

CDA Herts

Affordable Rural Housing for Local Residents in Herts Rural Communities



What is a Rural Exception Site?

A rural exception site is a small housing development, usually located on the edge of an existing village. These sites provide affordable homes specifically for people with a connection to the local parish. The housing is protected and prioritised for local residents, ensuring it remains available for them in the long term.

Our Rural Housing Enabler

A Rural Housing Enabler serves as a neutral go-between for Parish Councils, local communities, landowners, Local Authorities, and Housing Associations to help with rural housing projects. They offer independent support and advice.

The first step is conducting a Housing Needs Survey. A survey is sent to every household in the parish, allowing residents to say if anyone in their home requires different accommodation. Results are shared with the Parish Council, helping to determine the size, type, and tenure of affordable housing needed in the village, now and in the future.

How the CDA Herts Rural Housing Enabler Can Assist Your Parish

- Build partnerships with Local Authorities, Communities and Registered Providers
- Manage Housing Needs Surveys
- Identify local housing need
- Assist in finding potential sites
- Create comprehensive reports
- Ensure local people have a voice
- Act as an independent Broker in the process



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What is Affordable Housing?

Affordable housing provides homes for people who can't find suitable options on the open market. This includes rental housing, starter homes, discounted sale homes, and other options like shared ownership.



Use this QR code to read more
in the Parish Council Guide to
Affordable Rural Housing

