

At a crossroads

Building foundations for healthy communities





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- To secure a decent, well designed home for everyone, in a human-scale environment combining the best features of town and country.
- To empower people and communities to influence decisions that affect them.
- To improve the planning system in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

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Annex 1: Survey question and results

The TCPA sent an online survey to the Leader, Chair of Finance, Chair of Housing, Chair of Planning and Chair of Economic Development Committees, the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Chief Housing Officer, Chief Planning Officer and Chief Economic Development Officer in all local authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The survey was conducted between 25 February and 18 March 2020. All responses were treated as anonymous.

SUMMARY						
Total responses	216					
Countries	Total number of responses					
England	184					
Scotland	16					
Wales	12					
Northern Ireland	4					

SUMMARY							
Total responses	216						
Political party	Total number of responses						
Conservative	64						
Labour	57						
No overall control	68						
Liberal Democrat	19						
Independent	8						

Delivering affordable homes

Q4: How would you characterise the need for affordable homes (i.e. homes available for subsidised or social rent) in your local authority area?

Answer	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Not substantial	4.89	9	6	6	3.57	3
Moderate	26.63	49	30	30	22.62	19
Severe	67.93	125	63	63	73.81	62
Don't know	0.54	1	1	1	0	0

Scotland	Scotland								
Not substantial	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Moderate	62.5	10	66.67	6	57.14	4			
Severe	37.5	6	33.33	3	42.86	3			
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Wales									
Not substantial	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Moderate	50	6	50	3	50	3			
Severe	50	6	50	3	50	3			
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Northern Ireland									
Not substantial	25	1	-	•	-	-			
Moderate	50	2	-	-	-	-			
Severe	25	1	-	-	-	-			
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-			

Q5: What is the dominant model of delivering social and affordable housing in your local authority area?

Answer	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Joint ventures on council- owned land	8.15	15	6	6	10.71	9
Direct delivery	16.85	31	18	18	15.48	13
Through the planning process via Section 106 agreements	58.15	107	62	62	53.57	45
Other (please specify)	16.85	31	14	14	20.24	17
Scotland						
Joint ventures on council- owned land	18.8	3	22.2	2	14.3	1
Direct delivery	25	4	22.2	2	28.6	2
Through the planning process via Section 106 agreements	31.3	5	33.3	3	28.6	2
Other (please specify)	25	4	22.2	2	28.6	2

Wales								
Joint ventures on council- owned land	8.33	1	8.33	1	16.67	1		
Direct delivery	33.33	4	33.33	1	16.67	1		
Through the planning process via Section 106 agreements	25	3	25	2	33.33	2		
Other (please specify)	33.33	4	33.33	2	33.33	2		
Northern Ireland								
Joint ventures on council- owned land	0	0	-	-	-	-		
Direct delivery	50	2	-	-	-	-		
Through the planning process via Section 106 agreements	0	0	-	-	-	-		
Other (please specify)	50	2	-	-	-	-		

Q6: Are you currently considering or have already set up a local housing delivery company?

Answer	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes - a wholly owned subsidiary of the council	54.35	100	57	57	51.19	43
Yes - as a joint venture	15.76	29	17	17	14.29	12
No	21.74	40	22	22	21.43	18
Don't know	8.15	15	4	4	13.1	11
Scotland						
Yes - a wholly owned subsidiary of the council	6.3	1	11.1	1	0	0
Yes - as a joint venture	6.3	1	11.1	1	0	0
No	81.3	13	77.8	7	85.7	6
Don't know	6.3	1	0	0	14.3	1

Wales						
Yes - a wholly owned subsidiary of the council	25	3	33.33	2	16.67	1
Yes - as a joint venture	8.33	1	0	0	16.67	1
No	41.67	5	33.33	2	50	3
Other (please specify)	33.33	4	33.33	2	33.33	2

Northern Ireland							
Yes - a wholly owned subsidiary of the council	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Yes - as a joint venture	0	0	-	-	-	-	
No	100	4	-	-	-	-	
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-	

Q7: Is your council currently delivering or exploring private rented sector homes (PRS) as part of the solution to creating new homes in your local authority area?

Answer	Ove	rall	Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes - exploring PRS as an option	39.13	72	47	47	29.76	25
Yes - currently delivering PRS	20.11	37	19	19	21.43	18
No	27.17	50	21	21	34.52	29
Don't know	13.59	25	13	13	14.29	12
Scotland		•	•			
Yes - exploring PRS as an option	43.8	7	44.4	4	42.9	3
Yes - currently delivering PRS	31.3	5	33.3	3	28.6	2
No	12.5	2	22.2	2	0	0
Don't know	12.5	2	0	0	28.6	2
Wales						
Yes - exploring PRS as an option	33.33	4	50	3	16.67	1
Yes - currently delivering PRS	16.67	2	16.67	1	16.67	1
No	33.33	4	33.33	2	33.33	2
Don't know	16.67	2	0	0	33.33	2
Northern Ireland						
Yes - exploring PRS as an option	25	1	-	-	-	-
Yes - currently delivering PRS	0	0	-	-	-	-
No	75	3	-	-	-	-
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-

Local plans and viability

Q8: Do you currently have an up-to-date plan with an adopted 5-year land supply?

93 officers and 83 elected members responded from 172 councils in England responded to this question. 9 officers and 7 elected members from 13 councils in Scotland responded to this question. 6 officers and 6 elected members from 9 councils from Wales responded to this question. 4 councils from Northern Ireland responded to this question.

