



Good Practice - event

Objective

<p>Event for landowners 7th March 2008.</p>	<p>To highlight the importance of releasing land for rural affordable housing.</p>
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Detail

The event was linked to one of the objectives in the Dorset Community Strategy – *“Better and more co-ordinated use of land and the development of a county-wide asset register to detail all sites that have the potential to provide new affordable homes.”*

There was a recognition that whilst we could identify and access publicly owned land, we needed to get private landowners and land agents on board as well. This was one of a series of events hosted by the Dorset Affordable Housing Task Group as part of a tool kit for delivering its Action Plan and LAA targets.

Approximately 100 delegates attended - including landowners, rural asset management agents, affordable housing providers and enablers from the public, private and charitable sectors.

Outcomes

There was networking between those with land and those enabling and/or providing land for affordable housing. This helped develop ideas about the action necessary on providing affordable homes. Legal issues were also highlighted for landowners, such as how to keep land and subsequent homes 'affordable'.

The event also raised awareness about the current issues and options e.g. PPS3, community land trusts, housing market assessment, reliable housing need evidence, asset register, self build, nomination rights, exception sites, covenants.

Also discussed was the need for a protocol for disposal of public land for affordable housing for Dorset.

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