What is cohousing?

- Intentional community created and co-designed by the members
- Balance between privacy and community - individual homes and shared spaces
- Scaled for realistic informal contact within the community
- Collective control & management through legal status & governance
- Embedded in the wider local community

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UKCN - UK Cohousing Network : https://cohousing.org.uk/

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Obstacles in our development:

- Finding land
- Access
- Planning
- Finance
- Time
- Changing membership

Ducks in a row!

Committed membership

Land finance - loans and grant

Planning approval phase 1 & 2

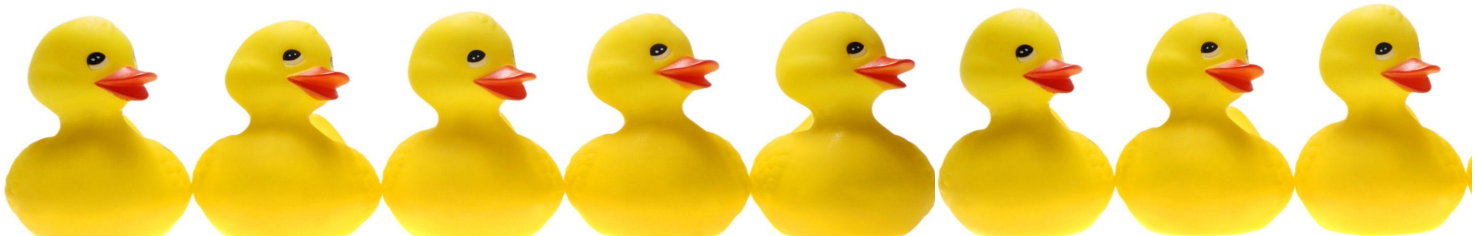
Easement agreement with NHS

Microgrid funding and agreements

Housing association partnership

Credit raised from members

Development loan



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Champions :

- Land owner
- Local community and groups
- Professional adviser
- Architects
- Local & County Council
- Community share holders
- Councillors, Mayor, MP
- Homes England
- Funders
- Housing Associations
- Builders

How can local authorities work with groups?

- **Connect with local groups** and find common ground
- Encourage **Political backing**, in principle, for collaborative housing
- **Land - provide access** to suitable sites and give groups time
- **Planning - help reduce risk** by giving planning support

- Encourage **partnerships** with HA's and developers
- **Housing register** - support nominations and allocations for mixed communities
- **Funding** - give grants and support applications to other funders
- Include **Common facilities** in developments

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