

Housing



House Building and Supply in the UK

Current estimates have put the number of new homes needed in England at up to **345,000** a year. [1]

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The government has made successive pledges to increase housebuilding in the UK. The current aim is to build **300,000** new homes every year by the middle of the decade. [1]

The UK needs to build **145,000** affordable homes annually to keep up with the demand for them.

National Planning Policy Framework states that at least 10% of housing in major developments should be for affordable home ownership [1]

As of June 2020 only **50%** of Local Authorities had a plan in place to address housing needs. [2]



The lack of space for new development in cities creates supply and demand issues which drive up prices. London has seen the smallest growth in house prices over the last 5 years but has the highest average house price in England. Some see building on the green belt as a solution to this. However, there are longstanding protections in place to preserve green spaces[1]

10%

The latest data shows that average house prices in the UK increased by 10% in the year to November 2021. This is 4% higher than in November the previous year. [3]



The Planning for the Future, White Paper 2020



Every area will have a local plan in place

Planning will be made more accessible and local communities will be consulted throughout the process

All new homes will be zero carbon, ready to meet 2050 net-zero targets

Much-needed homes will be built quicker

Planning process will be replaced with a clearer rules based system [2]

Valued greenspaces will be protected and more building will be permitted on brownfield land

[1] House of Commons Library
[2] Gov.uk
[3] Office for National Statistics