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# Affordable housing

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## Introduction

Blackpool Council is preparing an Affordable Housing SPD which will provide more detailed guidance on the Council's affordable housing requirements in new housing developments (including conversions) within Blackpool.

The Council's aim is to ensure there is an adequate supply of good quality affordable housing across the Borough, providing a choice of size, type and tenure that appeals to family occupation in particular, to help create attractive, sustainable, mixed-income communities and to support Blackpool's regeneration.

Affordable housing includes social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable housing should include provision to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

The SPD will not create new planning policy, but will instead supplement and expand on saved Policy HN8 in the current Blackpool Local Plan (Adopted 2006) and proposed policy CS13 in the emerging Core Strategy, which will eventually replace the current Blackpool Local Plan. It is informed by the Fylde Coast Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2008) and the Blackpool Affordable Housing Viability Assessment Report (2009). These are both evidence base documents for the Core Strategy and can be viewed [here](#).

The [Draft Affordable Housing SPD](#) underwent public consultation in July-August 2012

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