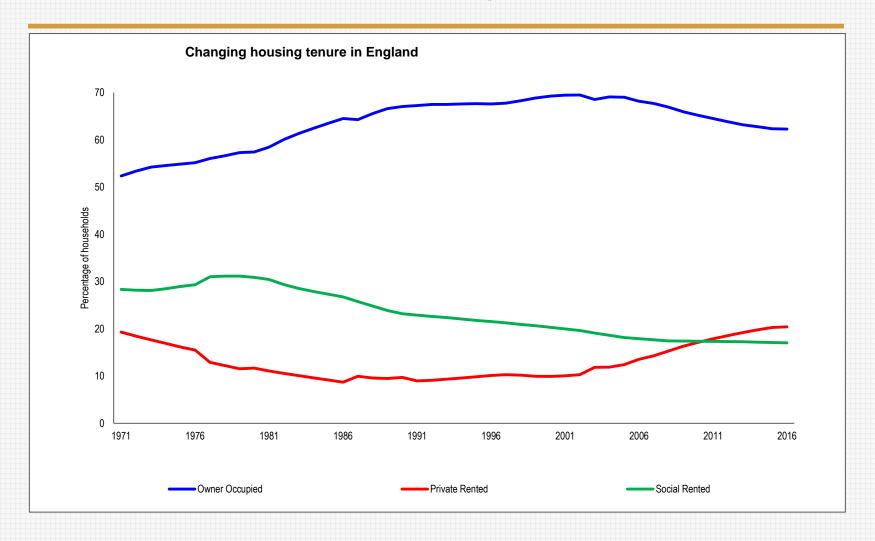


## Government committed to increasing supply

Policy environment remains favourable Clear determination from PM down to deliver more homes Commitment that Help to Buy will continue until at least 2021 White Paper contains positive package of measures Ministers keen to engage with HBF and industry - but reputational issues on the agenda

