



Homes
England

Making homes happen

From Housing Supply to Housing Regeneration

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Background

August 2020 - Planning for the Future White Paper

- A whole new planning system for England
- A simpler, clearer and quicker system - zones
- Sustainable, beautiful, safe and useful development
- Homes England strategic objectives to give greater emphasis on delivering beautiful places
- Improve infrastructure delivery and reform developer contributions
- Greater use of digital tools
- Local plans to be reviews at least every five years and within a 30 month timescale
- Reform of CIL

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February 2022 - Levelling Up White Paper

- 12 levelling up missions to give focus and funding to the forgotten areas across the country, transforming them into vibrant communities
- Major plans to invest in Infrastructure and Public services across the country, with the creation of a £1.5bn Levelling Up Home Building Fund
- Devolved powers for local leaders to unlock barriers and drive forward regeneration across the country
- Homes England will re-focus so that it can better support local areas and drive forward regeneration.
- 20 places to be identified - Wolverhampton, and Sheffield announced in the White Paper

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

- Published the day after the Queen's Speech:
- It will provide the legal basis for the setting and reporting against the levelling up missions
- Provides for new devolution structures and simplifies existing arrangements for devolving power
- Empowers local leaders to regenerate towns and cities
- Creating beautiful places

Regeneration - impact for the agency

- Focus moves from programme to place
- Working with the Department to understand the Top 20 places - Wolverhampton, Sheffield and Blackpool already announced - what about the remaining 17?
- Focus on midlands and the north - but what about the south east?
- Gravesham, Swale, Canterbury, Thanet, Dover and Folkestone & Hythe all Priority 1 for the levelling up fund - what does this mean?

Our offer

- Affordable Housing programme
- Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Fund
- English Cities Fund

- Total of £9.3bn over the SR period:
 - £7.5bn for affordable housing (outside London)
 - £1.8bn housing supply, including £300m grant funding for locally led brownfield sites