

Press release: Cash boost to help build 200,000 homes in new garden towns

A £9 million cash injection to speed up the locally-led building of new garden towns and villages across the country has been announced today (13 February 2019).

The Garden Communities project is expected to deliver 200,000 properties on large sites by 2050, and the latest funding will help get 21 sites ready for development.

The government project is helping ambitious councils get well-designed homes built on large sites, and the money will help pay for master-planning and technical studies.

Work is already underway on 10,000 properties across the country in garden towns and villages, with 36,000 expected to be underway or completed by 2022.

Housing Minister Kit Malthouse MP said:

We have not built enough homes in this country for the last three decades, and we are turning that around as we work towards our target to build 300,000 properties a year by the mid-2020s.

This £9 million funding boost is giving councils the support and cash injection they need so they can finish planning new developments and get diggers on site.

The developments being funded include a 2,000 home site for custom and self-builders in Bicester, on land purchased by the council from the Ministry of Defence.

It also includes developments in Basingstoke, Didcot, Taunton, Harlow-Gilston and across Northamptonshire where work is already underway on the first phase of developments.

The funding will be administered by Homes England.

Place	Capacity award	Homes
Aylesbury	£420,000	15,000
Basingstoke	£695,000	10,000
Bicester	£770,000	13,000
Harlow & Gilston	£715,000	24,000
North Essex (Colchester, Tendring & Braintree)	£1,000,000	43,000
North Northants (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough)	£725,000	33,000

Place	Capacity	award Homes
Otterpool Park, Folkestone	£1,250,000	10,000
Taunton	£550,000	15,000
Bailrigg	£100,000	3,500
Culm, Mid Devon	£300,000	5,000
Dunton Hills	£100,000	3,500
Halsnead	£300,000	1,589
Handforth	£150,000	1,650
Infinity, Derbyshire	£150,000	3,200
Longmarston	£300,000	3,500
Longcross	£125,000	1,700
West Oxfordshire	£150,000	2,200
Tresham	£300,000	1,500
Welbourne	£300,000	6,000
West Carclaze	£300,000	1,500
St Cuthbert's, Carlisle	£300,000	10,000