

Thousands of new homes to be built and derelict land transformed

- £57.8 million allocated to councils to develop brownfield land into good quality housing while transforming derelict local areas.
- New homes will help hardworking people get on the property ladder and boost local communities, levelling up the country.
- Funding includes support for self and custom build projects to help make it more affordable for people to build their own homes.

Thousands of new homes will be built on underused and derelict land to regenerate local areas and help people onto the property ladder, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) announced today (12 October 2021).

Almost £58 million from the £75 million Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF) has been allocated to 53 councils.

The funding will boost local areas by transforming unloved and disused sites into vibrant communities for people to live and work, with the demolition of unsightly derelict buildings and disused car parks and garages. This will help to protect countryside and green spaces while an extra 5,600 homes are built on these sites, supporting young people and families across the country into home ownership.

The funding could also support up to 17,000 jobs across the housing and construction sector and the wider economy.

Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Michael Gove MP said:

We are levelling up and backing home ownership in every corner of the country, delivering new high-quality, affordable homes and creating thriving places where people want to live, work and visit.

Making the most of previously developed land is a government priority and it will help protect our cherished countryside and green spaces.

Today's allocations include £5 million for self and custom build projects. A further £20 million from the BLRF has also been designated to help accelerate the self and custom build sector, with councils now able to bid for the remaining funding – giving local people the opportunity to build and design their own homes.

Cabinet Office Minister, Lord Agnew said:

This support being provided to local authorities is another clear

demonstration of this government's commitment to levelling up the country.

The latest projects to benefit from this support, through Brownfield Land Release funding, will not only help unlock under-used public sector sites for homes but also help deliver jobs and save taxpayers' money.

Cllr James Jamieson, Local Government Association Chairman, said:

One Public Estate and Brownfield Land Release funding play a crucial role in supporting the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, and supporting councils to transform their assets, create better services, and release land for much-needed new homes and regeneration across the country.

This latest news is more proof that this programme works. Councils recognise how valuable this support is, and are being ever more ambitious in their ideas to use this funding to kick-start transformation, regeneration, and new development in their communities.

Boosting housing supply is central to the levelling up agenda. Last year 244,000 homes were delivered – the highest number of new homes for over 30 years. The government aims to build up to 300,000 new homes a year by the mid-2020s to put home ownership within reach for more people across the country, making it a more mainstream, realistic and affordable option for people across the country.

The government last year announced the £400 million Brownfield Fund for 7 mayoral combined authorities which will also deliver much-needed new homes on brownfield land – unlocking 26,000 high-quality homes.

The £150 million backed Help to Build scheme was announced in April. It will allow access to low deposit mortgages and improve affordability of home ownership for people who want to build their own homes in a similar way to the Help to Buy scheme.

In addition, the review by Richard Bacon MP, which recommended a major scaling up of the self and custom build sector, has been warmly welcomed by the government with a response to the findings to be published in due course.

£57.8 million from the £75 million Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF) is being allocated, of which £25 million was made available to self and custom build projects.

£5 million from the self and custom build pot has been allocated and now local councils are being encouraged to bid for the remaining share of £20 million to deliver further self and custom build projects on Brownfield Land.

Find out more about the latest round of [One Public Estate and self and custom build funding](#).

The BLRF is delivered by the One Public Estate programme which is a collaboration between DLUHC, the Local Government Association and the Cabinet Office.

A further £6 million is available to local councils in England through the One Public Estate programme, which aims to help local public services collaborate, redesign how services are located, and release land for housing.

Local authority	Grant amount (£)
Harrogate Borough Council	50,000
West Oxfordshire District Council	78,000
Hastings Borough Council	142,000
Broxbourne Borough Council	160,000
Plymouth City Council	177,500
Wiltshire County UA	178,333
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	195,000
Bristol City Council	199,521
Fenland District Council	200,000
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	207,272
Nottingham City Council	222,000
Eastleigh Borough Council	260,000
Newark and Sherwood District Council	284,000
Greenwich London Borough	350,000
Lewisham London Borough	385,519
Adur District Council	407,000
Stroud District Council	421,000
Leicester City Council	443,400
Eastbourne Borough Council	470,000
Oxford City Council	479,440
Wokingham Borough Council	494,000
North Devon District Council	500,000
Rother District Council	500,000
Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough	509,188
Essex County Council	516,800
Peterborough City Council	550,000
Staffordshire County Council	581,800
Durham County UA	626,066
Isles of Scilly Council	664,250
Stevenage Borough Council	750,000
Derby City Council	825,000
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	849,522
Teignbridge District Council	860,474
Isle of Wight Council	949,765

Local authority	Grant amount (£)
Worcestershire County Council	985,000
North Somerset Council	1,075,000
Torbay Council	1,090,000
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	1,150,000
Camden London Borough	1,566,277
Barnet London Borough	1,780,000
South Tyneside Council	1,850,000
Herefordshire Council	2,000,000
Reading Borough Council	2,000,000
South Gloucestershire Council	2,020,000
Dorset Council (UA)	2,103,255
Bracknell Forest Council	2,340,266
Cornwall County UA	2,450,000
Brighton and Hove City Council	2,497,112
Portsmouth City Council	2,563,000
City of York Council	2,640,479
Waltham Forest London Borough	3,372,320
Haringey London Borough	3,886,214
Exeter City Council	5,966,470