

Community Right to Build

An Opportunity in the Making

The Government is planning to give citizens more rights to decide what is built in their communities, including housing, local shops and community facilities.

Proposals for the Community Right to Build are currently before Parliament as part of the neighbourhood planning framework in the Localism Bill. If the Bill becomes law any successful proposal will need to be:

- from a community group such as a community interest company or a community land trust, etc
- independently assessed to see whether the proposals meet specific key criteria; and
- supported by more than half of the community that vote in a referendum.

If you're interested in a community-led development you should talk to your neighbours to get an idea about what sort of development the whole community would want to see. You may also want to talk to your local council, housing association or other community groups. You may also find it useful to get advice from people who already have experience of taking forward community-led schemes.

To find out more about the Community Right to Build visit:

www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild
for further information.

If your community group is interested in using the Community Right to Build and wants to be kept in touch, tell us about your plans at:

righttobuild@communities.gsi.gov.uk

For information on community led developments, visit:

Community Land Trust Network –
www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk

Locality –
www.locality.org.uk

UK Cohousing Network –
www.cohousing.org.uk

Action with Communities in Rural England –
www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning

Confederation of Co-operative Housing –
www.cch.coop