



Rural Affordable Housing
Project

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Post project review: initial dissemination of outputs

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Supporting communities, local authorities and their partners



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Rural Affordable Housing Project: objective

Support local authorities and their partners enable affordable homes across rural communities

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Introduction

- *Context and background*
- *Process*
- *Outputs*
- *Conclusions*

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Context



Focus on settlements with population fewer than 3000

Defra funded

Carried out by the HCA

Rural Proofing

Taylor Review

Rural Housing Advisory Group

HCA commitment to enable thriving communities

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Political environment

“localism”

“collaborative democracy”

“provision of good data by the local planning authority to the electors ... so that they can develop their vision for their community on a well-informed basis”



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Process

Project dialogues with 54 local authorities

*Visited housing associations, partnerships and
campaign/advocacy organisations*

Project outputs

Independent research and development projects

- 1. The nexus of community-led planning and rural affordable housing: towards an enhanced process*
- 2. Rural housing economic viability toolkit*
- 3. Development of a tool to demonstrate the contribution of affordable housing on rural communities' sustainability*



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Project outputs

Elected member support events

- *Collaboration between IDeA and HCA*
- *Programme to roll out 2010-11*



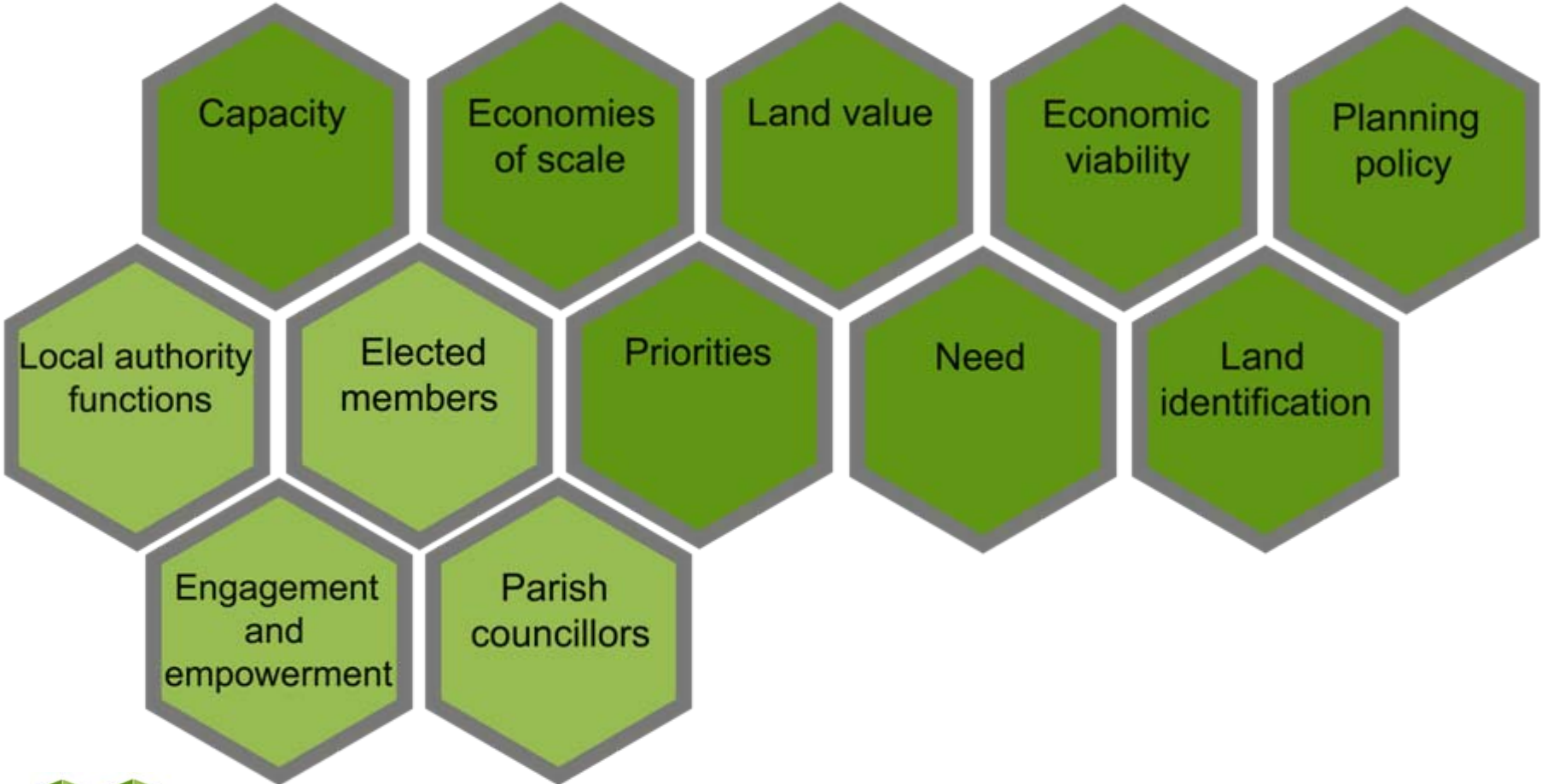
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Project outputs

Good practice examples

- *Initial collection of 74 good practice examples*
- *Policy and procedure that helps to overcome challenges and barriers*
- *Used to overcome barriers associated with key issues along the rural enabling process*

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Each issue is affiliated to one of 4 themes





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Project outputs

Rural Enabling Guide

Tool to target the good practice examples that can benefit your planning and rural enabling activities.



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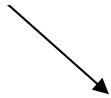
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BARRIER

**Silo working
Lack of knowledge**



**Local authority
functions**

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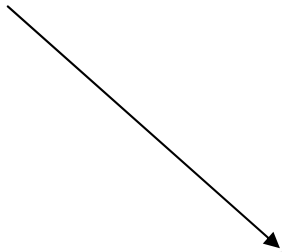
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SOLUTION



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Evaluation and conclusions



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Rural Enabling Guide - *Way of sharing ideas,
building knowledge and capacity*

To the future

- Capacity*
- Knowledge*
- Communication*
- Rural housing partnerships*

HCA commitments:

- *To draw on the conclusions of the independent research studies and disseminate further activity as a result of them to local authorities*



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