Answer	Ove	rall	Offic	cer	Counc	Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
England							
Yes	61.93	109	66.67	62	56.63	47	
No	32.95	58	27.96	26	38.55	32	
Don't know	5.11	9	5.38	5	4.82	4	
Scotland							
Yes	93.8	15	88.9	8	100	7	
No	6.3	1	11.1	1	0	0	
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wales							
Yes	58.33	7	33.33	2	83.33	5	
No	41.67	5	66.67	4	16.67	1	
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Northern Ireland							
Yes	0	0	-	-	-	-	
No	100	4	-	-	-	-	
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-	

Q9: [England only question] The revised NPPF and Planning Policy Guidance (2018) included changes to the viability test. Has this new viability test helped or hinder your local authority's ability to secure sufficient social and affordable housing to meet local needs?

90 officers and 79 elected members responded from 169 councils in England responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Councillor		
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
Helped	24.85	42	28.89	26	20.25	16	
Hindered	21.89	37	16.67	15	27.85	22	
Don't know	53.25	90	54.44	49	51.9	41	

Permitted development

Q10: [England only question] Do you think homes created through Permitted Development could prove to be dangerous to health and wellbeing?

91 officers and 81 elected members responded from 172 councils in England responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Councillor		
	Percentage Number Perce		Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
Yes	75.58	130	79.12	72	71.6	58	
No	12.79	22	6.59	6	19.75	16	
Don't know	11.63	20	14.29	13	8.64	7	

Q11: [England only question] Do you think that vulnerable people are likely to be disproportionately negatively affected by development delivered through the use of Permitted Development Rights?

90 officers and 83 elected members responded from 173 councils in England responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Councillor		
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
Yes	67.63	117	74.44	67	60.24	50	
No	11.56	20	7.78	7	15.66	13	
Don't know	20.81	36	17.78	16	24.1	20	

Support for local planning and placemaking

The following local planning and placemaking policy topics were rated out of five, according to how supportive central government is of your local authority in each respect.

Respondents were asked to rate from 1-5 the extent to which they felt four subjects - under-resourcing, lack of skills, national level policy and national leadership - are barriers to the delivery of healthy places. A rating of 1 suggests that a subject is not at all a barrier, a rating of 5 suggests that is a huge barrier. The percentage of respondents that chose each rating for each subject are recorded in the corresponding box. The most popular rating for each subject is shaded with the darkest colour, the second most popular the second darkest, etc.

Q12: To what extent is under-resourcing a barrier to effective delivery in each of following local place making policy areas?

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
England – overall						
Urban design and	4.05	17.57	28.38	32.43	17.57	100
aesthetics	6	26	42	48	26	148
Health and	6.04	11 41	20.10	25.57	10.70	100
wellbeing	6.04	11.41	28.19	35.57	18.79	100
	9	17	42	53	28	149
Climate change	3.33	8.67	16	40	32	100
adaptation	5	13	24	60	48	150
Climate change	4.64	9.93	13.91	40.4	31.13	100
mitigation	7	15	21	61	47	151
Green space /	4.64	18.54	26.49	37.75	12.58	100
infrastructure	7	28	40	57	19	151
Housing delivery	9.33	20.67	28.67	22	19.33	100
(market)	14	31	43	33	29	150
Affordable and social	1.33	10.67	16	35.33	36.67	100
housing delivery	2	16	24	53	55	150
Reducing inequality	4.7	18.12	29.53	26.85	20.81	100
and injustice	7	27	44	40	31	149
Local sustainable	1.35	10.14	16.22	32.43	39.86	100
transport	2	15	24	48	59	148
Housing	2.16	11.51	20.14	29.5	36.69	100
stock retrofit	3	16	28	41	51	139
New communities	4.35	11.59	33.33	34.06	16.67	100
	6	16	46	47	23	138

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
Scotland – overall						
Urban design and	0.00	0.00	53.85	38.46	7.69	100
aesthetics	0	0	7	5	1	13
Health and wellbeing	7.69	7.69	53.85	23.08	7.69	100
Climate change	7.69	0.00	46.15	23.08	23.08	100
adaptation	1	0	6	3	3	13
Climate change	7.69	0.00	53.85	7.69	30.77	100
mitigation	1	0	7	1	4	13
Green space /	7.69	23.08	30.77	23.08	15.38	100
infrastructure	1	3	4	3	2	13
Housing delivery	0.00	23.08	30.77	38.46	7.69	100
(market)	0	3	4	5	1	13
Affordable and social	7.69	15.38	38.46	23.08	15.38	100
housing delivery	1	2	5	3	2	13

Reducing inequality	7.69	7	7.69	30.77	30.77	23.08	100
and injustice	1		1	4	4	3	13
Local sustainable	0.00	7	7.69	15.38	38.46	38.46	100
transport	C)	1	2	5	5	13
Housing	7.69	(0.00	38.46	30.77	23.08	100
stock retrofit	1		0	5	4	3	13
New communities	8.33	-	16.67	50.00	25.00	0.00	100
	1		2	6	3	0	12

Answer	Very supportiv	/e	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
Wales – overall							
Urban design and	11.11		22.22	44.44	22.22	0.00	100
aesthetics		1	2	4	2	0	9
Health and							1.00
wellbeing	11.11		33.33	44.44	11.11	0.00	100
		1	3	4		-	9
Climate change	11.11		0.00	44.44	22.22	22.22	100
adaptation		1	0	4	2	2	9
Climate change	11.11		0.00	44.44	22.22	22.22	100
mitigation		1	0	4	2	2	9
Green space /	11.11		11.11	55.56	0.00	22.22	100
infrastructure		1	1	5	0	2	9
Housing delivery	11.11		11.11	33.33	11.11	33.33	100
(market)		1	1	3	1	3	9
Affordable and social	22.22		22.22	33.33	0.00	22.22	100
housing delivery		2	2	3	0	2	9
Reducing inequality	11.11		33.33	33.33	11.11	11.11	100
and injustice		1	3	3	1	1	9
Local sustainable	11.11		11.11	11.11	33.33	33.33	100
transport		1	1	1	3	3	9
Housing	11.11		44.44	11.11	22.22	11.11	100
stock retrofit		1	4	1	2	1	9
New communities	11.11		11.11	66.67	11.11	0.00	100
		1	1	6	1	0	9

