

HOUSING STRATEGY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES PAPER



Better for everyone



County Durham Housing Strategy 2019

- Adopted July 2019.
- Delivery has included:
 - Development of Targeted Delivery Plans to guide interventions and support mixed and balanced communities.
 - Delivery of older persons housing in line with County Durham Plan requirements.
 - Selective Licencing covering at least 29,000 properties / 43% of the private rented sector.



Housing Strategy 2024 – Process Overview



Scope and
define key
principles
and
priorities



Two stages
of
consultation



Feedback
following
each stage



Adoption in
2024



Housing Strategy: Vision

‘By 2035 County Durham will be a place that has good quality homes that meet the needs of existing and future residents that they can afford. The provision and quality of housing will support economic growth, contribute to improved health, and create and maintain sustainable, mixed and balanced communities. People will live long and independent lives within connected communities.’



Housing Strategy: Principles



Principle 1: Everyone has a right to a warm, safe, and decent home



Principle 2: Everyone should have access to a home that is affordable to them



Principle 3: Housing is the cornerstone of communities and should support improved health, educational attainment, and the local economy



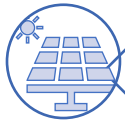
Principle 4: The strategy will be for the County, not the Council, and will promote local solutions underpinned by community engagement



Principle 5: All new homes should be accessible, tenure neutral and provide flexible living for different stages in a person's life, always aiming to allow people to be independent, including remaining in their home for as long as they desire



Principle 6: Existing and new communities should be physically, digitally, culturally, and economically connected to support the creation of mixed and balanced communities, including bringing empty homes back into use



Principle 7: The strategy will support energy efficiency and carbon reduction in existing and new housing and contribute towards the Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan



Housing Strategy: Priorities



Priority 1: Increase the delivery of new homes, including secure, affordable housing to meet housing needs and to provide a Housing First approach, along with the infrastructure required



Priority 2: Ensure that everyone has access to appropriate, safe and secure housing that meets their needs



Priority 3: Ensure high quality homes and landlord services



Priority 4: Ensure a comprehensive range of housing options for older and vulnerable people, disabled people and children and young people, including specialist accommodation and support



Priority 5: Ensure high quality placemaking, creating great and sustainable places to live



Timescales and next steps



Responding to the consultation

Information and surveys at:

www.durham.gov.uk/thehousingconversation

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Contact: Mike.Allum@durham.gov.uk if you have any questions or wish to discuss

Closing date Friday 18 August at 5pm

