

JSA Outcomes Priority 2 -

Affordable housing and making it attractive/modern

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You said:-

Need affordable housing in smaller villages but planning says no

Needs to be in keeping with local design

Making changes to existing social housing to be more attractive / suitable for modern living

Long term plan to identify and systematically knock down / rebuild social housing into new forms of housing - mix of tenures and property sizes rather than traditional renting

Starter homes are extended and no longer affordable starter homes

Fuel poverty – improvement grants required to convert / update houses

Shared equity works well in small villages

Under occupancy a result of modern lifestyles

Relationship between housing stock and deprivation figures e.g. certain estates attract low income families and concentrates these statistically interesting people in one place

Think about housing associations as large

Look at the types of homes needed to sustain local economy as well as provide for housing needs

How we plan to take this forward:-

Establish existing situation by:

- Establishing which Registered Social Landlords (RSL) operate in this area
- Looking at their plans/strategies for providing new housing and upgrading existing housing
- Establishing national and local standards for homes
- Look at current housing needs and availability

Scope out

- Mapping and gapping existing situation against national home standards and waiting lists to assess real need – are there any areas / homes which are particularly popular/unpopular?
- Look at what is being done to reduce the gaps

What can the Area Board do?

- Come up with action plan and deliver with partners

Do you want to be part of the working group?

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