



Kent Housing Group survey on the Kent & Medway Housing Strategy Evidence Draft Report, for the refresh of the Strategy for 2025 - 2030.

The online survey closed 1st January 2025.

1. Does the evidence fit with your experience of housing issues in Kent and Medway? Recap:
 - a. Affordability – buying and renting remains unaffordable to a substantial proportion of households.
 - b. Affordable housing needs – far outweigh number of affordable homes delivered each year; private rented sector playing a significant role in meeting needs.
 - c. Homelessness and use of temporary accommodation remains persistently high with a knock-on impact on health and wellbeing and costs to local authorities.
 - d. Housing conditions – likely to be large number of properties with poor conditions, particularly in private rented sector, partly a function of affordability pressures and lack of Affordable Housing.
 - e. Health/wellbeing impacts – are very complex but housing factors such as damp and mould/cold homes/fuel poverty, overcrowding and older people in unsuitable accommodation provide clear link between housing and health.
 - f. Delivery issues – delivery picked up over last 5 years but still well below planned levels, knock on limit on the amount of Affordable Housing that can be secured.
2. Can you add any further evidence or insight to support the findings (or challenge the findings)? Key data gaps include:
 - a. Local data on housing conditions
 - b. New build homes built to accessible and adaptable building regulations standards
 - c. Your own/ your organisation's experience (even if qualitative or anecdotal) of the issues/ challenges
3. Is there anything missing that is key to the evidence base for the Housing Strategy?

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4. Are the 5 themes still relevant?
 - a. Affordability
 - b. Safety
 - c. Health and wellbeing
 - d. Accelerating delivery
 - e. Infrastructure first

5. If not, what would you add/ remove or change?

6. Are there any actions that you feel the Strategy should promote?