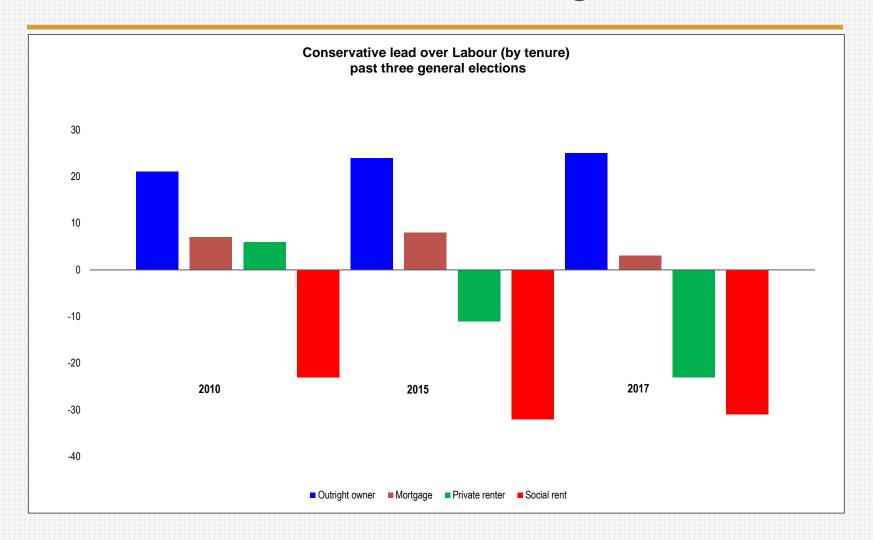


## Political context – housing tenure



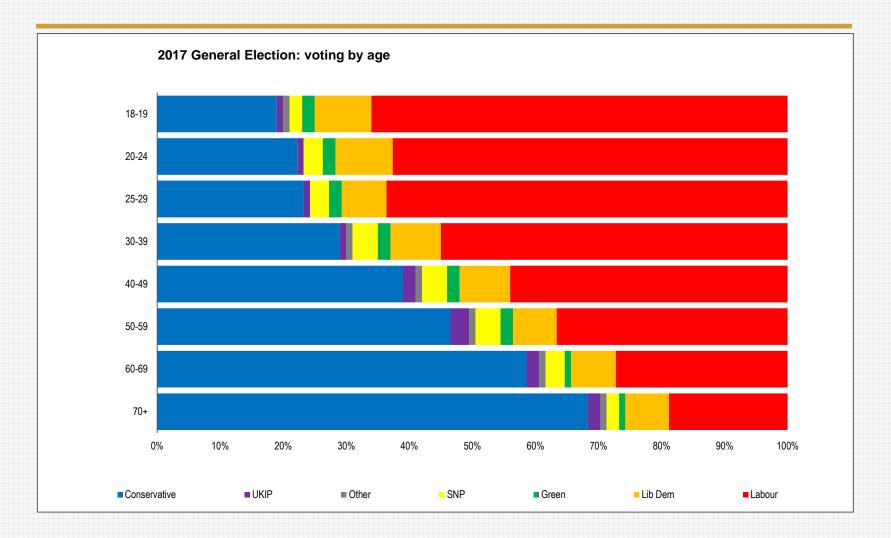


## Political context – tenure voting trends



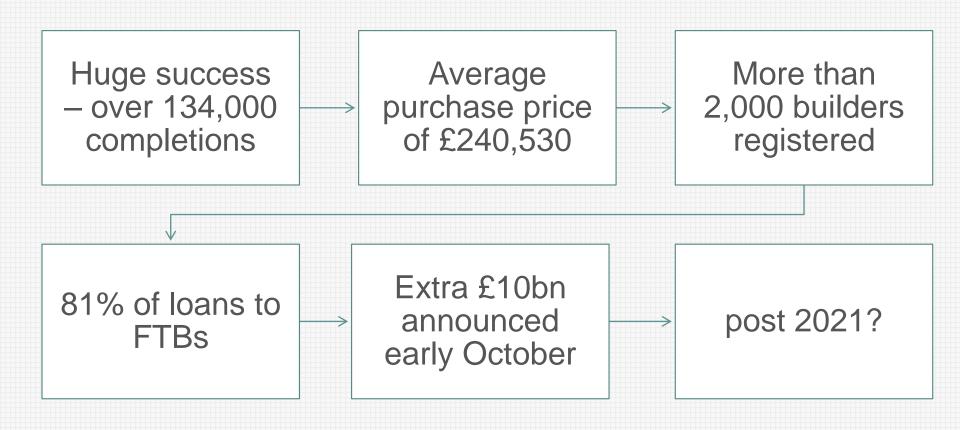


## Political outcome



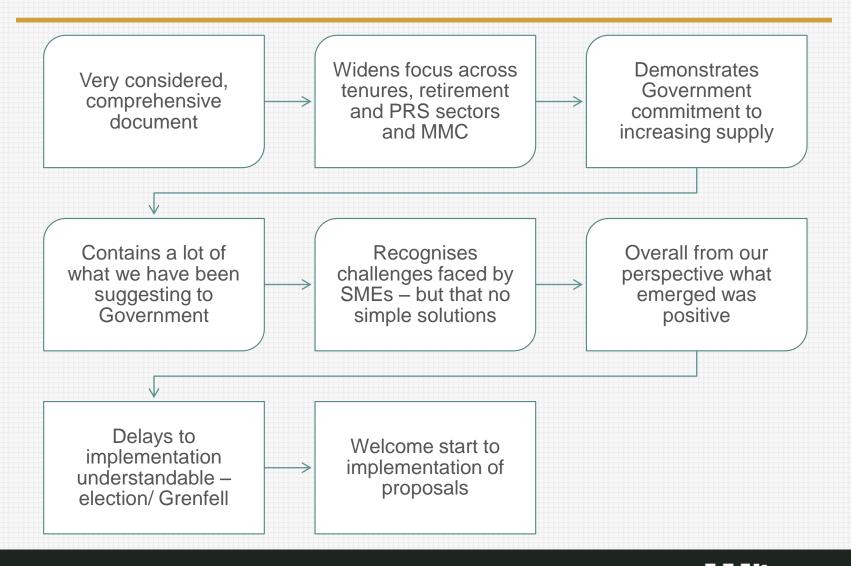


## Help to Buy



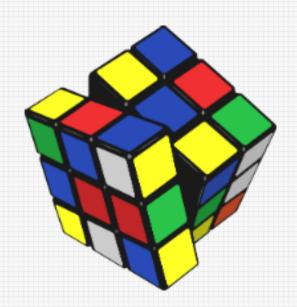


## White paper builds on policy framework





### **KEY CHALLENGES**





#### Skills

### CITB

Overwhelming 'no' vote culmination of years of frustration

Hopefully vote will lead to change and more positive relationship

## Home Building Skills Partnership

Already starting to deliver

Pledge launched – SIGN UP!