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total				
Northern Ireland – overall										
Urban design and	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100				
aesthetics	0	0	1	1	0	2				
Health and wellbeing	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	100				
	0	1	1	0	0	2				
Climate change	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100				
adaptation	0	0	1	1	0	2				

Climate change	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100
mitigation	0	0	1	1	0	2
Green space /	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100
infrastructure	0	0	1	1	0	2
Housing delivery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
(market)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Affordable and social	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
housing delivery	0	0	0	0	2	2
Reducing inequality	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100
and injustice	0	0	1	1	0	2
Local sustainable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
transport	0	0	0	0	2	2
Housing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100
stock retrofit	0	0	1	1	0	2
New communities	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100
	0	0	1	1	0	2

Q13: To what extent is a lack of skills a barrier to effective delivery in each of following local place making policy areas?

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
England – overall						
Urban design and	8.16	14.97	34.01	32.65	10.20	100
aesthetics	12	22	50	48	15	147
Health and wellbeing	6.00	23.33	33.33	30.00	7.33	100
	9	35	50	45	11	150
Climate change	6.00	14.00	24.00	35.33	20.67	100
adaptation	9	21	36	53	31	150
Climate change	6.00	17.33	22.00	34.67	20.00	100
mitigation	9	26	33	52	30	150
Green space /	10.67	26.00	34.00	22.00	7.33	100
infrastructure	16	39	51	33	11	150
Housing delivery	14.09	24.16	29.53	24.83	7.38	100
(market)	21	36	44	37	11	149
Affordable and social	6.00	26.00	28.67	28.00	11.33	100
housing delivery	9	39	43	42	17	150
Reducing inequality	7.48	22.45	37.41	23.81	8.84	100
and injustice	11	33	55	35	13	147
Local sustainable	6.12	18.37	29.93	31.29	14.29	100
transport	9	27	44	46	21	147
Housing	9.56	14.71	30.88	24.26	20.59	100
stock retrofit	13	20	42	33	28	136
New communities	5.11	16.06	32.85	34.31	11.68	100
	7	22	45	47	16	137

Answer	Very supportive	.	Quite supportive	Neutral		Quite		Very	Total	
Scotland – overall										
Urban design and	7.69		15.38	61.54		15.38		0.00	100	
aesthetics		1	2		8		2	0		13
Health and										
wellbeing	7.69		15.38	46.15		23.08		7.69	100	
		1	2		6		3	1		13
Climate change	7.69		23.08	30.77		30.77		7.69	100	
adaptation		1	3		4		4	1		13
Climate change	7.69		23.08	38.46		23.08		7.69	100	
mitigation		1	3		5		3	1		13
Green space /	23.08		23.08	38.46		7.69		7.69	100	
infrastructure		3	3		5		1	1		13
Housing delivery	7.69		15.38	61.54		7.69		7.69	100	
(market)		1	2		8		1	1		13
Affordable and social	15.38		7.69	38.46		38.46		0.00	100	
housing delivery		2	1		5		5	0		13
Reducing inequality	7.69		23.08	61.54		7.69		0.00	100	
and injustice		1	3		8		1	0		13
Local sustainable	7.69		15.38	46.15		7.69		23.08	100	
transport		1	2		6		1	3		13
Housing	15.38		15.38	53.85		7.69		7.69	100	
stock retrofit		2	2		7		1	1		13
New communities	0.00		25.00	50.00		25.00		0.00	100	
		0	3		6		3	0		12

Answer	Very supportive	•	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite		Very	Total	
Wales – overall			,						
Urban design and	11.11		44.44	33.33	11.11		0.00	100	
aesthetics		1	4	3		1	0		9
Health and wellbeing	11.11		44.44	33.33	11.11		0.00	100	
		1	4	3		1	0		9
Climate change	11.11		11.11	11.11	66.67		0.00	100	
adaptation		1	1	1		6	0		9
Climate change	11.11		11.11	33.33	44.44		0.00	100	
mitigation		1	1	3		4	0		9
Green space /	11.11		22.22	33.33	33.33		0.00	100	
infrastructure		1	2	3		3	0		9
Housing delivery	22.22		11.11	11.11	44.44		11.11	100	
(market)		2	1	1		4	1		9
Affordable and social	22.22		44.44	0.00	22.22		11.11	100	
housing delivery		2	4	0		2	1		9

Reducing inequality	33.33		0.00	44.44	11.11	11.11	100
and injustice		3	0	4	1	1	9
Local sustainable	22.22		0.00	11.11	44.44	22.22	100
transport		2	0	1	4	2	9
Housing	33.33		33.33	0.00	33.33	0.00	100
stock retrofit		3	3	0	3	0	9
New communities	22.22		22.22	55.56	0.00	0.00	100
		2	2	5	0	0	9

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
Northern Ireland – ov	verall					
Urban design and	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
aesthetics	0	0	0	1	1	2
Health and wellbeing	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
	0	1	0	1	0	2
Climate change	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
adaptation	0	0	0	1	1	2
Climate change	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
mitigation	0	0	0	1	1	2
Green space /	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	100
infrastructure	0	1	1	0	0	2
Housing delivery	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100
(market)	0	0	1	0	1	2
Affordable and social	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
housing delivery	0	0	0	1	1	2
Reducing inequality	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
and injustice	1	0	0	1	0	2
Local sustainable	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100
transport	0	0	2	0	0	2
Housing	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100
stock retrofit	0	0	2	0	0	2
New communities	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100
	0	0	2	0	0	2

Q14: To what extent is current national-level policy a barrier to effective delivery in each of following local place making policy areas?

