



**Good Practice**

**Objective**

<b>Communication with Diocese</b>	To help mitigate the scarcity of land for affordable housing development
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**Detail**

Liaison with [Diocese](#) achieves updates on potential land becoming available. Periodic meetings with contact from Oxfordshire Diocese enables exchange of information on sites that the Church may be looking to dispose of and reviewing these sites in relation to the potential need for rural affordable housing.

Sites are reviewed by the Planning department with a resulting list of sites with potential to achieve planning permission being passed to Rural Enabler and RP delivery partner for follow up.

The willingness of the Diocese to consider disposal of excess [glebe land](#) for use for rural exception development is a particular boost to mitigating scarcity of land availability in general.

## Outcomes

Glebe land at Shrivenham has produced one rural exception site already which has delivered 14 affordable homes for both renting and low cost home ownership ([HomeBuy](#)).

There is also the possibility of a further site in the same village. A further site is being considered for potential use as a first rural [exception site](#) to serve a 'cluster' of the smallest parishes.

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