Rural Services Network Workshop

"Rural Housing – Why Bother"
Effective working between Housing Associations & Local Authorities

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Introduction

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Why work closely with the local authority

- To deliver better cost effective service.
- To deliver housing where housing is needed.
- To work with the communit
- Time saving.
- Joined up working.

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How we work together

- site finding
- Assessing housing need
- Early consultation on scheme proposals
- Share resources
- Saving time
- Share a vision

Results of the joint working

Site finding

- ➢ **Jointly work with Parish Councils.**
- ➢ **UDC has large number of completed Rural exception schemes.**
- ➢ **Wimbish – Needed access to field, used UDC garage site, was re-provided**
- ➢ **First ever delivery of Rural Passivhaus scheme in England**

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Assessing housing need

➢ **Jointly work with Housing Enabler.**

➢ **Both work with Parish Councils**

➢ **Identified scheme based on local need**

➢ **Jointly approach planners at early stage**

➢ **Check register reflects need**

➢ **Update ward councillor**

How we work together

Jointly making schemes work

- ➤ **Turning Local Communities desire into real schemes**

- ➤ **Early consultation**

- ➤ **Trust – open book (open market homes)**

- ➤ **Identifying resource shortfall**

- ➤ **Jointly attracted Government growth area funding - enabled higher levels of energy efficiency – Hatfield Heath**

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How we work together

Share resources

➢ **Hastoe advised UDC officers on government grants and processes.**

➢ **Training – UDC officers spend time in Hastoe office**

➢ **UDC gives, sells, or trades land – Hatfield Heath, Wimbish**

➢ **Councillor**

How we work together

Saving time

➢ **District council works with the Parish councils**

➢ **Planners input (Sites & design)**

➢ **Jointly attend open meetings**

➢ **Section 106 preparation**

➢ **Early agreement of local housing need**

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How we work together

Share a vision

➢ **To deliver Affordable housing where its needed**

➢ **To ensure its good design**

➢ **To ensure built to high sustainable standard**

➢ **Officers work together ensuring high management standards are maintained**

Some of the results

Questions

Your opportunity to ask easy questions

Thank you

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