

**QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

Council Meeting: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Question from: Holly Morse

Question to: Councillor Patient, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action and Housing

QUESTION

Calderdale has so much to offer including its heritage and stunning natural beauty but families are struggling to stay in the area. How are we addressing the growing costs of rents and housing shortages, while making sure we are building sustainable, liveable places, not just housing, for the next generation.

RESPONSE

The Council is committed to delivering housing to meet the requirements of all sections of the community. Under the Local Plan, a proportion of all homes on larger sites must be affordable (the proportion varies between different areas of Calderdale because of viability). We also seek to maximise the amount of housing that is accessible to people with disabilities.

In terms of creating sustainable and liveable places, we have recently adopted a Placemaking Design Guide, and we now employ an Urban Design Officer to oversee the implementation of this Guide.

The Council's Housing Team proactively work with both private and social housing providers to look at how we can deliver a range of affordable housing units across the borough. Recent successes include the Beech Hill scheme, which saw 106 new affordable homes being built in Halifax, in partnership with Together Housing. We have also seen 126 new apartments built at The Boltworks, also in Halifax, in partnership with Place First. These homes are a product called Build to Rent and are for people who wish to rent a home.