



# Draft Housing Strategy



**Have your say on the future of housing in Brighton and Hove**



**An easy read guide and questionnaire**



# Brighton & Hove City Council Draft Housing Strategy



In July 2023, Brighton & Hove City Council started a plan to make Brighton and Hove a better place to live.



They want to make sure that there is a **home for everyone**, where people's homes are accessible, affordable and nice to live in.

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Over the next 5 years, they are going to focus on:



- Improving the quality of homes and making them safer



- Make homes better for the environment and last longer



- Make more homes that the city needs



- Stop people becoming homeless



- Help people to be more independent



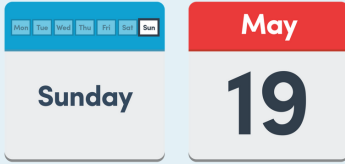
- Improve people's health and wellbeing



- Provide housing services that meets people's needs



To help them with this, the council would like you to answer some questions about housing in the city.



You have until Sunday 19th May 2024 to complete the questionnaire.



Please post your answers to:

Housing Strategy Consultation  
Strategic Housing & Development  
Housing Centre  
Unit 1, Fairway Trading Estate  
Eastergate Road  
Brighton  
BN2 4QL



If you have any questions, please send an email to:

[housingstrategy@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housingstrategy@brighton-hove.gov.uk).



Or you can call 01273 290555 and leave a message.

# 1. Improve housing quality, safety and sustainability



There is a lot of housing in Brighton and Hove that needs to be made safe, sustainable and meet the needs of the people who live there.



The council know that they need to make council homes better.



The council also want to work with landlords to make homes in the private rented sector better.



They also want to make homes more **energy efficient**.



This means making it easier for homes to get and stay warm in the winter. This is better for the environment and also means you pay less for your energy bills.

# Question 1: Do you think that making existing homes better should be a priority?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**



To make homes better, the council is going to focus on the following 4 areas:



1. Improve council homes and estates



2. Make homes safer



3. Make private rented homes better



4. Make homes last longer and energy efficient

**To improve homes in the city, do you agree that the council should focus on the above 4 points?**



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**

**Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when making homes better in the city?**



Please write below

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## 2. Deliver the homes our city needs



A lot of the homes in Brighton and Hove are very expensive.



There are not enough homes that are big enough for families to live in.



There is also not enough accessible or supported housing.



The council wants to make sure there are more homes that meets everyone's needs and that don't harm the environment.

## Question 2: Do you think the council should make more homes in the city that meet peoples needs?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**



To make more homes that the city needs, the council are going to focus on the following 3 areas:



1. Make more good houses that meet different people's needs



2. Make more homes that people can afford



3. Make more places that people feel proud of

**To make more homes that meet people's needs, do you agree that the council should focus on the above 3 points?**



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**

**Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when making more homes that meet people's needs?**



Please write below

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### 3. Stop people becoming homeless



The council want to try and stop people becoming homeless.



The council will work with people, families, landlords and other services to try and prevent homelessness.



The number of people living in temporary and emergency housing is getting bigger.



Temporary housing is offered for people to live in while they're waiting for home to live in for a long time.

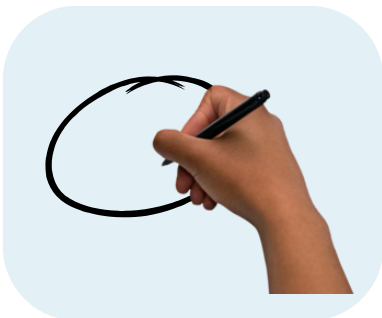


Temporary and emergency housing can feel unsafe. It is expensive for the council to place people there.



The council want to make sure that people get support and services when they need help most.

### Question 3: Do you think the council should focus on trying to stop people becoming homeless?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**



To try and stop people becoming homeless, the council is going to focus on the following 3 areas:



1. Get better at stopping people becoming homeless



2. Reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation



3. Focus on the people that need the most help

**To make more homes in the city that meet people's needs, do you agree that the council should focus on the above 3 points?**



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**

**Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to stop people becoming homeless?**



Please write below

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## 4. Support independence and improve health and wellbeing



Having a safe and comfortable home can help people to be more independent.



It can also improve their health and wellbeing.



Feeling safe in the area where you live is also very important.



