



Good Practice

Objective

<p>Council land used for exception sites</p>	<p>To enable affordable housing sites to be brought forward and development to progress.</p>
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Detail

Council owned land has been disposed of at below market value to enable the development to progress. The land for this scheme which provided 9 affordable homes, started off in two phases.

The location of the land for Phase I came under an exception site policy but the land for phase II was within the village settlement boundary. The land for the entire site was sold at a reduced rate based upon costs per plot for exception sites, i.e. not open market value.

Test Valley Borough Council’s Estates are aware of the importance of securing land to aid the delivery of affordable housing. They are in the process of looking to identify Test Valley land in general, including land for the delivery of affordable housing in rural areas.

Outcomes

The scheme at Hurstbourne Tarrant in Test Valley is the example that has been used as above, of the council disposing of land at below market value in order to enable affordable housing to be developed.

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