

Local Affordable Housing

**Bodiam Parish Council
Presentation**

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Sussex Community Housing Hub

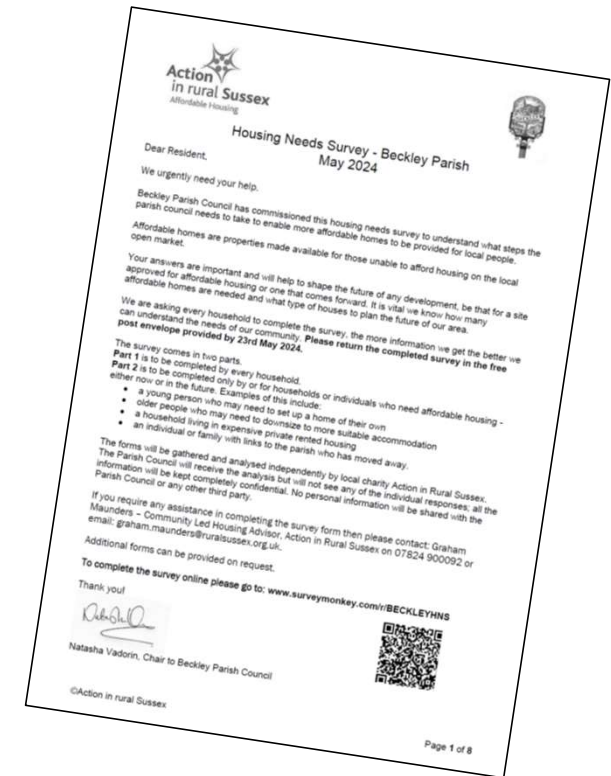
Rural Housing Enabling and Community Led Housing Services

- Raising awareness – community engagement
- Technical advice, support and project management
- Housing needs surveys
- Site identification & appraisal
- Landowner negotiation
- Identifying a Housing Association partner
- Community consultations / engagement
- Enabling role – brokerage between all parties
- Funded and supported by six local authorities



Housing Needs Surveys

- Understand the housing needs of the community
- Postal survey to every home in the parish – with an online option.
- Opportunity for general views and specific need analysis
- Are there local housing needs that are not being met by the open market?
- What sort of provision is required?
- Informing any next steps the Parish Council should take
- Parish 'in the driving seat'



If there is a proven need for local affordable housing – delivery options include:-

- 'Rural Affordable Housing' Model
- Community Led Housing

Rural Exception Sites

- These are small sites either within or on the edge of rural Communities that would not normally be used for housing.
- One of the key considerations is clearly identified local affordable housing need
- Rural Exception Sites have to be well connected to a settlement – roads, footpaths, and services.



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TENURE: Affordable rent : 4 x 1bed flats, 2 x 2bed flats. Shared ownership: 2 x 3bed houses

Community Led Housing

- Community integrally involved throughout the process in key decisions.
- Presumption in favour of a long-term role for the community in ownership, management or stewardship
- A Community Land Trust is a non-profit community based organisation that develops / owns housing or other assets such as community hubs, pubs, shops for long term community benefit
- Over 500 across England & Wales – which in the past decade have
- Built over 1800 affordable homes
- Built or taken ownership of 100 green spaces, shops, pubs and workplaces



Further information?

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