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
England – overall						
Urban design and	6.25	15.28	32.64	20.83	25.00	100
aesthetics	9	22	47	30	36	144
Health and wellbeing	3.36	12.75	31.54	28.86	23.49	100

		5		19		47		43		35		149
Climate change	4.70		7.38		22.15		32.89		32.89		100	
adaptation		7		11		33		49		49		149
Climate change	5.37		8.72		20.13		32.89		32.89		100	
mitigation		8		13		30		49		49		149
Green space /	5.41		19.59		32.43		22.97		19.59		100	
infrastructure		8		29		48		34		29		148
Housing delivery	15.33		13.33		24.67		28.00		18.67		100	
(market)		23		20		37		42		28		150
Affordable and social	4.03		6.04		20.13		30.20		39.60		100	
housing delivery		6		9		30		45		59		149
Reducing inequality	5.41		14.19		31.08		25.00		24.32		100	
and injustice		8		21		46		37		36		148
Local sustainable	5.44		7.48		28.57		28.57		29.93		100	
transport		8		11		42		42		44		147
Housing	5.34		15.27		23.66		18.32		37.40		100	
stock retrofit		7		20		31		24		49		131
New communities	7.30		10.95		40.88		21.90		18.98		100	
		10		15		56		30		26		137

Answer	Very supportive	Qui	te portive	Neutra		Quite		Very		Total	
Scotland – overall											
Urban design and	15.38	23.0)8	38.46		7.69		15.38		100	
aesthetics	2		3		5		1		2		13
Health and wellbeing	15.38	38.4	16	38.46		7.69		0.00		100	
	2		5		5		1		0		13
Climate change	15.38	23.0)8	46.15		7.69		7.69		100	
adaptation	2		3		6		1		1		13
Climate change	15.38	30.7	77	30.77		15.38		7.69		100	
mitigation	2		4		4		2		1		13
Green space /	23.08	30.7	77	30.77		7.69		7.69		100	
infrastructure	3		4		4		1		1		13
Housing delivery	7.69	23.0	08	53.85		7.69		7.69		100	
(market)	1		3		7		1		1		13
Affordable and social	23.08	30.7	77	30.77		15.38		0.00		100	
housing delivery	3		4		4		2		0		13
Reducing inequality	15.38	38.4	16	46.15		0.00		0.00		100	
and injustice	2	!	5		6		0		0		13
Local sustainable	7.69	23.0	08	23.08		7.69		38.46		100	
transport	1		3		3		1		5		13
Housing	15.38	23.0)8	46.15		15.38		0.00		100	
stock retrofit	2		3		6		2		0		13
New communities	16.67	33.3	33	41.67		8.33		0.00		100	
	2		4		5		1		0		12

Answer	Very supportive	e	Quite supportive	Neutral		Quite	Very	Total
Wales – overall								
Urban design and	11.11		11.11	55.56		11.11	11.11	100
aesthetics		1	1	Į.	5	1	1	9
Health and								
wellbeing	11.11		33.33	44.44		11.11	0.00	100
		1	3	4	4	1	0	9
Climate change	11.11		11.11	55.56		22.22	0.00	100
adaptation		1	1	1	5	2	0	9
Climate change	11.11		22.22	44.44		22.22	0.00	100
mitigation		1	2	4	4	2	0	9
Green space /	11.11		11.11	44.44		33.33	0.00	100
infrastructure		1	1	4	4	3	0	9
Housing delivery	0.00		25.00	37.50		25.00	12.50	100
(market)		0	2	3	3	2	1	8
Affordable and social	0.00		37.50	37.50		12.50	12.50	100
housing delivery		0	3	3	3	1	1	8
Reducing inequality	22.22		0.00	44.44		11.11	22.22	100
and injustice		2	0	4	4	1	2	9
Local sustainable	22.22		0.00	22.22		44.44	11.11	100
transport		2	0		2	4	1	9
Housing	22.22		33.33	22.22		11.11	11.11	100
stock retrofit		2	3		2	1	1	9
New communities	22.22		0.00	66.67		0.00	11.11	100
		2	0	(6	0	1	9

Answer	Very sup- portive	Quite sup- portive	Neutral	Quite un- supportive	Very unsup- portive	Total
Northern Ireland – o	verall					
Urban design and	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	100
aesthetics	0	1	1	0	0	2
Health and wellbeing	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
	0	I	0	I	0	2
Climate change	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
adaptation	0	0	0	1	1	2
Climate change	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
mitigation	0	0	0	1	1	2
Green space /	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
infrastructure	0	1	0	1	0	2
Housing delivery	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100
(market)	0	0	0	1	1	2

Affordable and social	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
housing delivery	0	0	0	0	2	2
Reducing inequality	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
and injustice	0	1	0	1	0	2
Local sustainable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
transport	0	0	0	0	2	2
Housing	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100
stock retrofit	0	1	0	1	0	2
New communities	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	100
	0	1	1	0	0	2

Q15: To what extent is national political leadership a barrier to effective delivery in each of following local place making policy areas?

