

FACTSHEET

This document aims to ease the process of applying for affordable homes and provide the key contact details of those that can offer assistance throughout the process.

Any development proposal within Hambleton of ten or more homes, will have a number of affordable homes to contribute unless it is a Rural Exception Site providing 100% affordable homes. The process to ensure you have registered your interest and able to apply for them, is:

When/ If a Housing Need Survey is circulated in your parish/are, make sure you complete and return (this enables you interest to be registered and allows the officer to keep you informed of progress and events)

Once a site has been identified and the community is being consulted, attend all meetings and provide comments (this will also allow you the opportunity to update your details with any change in circumstances)

3 months from the Start on Site, you will be advised to complete the formal application at www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk , you can register earlier if you want to. Make sure your details are kept up-to-date

When you register you will be given a unique reference number and a housing need banding – Gold, Silver, Bronze (dependant on your housing need). If you have no access to IT or find this difficult please contact the Hambleton District Council Rural Housing Enabler on tel: 01609 767048 who will help.

6 – 9 months into the build process, there will be an opportunity to come along and talk to Housing Officers who will be able to discuss rent levels and how to apply, house values for sale and go through the process to purchase one of the homes.

10 – 11 months into the process, the homes will be advertised on www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk from a Tuesday at 1 minute past midnight until the following Thursday at one minute to midnight. A shortlist will be pulled off on a Wednesday, when the Housing Officers will go through this list matching a home to the potential client makes best use of the home.

All new build affordable homes are controlled by a s106 agreement, which sets out eligibility for those who can live in the homes. Priority will be given to those who meet the local connection criteria. (In the event of developments that have involved the Rural Housing Enabler, they will be involved in the selection of potential tenants/purchasers.

Once the shortlist has been made, the Housing Officer will contact the potential tenant to arrange a visit and discuss the tenancy.

If you are applying for an affordable home you must not already own a home or you will be deemed to be ineligible.