

# Affordable housing

You asked us about **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**. What is it?

- It is rented and intermediate housing (shared ownership) provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market – currently estimated to be 40% + of newly forming households in Mid Sussex.
- An affordable rent is no more than 80% of the local market rent. Units are rented via an approved housing association such as Affinity Sutton.
- The draft Mid Sussex plan requires a minimum of 30% of affordable housing provision on ALL residential developments of 4+ dwellings. On smaller sites or where on-site provision is not practical a commuted payment has to be made towards off-site provision equivalent to 30% affordable housing.
- Mid Sussex also requires a mix of tenure: 75% social or affordable rented homes with 25% for intermediate homes unless local evidence supports a different mix.
- When allocating the first letting (or lease in the case of affordable home ownership developments) of a home within a new development of general needs, housing priority will be given to bids from applicants who have a local connection.
- In subsequent lettings of a designated 50% of the homes in the development, priority will be given to applicants with a Local Connection with the village or parish as if they were first lettings of such developments.

