

The East Midlands Declaration on Affordable Housing

We acknowledge that:

- A lack of affordable housing can have an adverse impact on local people, communities and businesses.
- The construction of new affordable housing will support local jobs, benefit the wider local economy and promote social mobility.
- Central Government grant to support the development of new affordable housing is likely to be constrained for the foreseeable future.
- New and innovative approaches to delivering affordable housing will need to be deployed if local needs are to be met.

We commit our Council from this date to work constructively with developers, housing associations and the HCA to maximise opportunities and resources to deliver well designed new affordable housing on suitable sites, through:

- ensuring robust research is undertaken to identify the scale and nature of affordable housing need;
- seeking to make best use of council and publicly owned land, capital resources and community assets in ways that encourage economic growth and the delivery of affordable housing;
- using planning powers creatively and pragmatically;
- working constructively with local communities to make the case for development and challenging local opposition with evidence where necessary;
- working collaboratively with relevant partners to identify joint opportunities for development;
- monitoring the delivery of new affordable housing against the level of established need and publishing the results on an annual basis; and
- freely sharing learning by providing EMC with relevant case studies

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