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
England – overall						
Urban design and	9.09	15.58	30.52	26.62	18.18	100
aesthetics	14	24	47	41	28	154
Health and						
wellbeing	5.84	11.69	31.17	29.87	21.43	100
	9	18	48	46	33	154
Climate change	7.14	6.49	18.83	35.71	31.82	100
adaptation	11	10	29	55	49	154
Climate change	6.49	5.84	19.48	36.36	31.82	100
mitigation	10	9	30	56	49	154
Green space /	8.44	12.99	31.82	27.92	18.83	100
infrastructure	13	20	49	43	29	154
Housing delivery	12.99	22.08	18.18	26.62	20.13	100
(market)	20	34	28	41	31	154
Affordable and social	3.90	5.84	16.23	39.61	34.42	100
housing delivery	6	9	25	61	53	154
Reducing inequality	6.49	10.39	21.43	33.12	28.57	100
and injustice	10	16	33	51	44	154
Local sustainable	3.90	9.09	22.73	33.12	31.17	100
transport	6	14	35	51	48	154
Housing	5.84	11.04	22.73	29.87	30.52	100
stock retrofit	9	17	35	46	47	154
New communities	9.74	16.88	32.47	20.13	20.78	100
	15	26	50	31	32	154

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
Scotland – overall						
Urban design and	21.43	7.14	50.00	0.00	21.43	100
aesthetics	3	1	7	0	3	14
Health and						
wellbeing	28.57	14.29	50.00	0.00	7.14	100
	4	2	7	0	1	14
Climate change	28.57	14.29	28.57	14.29	14.29	100
adaptation	4	2	4	2	2	14
Climate change	28.57	7.14	35.71	14.29	14.29	100
mitigation	4	1	5	2	2	14
Green space /	35.71	14.29	28.57	7.14	14.29	100
infrastructure	5	2	4	1	2	14
Housing delivery	28.57	21.43	35.71	0.00	14.29	100
(market)	4	3	5	0	2	14
Affordable and social	28.57	21.43	35.71	7.14	7.14	100
housing delivery	4	3	5	1	1	14
Reducing inequality	21.43	28.57	42.86	0.00	7.14	100
and injustice	3	4	6	0	1	14
Local sustainable	7.14	7.14	57.14	0.00	28.57	100
transport	1	1	8	0	4	14
Housing	28.57	7.14	42.86	14.29	7.14	100
stock retrofit	4	1	6	2	1	14
New communities	21.43	21.43	42.86	7.14	7.14	100
	3	3	6	1	1	14

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total
Wales – overall						
Urban design and	11.11	11.11	66.67	0.00	11.11	100
aesthetics	1	1	6	0	1	9
Health and wellbeing	11.11	11.11	55.56	0.00	22.22	100
Climate change	22.22	0.00	33.33	22.22	22.22	100
adaptation	2	0.00	3	2	2	9
Climate change	22.22	0.00	33.33	22.22	22.22	100
mitigation	2	0	3	2	2	9
Green space /	22.22	0.00	55.56	0.00	22.22	100
infrastructure	2	0	5	0	2	9
Housing delivery	0.00	11.11	44.44	22.22	22.22	100
(market)	0	1	4	2	2	9

Affordable and social	0.00	33.33		22.22		22.22		22.22		100
housing delivery	0		3		2		2		2	9
Reducing inequality	11.11	11.11		33.33		22.22		22.22		100
and injustice	1		1		3		2		2	9
Local sustainable	11.11	0.00		44.44		11.11		33.33		100
transport	1		0		4		1		3	9
Housing	22.22	22.22		33.33		11.11		11.11		100
stock retrofit	2		2		3		1		1	9
New communities	0.00	11.11		66.67		0.00		22.22		100
	0		1		6		0		2	9

Answer	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Neutral	Quite	Very	Total			
Northern Ireland – overall									
Urban design and	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
aesthetics	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Health and									
wellbeing	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Climate change	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
adaptation	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Climate change	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
mitigation	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Green space /	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
infrastructure	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Housing delivery	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100			
(market)	0	0	1	0	1	2			
Affordable and social	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100			
housing delivery	0	0	0	1	1	2			
Reducing inequality	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100			
and injustice	0	0	1	1	0	2			
Local sustainable	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	100			
transport	0	0	0	1	1	2			
Housing	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
stock retrofit	0	0	2	0	0	2			
New communities	0.00	0.00	100	0.00	0.00	100			
	0	0	2	0	0	2			

Urban design and placemaking

Q16: How confident is your local authority about turning down planning applications on the grounds of poor design?

86 officers and 67 elected members responded from 153 councils in England responded to this question. 8 officers and 7 elected members from 13 councils in Scotland responded to this question. 6 officers and 3 elected members from 9 councils from Wales responded to this question. 2 councils from Northern Ireland responded to this question.

Answer	Ove	rall	Offic	cer	Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Not at all confident	6.54	10	6.98	6	5.97	4
Not so confident	18.95	29	16.28	14	22.39	15
Somewhat confident	43.79	67	41.86	36	46.27	31
Very confident	20.92	32	25.58	22	14.93	10
Extremely confident	9.8	15	9.3	8	10.45	7
Scotland						
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not so confident	6.7	1	12.5	1	0	0
Somewhat confident	26.7	4	25	2	28.6	2
Very confident	40	6	37.5	3	42.9	3
Extremely confident	26.7	4	25	2	28.6	2
Wales						
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not so confident	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0
Somewhat confident	33.3	3	33.3	2	33.3	1
Very confident	44.4	4	33.3	2	66.7	2
Extremely confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland						
Not at all confident	0	0	-	-	-	-
Not so confident	0.5	1	-	-	-	-
Somewhat confident	0.5	1	-	-	-	-
Very confident	0	0	-	-	-	-
Extremely confident	0	0	-	-	-	-

Q17: How satisfied are you with the design quality of new residential developments coming through in your area?

