



Ministry
of Defence

Defence Housing Strategy 2025

Fixing Defence Family Housing and Delivering for the Nation

Forces families make extraordinary sacrifices to keep us all safe.

They deserve a home they can be proud of. This Strategy marks the biggest change to Defence housing in half a century, delivering homes fit for our forces and getting Britain building on surplus Defence land.



A Generational Renewal: A ten-year plan to modernise or upgrade nine in ten Defence homes, with work underway immediately. Building on the landmark deal to bring 36,000 military homes back into public ownership, backed by multi-billion-pound investment, with new standards and widened access to put decent homes at the heart of military life.



Forces First: A new, dedicated Defence Housing Service with a service ethos at its heart, putting the needs of personnel and their families first. Alongside this, new homeownership opportunities will be available for personnel and veterans on new homes built on MoD land.



Delivering for the nation: Kickstarting a historic building programme – using Defence land more effectively to deliver homes for both military and civilian families and support the national housebuilding effort. With potential for over 100,000 new homes for civilian and military families, Defence developments will help drive economic growth and support thousands of jobs.

Key Statistics



Over 40K homes
upgraded and
modernised



Newly built
homes across
one third of the
estate



100,000 homes
into wider
development



6,300
responses from
forces families

Key recommendations

The most comprehensive plan ever set out for the renewal of military family housing and development of Defence land:



Generational Renewal



- New military housing standards for renewing and acquiring Defence homes.
- 10-year renewal, with around 40,000 military homes modernised or upgraded.
- Modern property standards comparable to high-quality civilian landlords.
- Thousands of military homes to receive a complete makeover – new kitchens, bathrooms and heating systems.
- Work on 1,000 worst-quality homes underway immediately.
- End of 'Fix on Fail' maintenance.
- Right homes in the right places: right-sized, suitable homes for all ranks, with widened access reflecting modern family life.
- Annual reports on meeting commitments to families and decent homes standards.

Forces First



- New Defence Housing Service to put forces families first.
- Consumer Charter for Forces Families – with named housing officers and new freedoms to decorate or keep pets.
- Improved complaints handling, ultimately overseen by the independent Armed Forces Commissioner.
- New homeownership opportunities for forces families and veterans.
- Detailed follow-up review into Single Living Accommodation to ensure all personnel have the accommodation they deserve.

Delivering for the nation



- Accelerate housing delivery on surplus defence land, supporting military and wider national objectives.
- A new Defence Development Fund to reinvest proceeds in housing renewal, delivering for Britain.
- Major housebuilding programme to deliver new homes for military and civilian families.
- Opportunities for skills training and employment for service leavers and veterans through the building programme.
- New planning powers and flexibilities to speed up housebuilding on Defence land.