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Name of MP

Address

Date

**REQUEST FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY LED HOUSING TO THE TREASURY**

NOTE THAT THIS FUND ONLY APPLIES TO ENGLAND BUT YOU COULD WRITE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING TO YOUR MPS IN OTHER AREAS, OR REQUEST SOMETHING SIMILAR FOR SCOTLAND, WALES OR NORTHERN IRELAND.

Dear Local MP

I am writing to ask for your written support of the **renewal of the Community Housing Fund in the comprehensive spending review** to Chancellor Rishi Sunak and to the *Secretary* of State for Levelling Up, *Housing* and Communities, Michael Gove.

I would like to see the housing crisis addressed in our local area, and across the country, through the provision of affordable, sustainable housing shaped by and for the local community. Community Led Housing is an excellent way of doing this as it puts communities in the driving seat, deciding what housing is needed where, and ensuring they have a say in the stewardship of the land and housing in the years that follow.

If you have a current cohousing community, or a proposed scheme, give a little more detail as it relates to your local area.

Richard Bacon MP’s recent independent review of housing for the Prime Minster ‘[House’](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013928/Bacon_Review.pdf)  has shown that there is a desperate need to unlock consumer choice through custom, self build and community housing within placemaking and recognises the part that community-led housing can play in this.

The rebranded Dept of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities indicates a potential strengthening of the government’s commitment to community-based solutions through collaboration within public, private and voluntary sectors, including community-led housing.

Constituency name desperately needs more housing choice, particularly with the number of garden villages planned (or other local issue) that should include community involvement, stewardship and land value capture for the benefit of the community. We also need some exemplar schemes in our area (or maybe you already have one in your local area that you could point to as an example?)

**If you have a downsizing requirement in the area, this could catch their eye.**

As well as affordable community-led housing, choice is also encouraged for those who can fund their own projects that encourage downsizing, like cohousing where groups of people set up neighbourly, mutually supportive communities of 10-40 dwellings where older age residents with equity, for example, can also help younger people without equity to live together intergenerationally.

**Other questions you could ask**

* Is there a Levelling Up bid planned for the constituency that could include this, like through community right to regenerate?
* Are there developers, land owners or masterplanners that you know of in the constituency that might be open to innovative approaches to Section 106 or joint ventures with not for profit developers (groups)?

Much has been achieved by [Community Led Homes](http://www.communiyledhomes.org.uk/) and the national community-led housing hubs to assist community-led housing proposals like ours (if you have one) to meet local housing need in an innovative way. Please could I urge for your written support to the Treasury and to Michael Gove? Full details of Comprehensive Spending Review are here: https://cohousing.org.uk/news/community-led-homes-comprehensive-spending-review-submission/

Yours sincerely