Answer	Ove	Overall		cer	Councillor					
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number				
England	England									
Not at all satisfied	8.5	13	5.81	5	11.94	8				
Not so satisfied	33.99	52	38.37	33	28.36	19				
Somewhat satisfied	40.52	62	38.37	33	43.28	29				
Very satisfied	15.03	23	15.12	13	14.93	10				
Extremely satisfied	1.96	3	2.33	2	1.49	1				
Scotland										
Not at all satisfied	6.7	1	0	0	14.3	1				
Not so satisfied	20	3	25	2	14.3	1				
Somewhat satisfied	26.7	4	37.5	3	14.3	1				
Very satisfied	46.7	7	37.5	3	57.1	4				
Extremely satisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Wales										
Not at all satisfied	11.1	1	16.7	1	0	0				
Not so satisfied	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0				
Somewhat satisfied	33.3	3	16.7	1	66.7	2				
Very satisfied	33.3	3	33.3	2	33.3	1				
Extremely satisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Northern Ireland										
Not at all satisfied	0	0	-	-	-	-				
Not so satisfied	0	0	-	-	-	-				
Somewhat satisfied	100	2	-	-	-	-				
Very satisfied	0	0	-	-	-	-				
Extremely satisfied	0	0	-	-	-	-				

Q18: Do you think the government's recent urban design and placemaking-related policy announcements will help to prioritise and deliver more attractive and healthy places?

Answer	Overall		Offic	Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
England							
Yes	42.48	65	44.19	38	40.3	27	
No	16.34	25	13.95	12	19.4	13	
Don't know	41.18	63	41.86	36	40.3	27	
Scotland							
Yes	46.7	7	37.5	3	57.1	4	
No	6.7	1	0	0	14.3	1	
Don't know	46.7	7	62.5	5	28.6	2	

Climate change and placemaking

Q19: How confident is your local authority about turning down planning applications on environmental grounds?

Answer	Ove	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
England					·		
Not at all confident	7.28	11	2.38	2	13.43	9	
Not so confident	23.84	36	21.43	18	26.87	18	
Somewhat confident	35.76	54	39.29	33	31.34	21	
Very confident	27.15	41	34.52	29	17.91	12	
Extremely confident	5.96	9	2.38	2	10.45	7	
Scotland							
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Not so confident	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Somewhat confident	26.7	4	50	4	0	0	
Very confident	46.7	7	25	2	71.4	5	
Extremely confident	26.7	4	25	2	28.6	2	
Wales			-				
Not at all confident	11.1	1	16.7	1	0	0	
Not so confident	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Somewhat confident	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0	
Very confident	55.6	5	50	3	66.7	2	
Extremely confident	11.1	1	0	0	33.3	1	
Northern Ireland							
Not at all confident	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Not so confident	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Somewhat confident	100	2	-	-	-	-	
Very confident	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Extremely confident	0	0	-	-	-	-	

Q20: Has your council declared a climate emergency?

84 officers and 67 elected members responded from 151 councils in England responded to this question. 8 officers and 7 elected members from 13 councils in Scotland responded to this question. 6 officers and 3 elected members from 8 councils from Wales responded to this question. 2 councils from Northern Ireland responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
England							
Yes	80.13	121	72.62	61	89.55	60	
No	17.88	27	23.81	20	10.45	7	
Don't know	1.99	3	3.57	3	0	0	
Scotland							
Yes	60	9	50	4	71.4	5	
No	40	6	50	4	28.6	2	
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wales							
Yes	55.6	5	50	3	66.7	2	
No	44.4	4	50	3	33.3	1	
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Northern Ireland							
Yes	100	2	-	-	-	-	
No	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-	

Q21: Does your council have a strategy for achieving, and monitoring progress towards, net zero carbon emissions which directly links to your local plan?

Answer	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes	45.03	68	29.76	25	64.18	43
No	45.7	69	58.33	49	29.85	20
Don't know	9.27	14	11.9	10	5.97	4
Scotland						
Yes	53.3	8	37.5	3	71.4	5
No	26.7	4	37.5	3	14.3	1
Don't know	20	3	25	2	14.3	1

Wales								
Yes	33.3	3	16.7	1	66.7	2		
No	22.2	2	16.7	1	33.3	1		
Don't know	44.4	4	66.7	4	0	0		
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland							
Yes	50	1	-	-	-	-		
No	50	1	-	-	-	-		
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-		

Q22: If you answered 'yes' to the above question does this include an integrated transport strategy?

84 officers and 67 elected members responded from 151 councils in England responded to this question. 8 officers and 7 elected members from 13 councils in Scotland responded to this question. 6 officers and 3 elected members from 8 councils from Wales responded to this question. 2 councils from Northern Ireland responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	:er	Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes	23.18	35	15.48	13	32.84	22
No	24.5	37	22.62	19	26.87	18
Don't know	52.32	79	61.9	52	40.3	27
Scotland						
Yes	46.7	7	37.5	3	50	4
No	20	3	12.5	1	25	2
Don't know	33.3	5	50	4	25	2
Wales						
Yes	33.3	3	16.7	1	66.7	2
No	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	66.7	6	83.3	5	33.3	1
Northern Ireland						
Yes	0	0	-	-	-	-
No	50	1	-	-	-	-
Don't know	50	1	-	-	-	-

Q23: To what extent is climate change resilience a consideration in your local placemaking policy?

