

Thriving communities,
affordable homes



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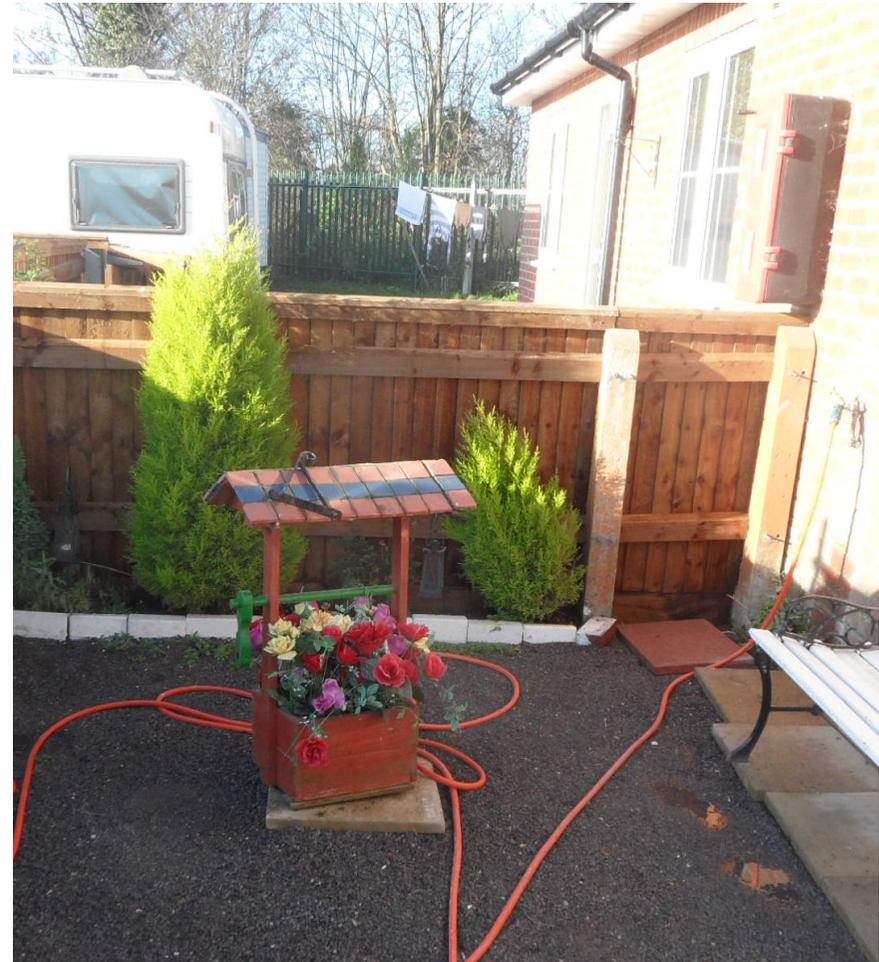


An update on Traveller Pitch
Funding

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Blackwell, South Cambridgeshire

Current delivery context



- Limited public funding
 - More with less
 - Greater focus on value for money
 - Lower funding rates across the whole AHP
- Localism
 - National agency that delivers locally
 - Bottom up approach to investment
 - LA support for all investment
- From April:
 - The HCA will become the regulator of social housing providers;
 - HCA London delivery will transfer to the GLA



Blackwell, South Cambridgeshire



Northwood Park, Gloucestershire

Putting communities in charge



- HCA supporting community-led responses to
 - Housing need e.g. Lyvennet Community Trust
 - Economic development e.g. High Bickington Community Property Trust
 - Estate regeneration e.g. Byker Community Trust
- AHP: simplified processes and procedures for community-led projects and access to AHP funding
- Enabling and sign-posting:
 - Improving access to information and expertise
 - HCA community-led champions
 - Working with LAs and RPs to explore community-led opportunities and share best-practice



Summersgangs Lane, West Lindsey



Our investment role: Affordable Homes Programme 2011-15



- £4.5bn (£2.3bn existing commitments)
- Meeting locally identified needs
- Majority for Affordable Rent
 - But also:
 - Affordable Home Ownership
 - Supported housing
 - Traveller Pitch Funding
 - Homelessness Change Programme
 - Empty Homes
 - FirstBuy



HCA delivery of traveller provision

- In the last year of the Gypsy & Traveller Sites Grant programme

£16.3m was invested in 26 schemes across the country providing:

- 88 new or add'l pitches
- 179 refurbished pitches
- Ten schemes have completed so far



Hartford Bridge, Northumberland

L-R Neil Cawson – HCA, Maggie Curry - resident, Tom Brechany - Councillor, Sarah Witherley – Northumberland CC Project manager, Bill Carr - HCA

2011-15 Traveller Pitch Funding

- CSR 2011: £60million available over four years to 2015
- Aims to develop new sites, add new pitches onto existing sites and to improve existing provision for travellers
 - £47million allocated to 71 schemes across England in January 2012, to deliver:
 - 784 pitches
 - 617 new/additional, and 167 improved
 - £13m to be allocated through further bidding, opening in May 2012.



Oakwell Park, Gateshead



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Programme summary



- AHP Framework document
<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/sites/default/files/our-work/affordable-homes-framework.pdf>
- Payment on completion – payment by results
- No 100% grant funding for sites – need to contribute other resources e.g. own resources, land
- Funding available across England (apart from London) – no pre-determined regional split
- Quarterly monitoring of delivery – all schemes must finish by March 2015
- All investment partners (including traveller organisations) can apply
 - Must qualify as an HCA Investment Partner (can qualify alongside submitting a bid)
 - Bid through an existing consortium

Accessing remaining funding

- Bidding process to be announced in May 2012
- Continuous Market Engagement – no fixed bid round
- Priority for new permanent sites, but funding is available for refurbishment and temporary or transit sites where they are the most appropriate solution for local needs
- Need to show good value for money
- Proposals need to be worked up before funding
- Working in partnership with Local Authorities
- Contact local HCA team to discuss proposals:
<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/inyourarea>

Information required to support bids

- Requirements not finalised yet, but, as a guide, this is what we asked for in main bid round:
 - Provider, if not the bidder
 - Local authority name
 - Scheme details – address, grant, units
 - Type of scheme (new/additional/refurb)
 - Planning status
 - Total scheme costs and level and source of other funding provided (including LA free land)
 - Details of planned and completed consultation with local communities (guidance included in the Framework)
 - Business case for innovative bids
 - Site and scheme design plans



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