

Making homes happen

Housing partnerships building growth across Yorkshire

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What will I cover today?

- The Homes England 'Mission' and Objectives, with a focus on:
 - Accelerating delivery;
 - Increasing supply; and
 - Tackling affordability.
- How we work with local people, places and partners to build more across Yorkshire

- Brought to life with northern examples of how we:
 - Use a range of tools to unlock growth potential;
 - Build strong partnerships and offer strategic leadership;
 - Explore different investment models;
 - Align investment; and
 - Prove that there is not one single approach to driving delivery rates.

Our Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan **launched** in October 2018
- Within the next few years, we will have invested over £27bn across our programmes
- Our five-year plan sets out the steps we'll take, in partnership with the sector, to achieve our commitments



Our mission is to intervene in the market to ensure more homes are

built in areas of greatest need, to improve affordability.

We will make this sustainable by creating a more resilient and diverse housing market.



Our objectives



Unlock public and private land

Invest to support

housebuilding and infrastructure



Improve construction productivity



Create a more resilient and competitive market

Offer expert support for priority locations



Deliver home ownership products

Our mission and objectives

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We are unlocking public and private land

Acting where the market will not, to get more homes built where needed



Unlocking Land

A long term **pipeline of developable** land is vital to sustainably deliver 300,000 homes. We'll do this by:

- Acting as a master developer and using our £1.03 billion Land Assembly Fund to acquire sites the private sector cannot progress without public intervention.
- Intervene where landowners cannot collaborate effectively or where planning and technical challenges are beyond the appetite of the private sector.
- Use our resources and expertise to bring the sites to market, de-risking the sites to unlock them.



York Central and MoD Opportunities across North Yorkshire

We're **unlocking public and private land where the market will not**, in order to get

more homes built where they are needed.

We will acquire sites in high pressure markets where homes are most needed and where the market is unable to unlock sites without up front public intervention.

These are often large sites (such as **York Central** or the large **MoD sites e.g. Ripon Barracks**) where expensive up-front road and schools infrastructure is needed.

Volume house builders often overlook these sites in favour of more modest 200-500 unit sites that provide quicker returns.



"We're not here to complete with the market so looking to intervene to unlocking stalled sites"

York Central

Collaborative approach with key strategic partners on a site which has been stalled for over 40 years to create up to 2500 homes and a catalyst for economic transformation for the city.

- Unlocked the site through capacity funding, resourcing, land acquisitions (including from other government departments), investment funding and securing outline planning permission
- With Network Rail we will act as master developers for the site, procuring development partners for individual plots



We are investing to support housebuilding and infrastructure



Unlocking investment

We will ensure a range of **investment products** are available to support housebuilding and infrastructure, including more affordable housing and homes for rent, where the market is not acting.

Investment is needed to support:

- Housing Associations, who need funding stability to leverage private finance;
- The Private Rented Sector, where confidence is still low;
- Smaller business and other parts of the sector considered higher risk or less commercially viable;
- Infrastructure, where there can be a lack of commercial coordination and appetite



Skelton Gate, Leeds Aire Valley: We are working with Templegate Developments, a joint venture between Evans Property Group and Keyland Developments, to provide £20m HBF funding support for their 1,550 unit scheme.

We are improving construction productivity

We are incorporating modern methods of construction (MMC) into our building lease disposals.

Encouraging partners to use MMC through our provision of development finance and grant.

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Working with the Government to develop modern	Supporting pilot projects to test a range of MMC.	
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We are improving construction productivity

- Homes England champions all forms of MMC and helps to drive the market forward to embrace increasingly innovative approaches to housebuilding and capacity building.
- Announcement of a game changing £90m
 Homes England Joint Venture with Sekisui
 House and Urban Splash. This will accelerate the delivery of homes through MMC, including our
 Northstowe scheme, Cambridgeshire.
- MMC pilots, including Wealston in Leeds, on sites across the country with more to be announced in the coming months will see increased pace to high quality delivery.



