

COUNCIL**8 JULY 2025****QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 5.5**

The following question has been asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.5 by Councillor M Hood:

Can the Cabinet Member responsible for housing tell me how many homes for social housing for rent have been constructed in this borough in each of the last ten years?

Response of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy (Cllr R Betts):

In line with current policy CP17, affordable housing on a new development would aim to have a tenure split of 70/30 in line with, with 70% affordable rented tenures and 30% Intermediate i.e. Affordable Home Ownership. Affordable rented can include both social rent and affordable rent, the definitions of which are as follows:

Affordable or Intermediate Rent

Homes let at least 20% below local market rents (affordable rental properties) or let at rates set between market rents and social rents (intermediate rental properties). The market rent or market value refers to the cost of housing either for rent or for sale in the private sector. Calculating market costs takes into account the property size, type and location.

Social Rent

Set through the National Rent Regime in England at around 50% of market rents, Social Rent homes are for people on low incomes.

Delivery over the last 10 years – financial years 2014/15 to 2024/25:

	Affordable rent	Social rent	Intermediate (e.g. shared ownership, discount sale)	Total AH
2014 15	69	0	36	105
2015 16	43	0	67	110
2016 17	60	5	79	144
2017 18	76	1	109*	186

	Affordable rent	Social rent	Intermediate (e.g. shared ownership, discount sale)	Total AH
2018 19	159	2	69**	230
2019 20	44	0	42	86
2020 21	41	2	14	57
2021 22	49	35	36	120
2022 23	2	18	10	30
2023 24	88	0	45	133
2024 25	147	0	111	258

*includes 18 Discounted Open Market Sale units

**includes 8 Discounted Open Market Sale units