Demonstrates what can be achieved working together



#### **Brexit**

## Labour issue absolutely key priority

- Need to convince Government housebuilding is 'special case' – critical to national productivity and welfare
- census will provide evidence based position

## Future regulatory framework

opportunity to improve current / reduce unnecessary regulation

## Potential impact of import tariffs on materials

looking at implications, thus far seems minimal



## HBF's Quality Working Group

Workstreams developed to address all recommendations made by the APPG including;

Independent review commissioned re calls for an Ombudsman

• recommends creation of stronger, more independent body with broader remit

Pushing Government to introduce minimum warranty standards

Developing guidance on Customer Information Packs

Looking to produce a standard sales contracts

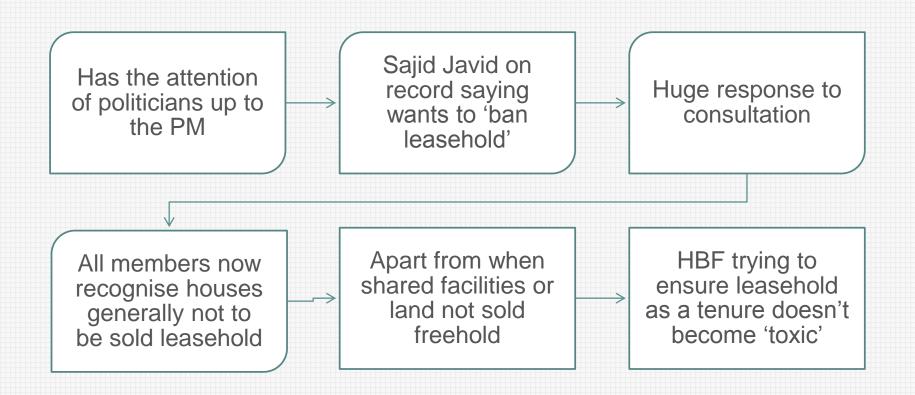
Working with lenders/ warranty providers to improve 'CML sign off' process

Undertaken review of Customer Satisfaction Survey

Producing new industry 'charter'



#### Leasehold





## Prioritising other areas of supply is key – retirement housing sector

3.5m over 60s 1 in 4 of population

- 35% over 60s interested in moving and 33% in downsizing
- Less than 150,000 private retirement properties in England
- Currently building C5,000 a year
- Estimated demand C30,000 a year

Need supply and demand side action:

- HBF inputting to drafting of new SoS planning guidance on retirement development
- Working on ideas for supply and demand side incentives - new report on this soon
- Improving supply will free up family housing and bring big health and care benefits



## Prioritising other areas of supply is key – SMEs

#### Land and Planning

Too few suitable sites

Delays and uncertainty in the planning process

Difficulty obtaining permission to develop sustainable infill sites



#### Other red tape

Water provision and charges

Highways



#### Housing White Paper

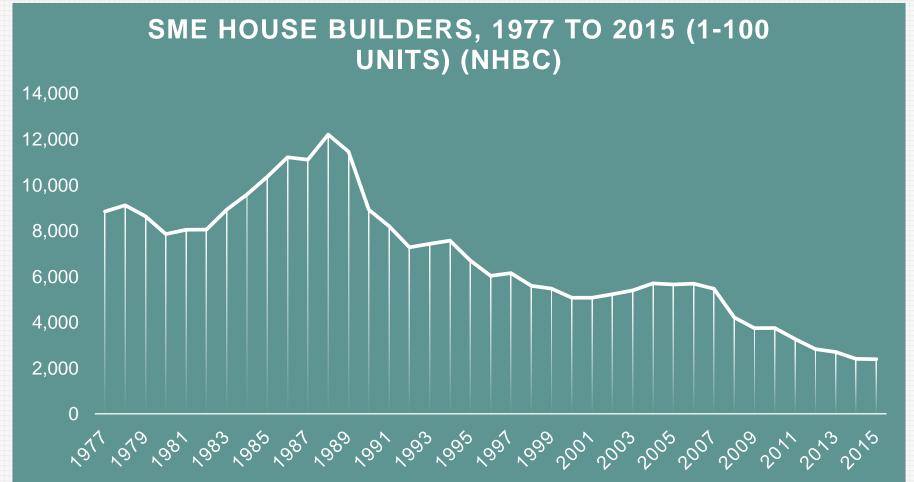
seeks to address the role of SMEs with provision of small sites and delays and risk in the planning process



Promoting improvements for SMEs will bring benefits for all home builders



'Returning to 2007 levels of SMEs could help produce 25,000 more new homes per year' (Reversing the Decline of Small Housebuilders, HBF)





### Summary

