

# 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**



Brooke Mead, the council's extra care scheme, was officially opened on Tuesday 10 April by Councillor Mo Marsh, Mayor of Brighton & Hove, and Councillor Anne Meadows, chair of the council's Housing and New Homes Committee. The event was attended by tenants and their families, who are delighted with their new homes and supportive environment. Some residents recently took part in a graffiti art workshop, organised by Bournemouth University, and their art work was shown at the scheme's official opening event.

Cllr Meadows said: "Brooke Mead is the council's first extra care scheme with a real focus on dementia and it is great to see it open and welcoming residents. Residents have their own home, furniture and possessions around them, but also the reassurance of knowing there is extra help on hand 24/7 if they need it."

## **Kite Place – 57 new council flats in Whitehawk**

The 57 flats Kite Place have now all been handed over with the final residents moving in over the next few weeks. An opening event is planned on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> May. 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.



## **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 have lifts to all floors, fuel efficient communal heating and hot water and solar panels.

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

Six 4 bedroom houses and two 2 bedroom flats, opposite Hollingdean Children's Centre will be completed in June. They will provide some much needed large family homes for the area.



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

12 new council homes are now under construction at Kensington Street, Brighton. This constrained site is being carefully delivered to minimise disruption for local businesses and the development will be finished in the summer of 2019.

Photographs of the graffiti on adjoining walls featured in an exhibition in Jubilee Library in March and are now stored at the Keep to ensure a public record of the street art is retained.

## **Selsfield Drive – 30 new council flats on former housing office site**

A Public Exhibition showing the latest scheme designs was held in February as part of the council's pre-planning application consultation with local residents. Officers have also been regularly attending Bates Estate Tenants & Residents Association (BETRA) meetings to show residents the proposed scheme and to answer any questions they may have in relation to the planning process, demolition and construction programme. The results of this public consultation have informed changes in the design of the scheme, including the creation of additional parking spaces in Selsfield Drive to alleviate parking pressures during the construction programme and beyond. The planning application was submitted at the end of March 2018 and is expected to be determined in late July/ early September 2018.

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

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