

£38 million Homes England funding to speed up development of over 2,000 homes

- Homes England has agreed funding deals with six local authorities to deliver over 2,000 homes across England.

Government housing agency Homes England has agreed funding deals worth £38.2 million with six local authorities to speed up the construction of at least 2,072 homes across the country.

The deals are the latest to be awarded through the Government's £350 million Local Authority Accelerated Construction (LAAC) programme, which was launched to help unlock public land and increase the speed of delivery on local authority housing schemes.

The funding will be used by the local authorities to invest in infrastructure and enabling works to get 13 sites – from Somerset to Cheshire – ready for the development of new homes. Local authorities awarded funding are encouraged to use both local SMEs and modern methods of construction (MMC) – from factory fabricated components to 3D modular construction – on their sites, to reflect the Government's commitment to investing in infrastructure and widening the use of smaller builders on publicly owned land.

New sites set to benefit from LAAC funding include land at Locking Parklands, Weston-Super-Mare, where North Somerset Council will receive over £9.8 million of LAAC funding for infrastructure to bring forward 425 new homes, at least 30% of which will be affordable. Another of the sites, in Winsford, Cheshire, will benefit from over £4.5 million LAAC funding to accelerate the construction of 310 homes, including a 60-home extra care scheme.

Today's announcement includes deals with local authorities in both the North and South of England:

South

North Somerset Council Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council Bristol City Council Hastings Borough Council

North

Hull City Council Cheshire West and Chester Council

Stephen Kinsella, Chief Land and Development Officer at Homes England, said:

"This funding will enable local authorities to prepare their sites for development and to bring forward the construction of homes. New homes will then be built out at pace using modern methods of construction."

Homes England is looking to work with other ambitious local authorities where LAAC funding can help unlock sites for development and bring much-needed new homes to market. Local authorities interested in the Local Authority Accelerated Construction programme should contact AcceleratedConstruction@homesengland.gov.uk

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Notes to editors

Local Authority	Funding amount	Estimated number of homes	Number of sites
North Somerset Council	£11,344,785	522	3
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council	£4,303,500	444	2
Bristol City Council	£577,065	50	1
Hastings Borough Council	£6,970,181	198	1
Hull City Council	£362,355	121	1
Cheshire West & Chester Council	£14,677,800	737	5

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