

If calling, please ask for: **Housing Delivery**  
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Our ref: **Parish Council Update**  
Your ref: **- -**  
Date: **1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parish Clerk

## **Affordable Housing Delivery in Chichester**

In the past 2 years there have been many changes at Chichester and the Housing Delivery Team would like to reach out to Parish Council's to let you know how we might support any plans you may have for affordable housing in your parish. The Parish Councils within the district have always maintained a supportive approach to the delivery of affordable housing in their parishes, whether this be via supporting rural exception sites, Community Land Trusts or through their Neighbourhood Development Plans.

## **Housing Stats and Info**

We are happy for you to submit requests for data on the housing need in your Parish, the quickest way to request this is via [HousingDelivery@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:HousingDelivery@chichester.gov.uk)

## **Neighbourhood Development Plans**

We are happy to assist with data and information on housing need for your Parish, we can also help to conduct Housing Needs Survey's if you want to look in more detail at the needs of your local community. We have started to see some communities looking at the delivery of affordable housing via a Community Land Trust or allocating sites for Self and Custom Build. We are always happy to discuss this with you as you develop your plans and can also assist in shaping or reviewing your Housing Policies.

## Community Led Housing

Whilst there are a range of Community Led Housing Types the most popular in Chichester to date has been that of Community Land Trusts. Whilst we no longer have a dedicated, full time CLH Officer, we can still provide support and guidance to new and emerging groups as well as established groups. We still have some grant funding available to help you develop your group, become incorporated and investigate options. Grant funding is also available towards the build or acquisition costs.

## Rural Exception Sites

You may be considering the use of a rural exception site to bring forward affordable housing, we can provide support and guidance on the process, providing introductions to suitable partners if required.

If you would like to explore any of these options please do get in touch, we are happy meet with you.

Yours sincerely

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