Answer	Over	rall	Offic	cer	Councillor				
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number			
England									
A great deal	21.85	33	17.86	15	26.87	18			
A lot	35.76	54	38.1	32	32.84	22			
A moderate amount	29.14	44	23.81	20	35.82	24			
A little	12.58	19	19.05	16	4.48	3			
Not at all	0.66	1	1.19	1	0	0			
Scotland									
A great deal	26.7	4	25	2	28.6	2			
A lot	40	6	50	4	28.6	2			
A moderate amount	33.3	5	25	2	42.9	3			
A little	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Wales									
A great deal	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0			
A lot	44.4	4	33.3	2	66.7	2			
A moderate amount	33.3	3	33.3	2	33.3	1			
A little	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Northern Ireland									
A great deal	0	0	-	-	-	-			
A lot	0	0	-	-	-	-			
A moderate amount	100	2	-	-	-	-			
A little	0	0	-	-	-	-			
Not at all	0	0	-	-	-	-			

Q24: To what extent is carbon emissions reduction a consideration in your local placemaking policy?

Answer	Overall		Officer		Councillor	
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
A great deal	23.18	35	21.43	18	25.37	17
A lot	35.76	54	32.14	27	40.3	27
A moderate amount	30.46	46	30.95	26	29.85	20
A little	9.27	14	14.29	12	2.99	2
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	0

Scotland	Scotland								
A great deal	40	6	37.5	3	42.9	3			
A lot	33.3	5	37.5	3	28.6	2			
A moderate amount	26.7	4	25	2	28.6	2			
A little	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Wales									
A great deal	33.3	3	50	3	0	0			
A lot	55.6	5	50	3	66.7	2			
A moderate amount	11.1	1	0	0	33.3	1			
A little	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Northern Ireland									
A great deal	0	0	-	-	-	-			
A lot	0	0	-	-	-	-			
A moderate amount	100	2	-	-	-	-			
A little	0	0	-	-	-	-			
Not at all	0	0	-	-	-	-			

Health, wellbeing and placemaking

Q25: How confident is your local authority about turning down planning applications on the grounds of poor health and wellbeing outcomes?

Answer	Over	all	Offic	:er	Counc	illor
	Percentage Number		Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Not at all confident	11.49	17	12.2	10	10.61	7
Not so confident	44.59	66	56.1	46	30.3	20
Somewhat confident	33.78	50	25.61	21	43.94	29
Very confident	6.08	9	3.66	3	9.09	6
Extremely confident	4.05	6	2.44 2		6.06	4
Scotland						
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not so confident	21.4	3	37.5	3	0	0
Somewhat confident	confident 28.6 4		25	2	33.3	2
Very confident	42.9	6	25	2	66.7	4
Extremely confident	7.1	1	12.5	1	0	0

Wales										
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Not so confident	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0				
Somewhat confident	55.6	5	66.7	4	33.3	1				
Very confident	11.1	1	0	0	33.3	1				
Extremely confident	11.1	1	0	0	33.3	1				
Northern Ireland	,									
Not at all confident	0	0	-	-	-	-				
Not so confident	50	1	-	-	-	-				
Somewhat confident	50	1	-	-	-	-				
Very confident	0	0	-	-	-	-				
Extremely confident	0	0	-	-	-	-				

Q26: Does your Local Plan reference a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and/or a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment?

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Counc	illor
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes	45.27	67	52.44	43	36.36	24
No	22.97	34	29.27	24	15.15	10
Don't know	31.76	47	18.29	15	48.48	32
Scotland						
Yes	35.7	5	12.5	1 66.7		4
No	50	7	62.5	5	33.3	2
Don't know	14.3	2	25	2	0	0
Wales						
Yes	66.7	6	50	3	100	3
No	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	33.3	3	50	3	0	0
Northern Ireland						
Yes	0	0	-	-	-	-
No	100	2			-	-
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-

Q27: Does your Local Plan include planning policies which explicitly promote healthy places and active travel?

82 officers and 66 elected members responded from 138 councils in England responded to this question. 8 officers and 6 elected members from 11 councils in Scotland responded to this question. 6 officers and 3 elected members from 8 councils from Wales responded to this question. 2 councils from Northern Ireland responded to this question.

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Counc	illor
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage Number		Number
England						
Yes	72.3	107	76.83	63	66.67	44
No	14.19	21	15.85	13	12.12	8
Don't know	13.51	20	7.32	6	21.21	14
Scotland						
Yes	78.6	11	62.5	5	100	6
No	7.1	1	12.5	1	0	0
Don't know	14.3	2	25	2	0	0
Wales						
Yes	100	9	100	6	100	3
No	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland						
Yes	100	2	-	-	-	-
No	0	0			-	-
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-

Q28: Does your Local Plan include indicators that can help to monitor the health impacts and benefits from Local Plan policies/new developments/place making?

Answer	Overall		Offic	er	Counc	illor
	Percentage Number		Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Yes	31.08	46	36.59	30	24.24	16
No	30.41	45	36.59	30	22.73	15
Don't know	38.51	57	26.83	22	53.03	35
Scotland						
Yes	28.6	4	12.5	1	50	3
No	42.9	6	50	4	33.3	2
Don't know	28.6	4	37.5	3	16.7	1

Wales									
Yes	33.3	3	33.3	2	33.3	1			
No	22.2	2	16.7	1	33.3	1			
Don't know	44.4	4	50	3	33.3	1			
Northern Ireland									
Yes	50	1	-	-	-	-			
No	50	1	-	-	-	-			
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-			

Q29: How confident are you about turning down planning applications on the grounds of poor green space provision?