The council wants to provide housing that meets the needs of older people and disabled people.



They also want to improve the city's sheltered accommodation to better fit the needs of older people.

## Question 4: Do you think the council should focus on trying to improve people's independence, health and wellbeing?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**



To try and improve people's independence, health and wellbeing, the council is going to focus on the following 3 areas:



1. Make neighbourhoods safer and more accessible by working with other services and organisations



2. Support people to live more independently



3. Make sure that homes are safe and meet the needs of people living there so that it can improve their health and wellbeing

**To improve people's independence, health and wellbeing, do you agree that the council should focus on the above 3 points?**



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**

**Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to improve people's independence, health and wellbeing?**



Please write below

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## 5. Provide better housing services



The council wants to make sure that the people that live in their homes feel listened to.



They want to make sure that people are safe.



If something breaks or goes wrong in a council house, they want to make sure it gets sorted out.



They want to make sure everyone has access to the support and services they need.



They want to make sure people are treated fairly and with respect.

## Question 5: Do you think the council should focus on providing housing services that meets people's needs?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**



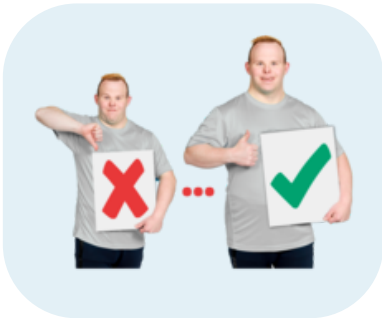
To try and provide better housing services, the council is going to focus on the following 4 areas:



1. Listen more to what people have to say about their homes



2. Make housing services more accessible and fairer



3. Make housing services better



4. Work with other services and organisations to make homes better

**To make housing services that meets people's needs, do you agree that the council should focus on the above 4 points?**



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



**Strongly agree**



**Agree**



**Do not agree or disagree**



**Disagree**



**Strongly disagree**



**Not sure?**

**Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when making housing services that meets people's needs?**



Please write below

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# About you



Please tell us a bit about you so we know we are working with all types of people.



You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.



If you do not want to answer a question, please put a tick where it says:

Prefer not to say



Please write your answers in the white box:



Have you answered these questions on your own or as part of a group or organisation?



Do you live in Brighton & Hove?

Please tick yes or no:

Yes     No     Prefer not to say



What type of housing do you live in?

This could be private housing, council house, temporary or emergency housing or a care home.

Prefer not to say



How old are you?

Prefer not to say



What is your gender?

This could be female, male, non-binary, prefer not to say or anything else

Prefer not to say



Is your gender the same as it was when you were born, or has it changed?

Prefer not to say

Which ethnic group do you or your family come from?

Please tick which ones apply to you, or write in the box:



Arab

Mixed: Asian and White

Asian: Bangladeshi

Mixed: Asian and Black



Asian: Indian

Mixed: Other

Asian: Pakistani

White: British / English  
Northern Irish / Scottish  
Welsh

Asian: Chinese



Asian: Other

White: Irish

Black: African

White: Gypsy or Irish  
Traveller

Black: Caribbean

White: Other



Black: Other

Prefer not to say

Any other ethnic group:

Which people are you attracted to? (Your sexual orientation)

Please circle your answer, or write in the box:



Men



Women



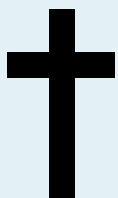
Both



None

Any other sexuality:

Prefer not to say



What is your religion?

Please tick which ones apply to you, or write in the box below:

I do not have a religion

Buddhist

Pagan

Christian

Sikh

Hindu

Agnostic

Jain

Atheist

Jewish

Prefer not to say

Muslim

Any other religion:



Do you have any of the following health problems or disabilities?

Please tick all of the ones that apply to you:

Physical disability

Hearing or seeing difficulty ( including deaf or blind)

Learning disability

Long term illness

Mental health problem

Autism

Prefer not to say



Do you have any other health problems or disabilities?

Prefer not to say



Are you a carer?

Do you look after any of your friends or family members that are not well?

Prefer not to say



Have you ever been looked after by the local authority? For example, when you were a child, you were placed in foster care or a children's home.

Prefer not to say



Have you ever served in the army, navy or airforce?

Prefer not to say

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire**



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