

Press release: Homes England trials co-location in the Midlands

- The government's housing agency is trialling shared office space with Coventry City Council
- The move is part of Homes England's aim to work collaboratively with regional partners
- If successful Coventry could become the agency's new national centre

The news follows the announcement that Homes England is trialling space with Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and supports its commitment to collaborate with regional partners, ensuring its experts can work hand-in-hand with local specialists.

Sir Edward Lister, Chairman of Homes England, said:

"Homes England is committed to a place based approach, working with local experts to accelerate the delivery of homes across England. The co-location that we are now trialling in Coventry is a way of cementing that collaborative approach as teams work side by side."

Councillor Jim O'Boyle, cabinet member for jobs and regeneration at Coventry City Council, said:

"The announcement that Homes England is establishing a presence in Coventry, at Friargate which is located right next to the fastest growing railway station outside London, offers a strong statement of confidence in the city's ongoing regeneration and transformation. We have already welcomed the Financial Ombudsman Service who are based at Friargate and now we are working closely with Homes England, sharing our local knowledge with its team."

Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands, commented:

"We're delighted to welcome Homes England to Coventry and we hope this will be the first step towards a new headquarters, with new jobs for people in Coventry and the wider West Midlands."

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