Answer	Ove	rall	Offi	cer	Counc	cillor
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number
England						
Not at all confident	4.05	6	2.44	2	6.06	4
Not so confident	16.89	25	15.85	13	18.18	12
Somewhat confident	41.22	61	39.02	32	43.94	29
Very confident	28.38	42	32.93	27	22.73	15
Extremely confident	9.46	14	9.76	8	9.09	6
Scotland						
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not so confident	0	0	0 0		0	0
Somewhat confident	42.9	6	50 4		33.3	2
Very confident	42.9	6	37.5	3	50	3
Extremely confident	14.3	2	12.5	1	16.7	1
Wales						
Not at all confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not so confident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat confident	55.6	5	83.3	5	0	0
Very confident	33.3	3	16.7	1	66.7	2
Extremely confident	11.1	1	0	0	33.3	1
Northern Ireland						
Not at all confident	0	0	-	-	-	-
Not so confident	0	0	-	-	-	-
Somewhat confident	0	0	-	-	-	-
Very confident	50	1	-	-	-	-
Extremely confident	50	1	-	-	-	-

Q30: Do you have a green space/ green infrastructure strategy?

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Counc	illor	
	Percentage Number		Percentage Number		Percentage	Number	
England							
Yes	70.27	104	65.85	54	75.76	50	
No	16.22	24	23.17	19	7.58	5	
Don't know	13.51	20	10.98	9	16.67	11	
Scotland							
Yes	85.7	12	75	6	100	6	
No	14.3	2	25	2	0	0	
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wales							
Yes	66.7	6	66.7	4	66.7	2	
No	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Don't know	33.3	3	33.3	2	33.3	1	
Northern Ireland							
Yes	100	2	-	-	-	-	
No	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-	

Q31: Do you have a blue infrastructure strategy?

Answer	Over	all	Offic	er	Counc	illor
	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage Number		Number
England						
Yes	27.7	41	32.93	27	21.21	14
No	34.46	51	43.9	36	22.73	15
Don't know	37.84	56	23.17	19	56.06	37
Scotland						
Yes	35.7	5	37.5	3	33.3	2
No	35.7	5	37.5	3	33.3	2
Don't know	28.6	4	25 2		33.3	2
Wales						
Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0
No	22.2	2	33.3	2	0	0
Don't know	77.8	7	66.7	4	100	3
Northern Ireland						
Yes	100	2	-	-	-	-
No	0	0	-	-	-	-
Don't know	0	0	-	-	-	-

Annex 2: Longitudinal survey results

This is the sixth report in this annual housing research series. A handful of the questions asked in the online survey are repeated each year to gauge changes in local authority perceptions and approaches over time. This enables us to take a look back and see trends in responses over the 6-year period.

It should be noted however that while the survey will have been sent out to all local authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland over these 6 years, the local authorities responding will vary from year to year, so this cannot be interpreted as a direct comparison.

Q: How would you characterise the need for affordable homes (i.e. homes available for subsidised or social rent) in your local authority area?

United Kingdom												
	2	016	2017		2018		2019		2020			
Answer	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%		
Severe	69	59	96	63	89	63	92	58	138	64		
Moderate	44	37	54	35	49	35	64	40	67	31		
Not substantial	4	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	10	5		
Don't know	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1		

Q: What is the dominant model of delivering social and affordable housing in your local authority area?

				U	nited Ki	ngdom						
	20	15	20	2016		17	20	18	20	19	2020	
Answer	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Direct delivery	25	19	24	21	31	24	27	19	24	24	41	19
"Through the planning process via Section 106 agreements	78	59	87	75	85	65	65	47	68	68	115	53
Joint Ventures on council- owned land	11	8	5	4	14	11	13	9	8	8	19	9
Other	19	14	-	-	-	-	34	25	-	-	41	19

Q: Are you currently considering or have already set up a local housing delivery company?

	United Kingdom													
	20	16	20	17	2018		2019		2020					
Answer	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%				
Yes - a wholly owned subsidiary of the council	38	33	65	52	58	42	65	43	104	48				
Yes - as a joint venture	18	16	23	18	34	25	29	19	31	14				
No	47	41	31	25	37	27	44	29	62	29				
Don't know	13	11	7	6	10	7	14	9	19	9				

Q: Is your council currently delivering or exploring private rented sector homes (PRS) as part of the solution to creating new homes in your local authority area?

United Kingdom											
	2016		2017		2018		2019		20	20	
Answer	Total	%									
Yes – currently delivering PRS	19	16	29	19	24	18	40	27	84	39	
Yes - exploring PRS as an option	36	31	70	46	64	47	53	36	44	20	
No	49	42	42	28	33	24	47	32	59	27	
Don't know	12	10	10	7	14	10	9	6	29	13	

Q: Do you currently have an up-to-date plan with an adopted 5-year land supply?

United Kingdom												
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
Answer	Total	%										
Yes	59	54	66	57	90	61	81	64	91	66	131	63
No	45	41	48	41	57	39	43	34	37	27	68	33
Don't know	6	6	2	2	1	1	2	2	10	7	9	4

Q: The revised NPPF and Planning Policy Guidance (2018) include changes to the viability test. Going forward, do you think the new viability test will help or hinder your local authority's ability to secure sufficient social and affordable housing to meet local needs?

United Kingdom												
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
Answer	Total	%										
Helped	13	14	11	11	17	14	12	11	35	32	42	25
Hindered	50	53	72	72	77	61	66	60	26	23	37	22
Don't know	31	33	17	17	32	25	32	29	50	45	90	53

Annex 3: Interviewees

11 semi-structured interviews with experts in the field, from across the UK. Individuals were selected to ensure a wide range of expertise, and our interviews explored both best practice and barriers to healthy placemaking:

Head of Placemaking at a New Town

Conservative Council Leader

Director of a lobbying and research group focusing on cities

Architect specialising in housing quality

Senior civil servant, Public Health England

Professor working on housing design quality, based in Scotland

Senior lecturer working on housing design quality, based in England

Housing policy officer from a built environment-related professional body

Senior officer working on placemaking at a Combined Authority

Executive Director at a charity concerned with built environment heritage and stewardship

Public Health Officer based in a London Borough



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