

# New homes for neighbourhoods Update



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Brighton & Hove City Council's New Homes for Neighbourhoods programme is building much needed new council homes for rent on council owned land. We aim to deliver 500 new homes in Brighton, Hove and Portslade, with at least 10% of those for wheelchair users and the rest easily accessible and adaptable.

At 1st February 2018 we had completed 98 new build council homes since summer 2015, on nine empty or underused council 'infill' sites across the city. By the end of this March that will rise to 165 completed new council homes, with 131 being delivered in 2017/18 alone. Many more are under construction or in the pipeline.

All new homes are let through Homemove to local households in housing need.

## Brooke Mead – 45 extra care council flats in Albion Street



Tenants moving into the Brooke Mead extra care scheme that was completed in December are delighted with their new home – as are their families. As well as one of 45 self contained one bedroom flats with level access shower, they have use of a residents' lounge and social activity rooms, a laundry, court yard garden and community café with plenty of activities planned. The 'extra care' is provided by care workers on site 24 hours a day seven days a week and a Scheme Manager.

These new council homes will support older residents with low to moderate dementia or other care needs to live independently for as long as possible.

## Kite Place – 57 new council flats in Whitehawk



New tenants are also moving into the first flats to be handed over in the West Block at Kite Place. The rest of the 57 one to three bedroom flats in our largest development to date will be completed over the next few weeks.

Six flats are specially designed for wheelchair users and their families, ten have level access showers suitable for those with other mobility needs and there are lifts to all floors. The buildings are very energy efficient with communal boilers and solar panels on the roof.

## **Hobby Place – 29 new council flats in Whitehawk**

The two blocks of new one to three bedroom council flats below Whitehawk Hub are also getting close to completion and are expected to be handed over and let in March.

The spacious new flats suitable for Mobility bands 1, 2 and 3 have lifts to all floors, fuel efficient communal heating and hot water and solar panels.



## **Salehurst Close – 8 new council homes in Hollingdean**

The roofs are now tiled, the windows and doors are installed and the brickwork is starting to go up over the timber frames of the new homes being built opposite Hollingdean Park and playground, near to local schools and the Children’s Centre.

We expect the six 4 bedroom, 7 person houses and two 2 bedroom, 4 person flats to be completed by June.



## **Kensington Street – 12 new council homes in the North Laine**

Construction starts this month of 12 new council houses and flats on three small, cleared council owned sites in Kensington Street, including a one bedroom wheelchair user flat.

Photographs of the graffiti on adjoining walls will feature in an exhibition in Jubilee Library in March, before moving on to the Keep.



## **For more information on New Homes for Neighbourhoods**

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