

Rural Housing Associations

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### A bit about Broadacres

- Established in 1993, based in Northallerton we own and manage c6,700 homes in York and North Yorkshire
- We are an exempt charity, Registered with the RSH and an Investment Partner with Homes England
- We are the only major developing Housing Association with a North Yorkshire HQ, we specialise in rural housing delivery and have delivered 700 homes in the last 5 years
- We provide excellent customer experience, delivering services and support locally and responsively
- We have an ambitious development programme, with a plan to deliver 1,000 new homes in the next 5 years
- And we're investing £2M+ pa in improving the energy performance of our homes
  - We have the ambition to be 'the best rural housing association' with a focus on quality, sustainability and customer experience
  - Proud supporter of the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enablers from the beginning
  - We're here to stay, heads and hearts in North Yorkshire!



#### We are not:

- Commercial developers although we think and act commercially to deliver effective services
- Absentee landlords we invest in our homes and communities
- Landlords of last resort we provide a range of products to meet a range of housing requirements
  - Providers of cheap and shoddy homes we deliver quality new homes and invest in our stock

## Challenges Facing Housing Associations



- Costs, interest rates, inflation
- ► Land and planning, Future Homes
- ► Viability and delivery
- ► Funding
- ► But there are opportunities!

## Taking communities with us on the journey

- Mistrust, suspicion, resistance
- Communities changing 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, retirees
- ▶ Is there a 'need?'
- Time consuming and difficult, but important work



What does
Affordable
Housing
look like?













Or This.....

## Rural Exception site and land led opportunities

- Huby development of 12 affordable homes
- ► Hutton Rudby development of 16 affordable homes





# Sedbergh Development of 49 mix tenure homes

- Working in Partnership with South Lakes Housing to provide a mix of Rental, Shared Ownership and Market Housing

#### Time for a takeaway...

- Challenges faced by rural housing associations are similar to those faced by all housing associations
- But there are particular, additional challenges to rural housing delivery
- However, the imperative to deliver in pursuit of sustainable rural community building is stronger than ever
- Partnerships with communities and statutory agencies are key to success
- It's about more than delivering numbers, but without delivery we can't make a difference in our rural communities!



## Thank you - please get in touch!





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