

Housing Delivery Portfolio Report**1. Five new council houses completed**

On 14 September we took hand over of three new homes in Barking and two in Bramford. All five houses were built with the support of grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency. The new tenants moved in on 19 September 2016. This brings the total new build homes to six with a further 32 programmed.

2. Old Engine Meadow, Mendlesham Joint Venture

The joint planning application with Baronia developments will be submitted by the end of this week for a mixed tenure scheme of 28 units. This joint venture is where a mutual ransom strip has presented the Council with an opportunity to bring forward development on land which has proved difficult in the past due to access constraints. Working together enables a greater number of homes than if the sites were brought forward individually. The application will be for outline planning. Once achieved, the Council will determine either to sell with the other party for the increased value of the site, or to buy the other share and develop the whole site.

3. FAB project

The 'Flats Above Business Project' has now started in Needham Market. 56 properties have been identified for inspection by Private Sector Housing and the Fire Service. Two Houses in Multiple Occupation that we were previously unaware of have been identified.

4. Disabled Facilities Grants

We are experiencing performance issues with the Orbit Home Improvement Agency, including delays in delivering assessments and the quality of plans. The County Council, in the client role has written to Orbit requesting an improvement plan and giving three months to achieve the required level of performance. The County is also funding a part time contract manager to oversee improvement.

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