

FAITHIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING - BEKI WINTER



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FIAH PROJECT AIMS



LOCAL– REGIONAL- NATIONAL

Develop a caseload of affordable housing that will be moving forward to planning and development

Support systemic change within the church structures to facilitate more affordable housing building.

ARCHBISHOPS' COMMISSION ON HOUSING CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Building better communities and homes, not just houses.

Sustainable. Safe. Stable. Sociable. Satisfying.

General Synod motion:

“The housing crisis harms all society and responding to housing need is an integral part of the mission and ministry of the Church of England, particularly in so far as it affects the poorest and most marginalised”

Coming Home

Tackling the housing crisis together



UPDATE ON ARCHBISHOPS' HOUSING INITIATIVE

- Archbishops Council £4.25m project – advocacy and support
- National housing strategy campaign: 'Homes for All'
- Church Housing Association and diocesan collaboration in greater West Midlands area
- Working with Faith in Affordable Housing project
- Church Commissioners adopting the Five 'S' principles from Coming Home, and increasing the number of rural exception sites



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FIAH IN ACTION

ACRE-HJ Rural Housing Project

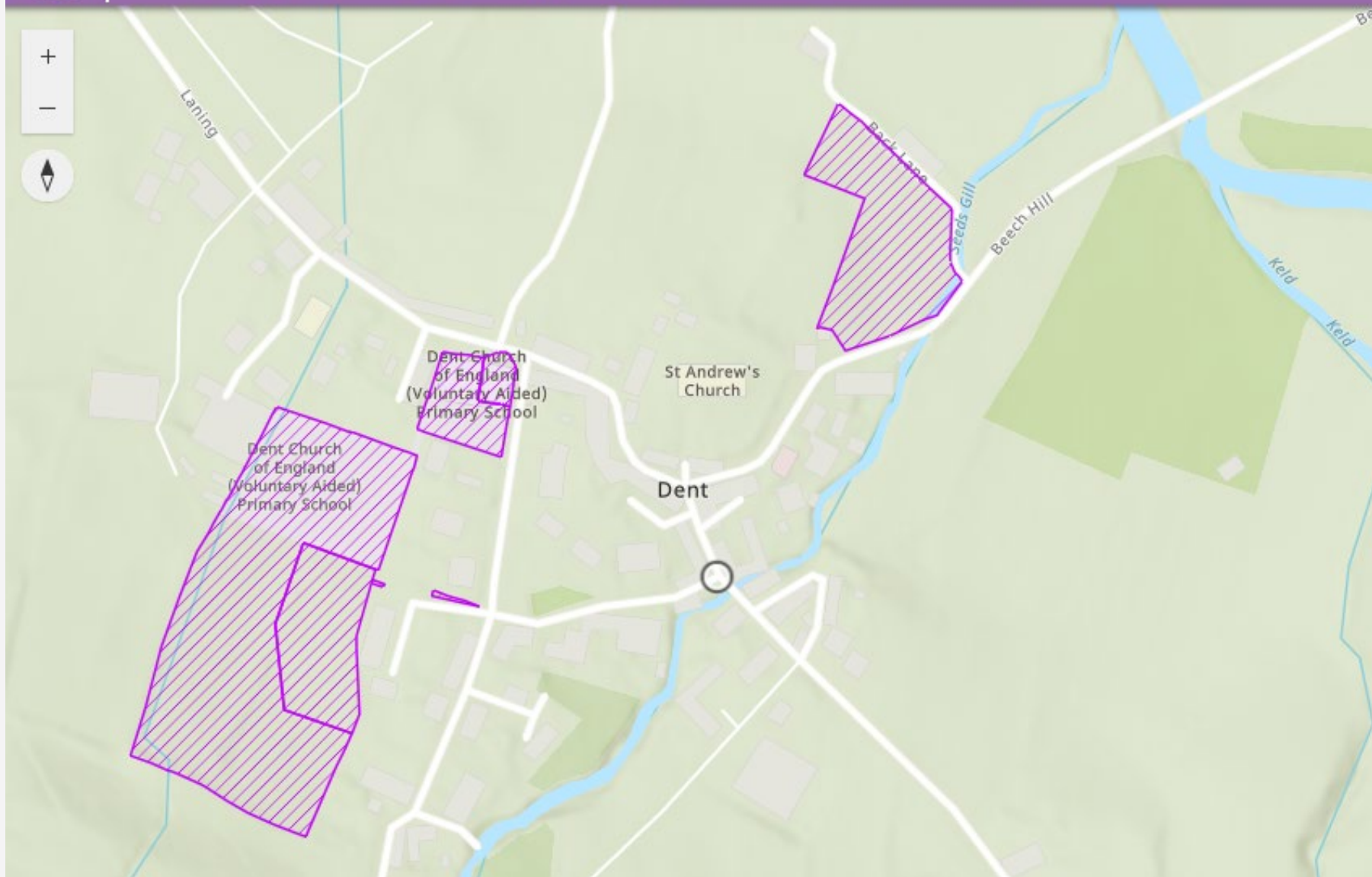
Church Housing Enabler:

- Identify potential sites
- Liaison with diocese/synod/circuit
- Engage with church trustees

Rural Housing Enabler:

- Engage with PC
- Undertake Housing Needs Survey/Assessment
- Set up steering group – RPs & LAs
- Ensure community engaged in design





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LEGAL GUIDE



Wrigleys Solicitors commissioned to produce a guide aimed at PCCs and other church bodies.

A comprehensive legal guide for churches who are seeking to alleviate homelessness and housing need by disposing of disused church land assets for affordable housing

ST MARTINS, PRESTON



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EXAMPLES...

St Martins closed its doors in 09/19 due to spirally energy costs and the cost of refurbishment works required to meet building safety standards. Many community groups used the hall, but income was barely covering running costs.

Plan – Build a new chapel in partnership with a Regenda HA who would buy most of the land and build 14 homes as well as construct the new parish hall.



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SOUTHEY COURT - KESWICK





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ST JOHNS - KESWICK



Keswick Community Housing Trust were able to develop their first scheme thanks to St Johns Church generously agreeing to make a plot of land available at a price which enabled the group to create genuinely affordable homes. 11 x 3 bed homes were developed, a mix of shared ownership and rental along with one home sold off to help fund the whole development.



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WESLEY COURT - AMBLESIDE





Ambleside Parish Centre – An Anglican Methodist partnership, part funded by the sale of the chapel.



Wesley Court is a stunning building in breath-taking surroundings. Located in the town of Ambleside in the Lake District, it's a block of social housing like few others. Up until twenty years ago, the building was known as Ambleside Methodist Chapel. Wesley Court contains fourteen households who would otherwise be forced to leave Ambleside.



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LONGTON CENTRAL METHODIST HALL

- Grade II listed (with curtilage)
- Major repair work needed
- Vision for worship space, community facilities and affordable housing
- Undergoing feasibility with Ashton & Cassidy Architects

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