Home Building Fund has also invested in new MMC technologies for example: Kelham Island, Sheffield – a sustainable development by Citu of key regeneration site offering 107 low carbon market sale family homes.

Gateshead Innovation Village with Home Group

- In March 2018, Homes England provided £2.5 million to Home Group to support the development of 41 affordable homes
- 35 MMC homes constructed using five different Modern Methods of Construction along with six traditional bricks and mortar homes
- It's a live research project looking at ways to construct homes faster, in a more energy efficient way using smart technology



We are driving market resilience

Providing short-term development finance through our £4.5bn Home Building Fund.

Investing in lending partnerships to increase the availability of credit to smaller builders.

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Assembling sites suitable for smaller builders.

Introducing design quality assessments across our programmes e.g. BFL and HAPPI principles

Driving market resilience

We'll create a more resilient and competitive market by supporting smaller builders and new entrants, and promoting better design and higher quality homes.

- SMEs now only account for **12%** new homes compared to **40%** in 1988
- Volume builders are important but cannot deliver the homes England needs alone.
- Greater diversity of supply will improve consumer choice and design.
- We are consulting with the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), Home Builders Federation (HBF) and others to improve access to our sites and development finance.
- In NEYTH we have contracted £179m for 4,464 from the Short Term Home Building Fund aimed at SMEs
- Of this, £59.5m for 1,325 homes is within Leeds City Region



And in September 2018 we announced a new partnership with **Barclays Bank** to provide £1bn loan finance to further support other smaller and medium sized developers.

Driving market resilience – The example of award winning schemes in Bradford



We are supporting local areas

Problem solving and working collaboratively. Shaping national and local infrastructure decision-making.



Work with Combined Authority to align

Creating, discovering and delivering opportunities that wouldn't otherwise happen.

Coordinating and combining our funding, land and expertise.

Intervention in places to diversify the market – The example of Leopold Street, Leeds

- We will use our land, investments and expertise to help revitalise the country's high streets and town centres by supporting homes to be delivered in urban areas.
- We will continue to collaborate with Local and Combined Authorities to drive forward transformational projects in specific places where people want to live & work.
- Homes England is supporting the Leopold Street scheme in Leeds – a collaborative project made up a diverse team of partners to deliver over 60 homes on a council owned site



Working with places to unlock sites – The example of LAAC and SSF

- £450m Local Authority Accelerated Construction (LAAC) programme to help you unlock sites for delivery.
- **13 Local Authority Accelerated Construction** deals announced worth £55m to build 4,000 homes.
- LAAC deals for the North = 1,100 homes via £16m
- £400m Small Sites Fund We're actively looking for more public sector sites

Stephen Kinsella, Executive Director for Land at Homes England, said:

"We're supporting ambitious local authorities to develop their land more quickly to get more homes built for local people. Meeting the demand for housing requires different approaches and our funding will see local partners using new technology and working with builders of all sizes to improve the local housing market."

We are delivering home ownership products

Helping prospective home owners to buy a home, or a proportion of one, or save for a deposit.

Improving the Help to Buy experience through digital solutions.



Targeting products more effectively and reducing barriers to entry.

Supporting shared owners to build up equity in their homes.

We have formed 23 Strategic Partnerships with Housing Associations

- Long-term funding unlocking capacity and ambition, enabling partners to be more ambitious
- Invested over £1.74bn investment to deliver
- With 39,431 additional affordable homes by March 2022



Our commitment, our expectations

We cannot deliver the homes England needs alone. We must work with partners across the sector.

In return we ask you to:

- Be more ambitious in how you use your own resources and capacity to significantly build more homes – sharing risk with the agency;
- Work collaboratively with the agency, and other partners, ensuring that you are clear on priorities;
- Commit to delivering supply at pace;
- Build high quality homes and places; and
- To innovate and plan for the future at all times being open to new approaches and new partners





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Thank you

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