



**COMMUNITY-  
LED HOUSING**

**Most people agree  
that there is a housing  
problem in the UK...  
there aren't enough  
suitable houses...  
Communities could  
help fill that gap.**



**Most people think  
new houses are too  
expensive, poor  
quality or too small\***...

\*RIBA 2013, Future Homes  
Commission 2013



**People want quality,  
space and affordability  
from housing... and  
some communities  
are already providing  
housing like this for  
themselves...**



**Community-led  
housing has additional  
benefits: better  
community cohesion  
and improved quality,  
affordability and  
sustainability of  
homes...**



**Community organisations can also take on a long term management role, protecting local interests...**



**More than 20% of self-builders are interested in community build... and 200,000+ people are actively looking to do this<sup>3</sup>...**

**alpsos Mori 2014**



**In other countries,  
community-led housing  
delivers thousands of  
homes... in the UK it  
delivers less than 1%<sup>Δ</sup>...**

<sup>Δ</sup>Human City Institute 2013





**Hundreds of  
community-led housing  
organisations already  
exist in the UK and the  
number of people  
interested in solving  
their own housing  
issues is growing all  
the time...**





**For information about different types of community-led housing visit:**

**BSHF**

[www.bshf.org/ukhpp](http://www.bshf.org/ukhpp)

**Cohousing Network**

[www.cohousing.org.uk](http://www.cohousing.org.uk)

**Community Land Trust Network**

[www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk](http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk)

**Confederation of**

**Co-operative Housing**

[www.cch.coop](http://www.cch.coop)

**Self-build Portal**

[www.selfbuildportal.org.uk](http://www.selfbuildportal.org.uk)

**Self-help housing.org**

[www.self-help-housing.org](http://www.self-help-housing.org)

**MAKING IT  
HAPPEN**





## **National government**

should encourage local authorities to include community-led housing via the National Planning Practice Guidance and increase land allocation and grant support to affordable community-led housing projects



- **Local government** should earmark land for community-led housing by, for example, requiring a certain level of community-led development through Local Plans and Planning Policy



➤ **Private developers** should ensure genuine local engagement from the earliest opportunity so that communities can plan and support developments



- **Housing Associations** could partner with communities, providing expertise and support





**Community-led housing groups** can help by making noise about what they have achieved and what would make it easier for others







**Anyone interested** in getting involved in community-led housing should tell their local MP, Ward or Parish Councillor so they are aware this is something that people want...

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