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**Public Engagement**

**Draft Housing Strategy 2025-2030**

Westmorland and Furness Council is inviting people who live and work in the area to give their views on the draft Housing Strategy.

The draft strategy outlines Westmorland and Furness Council’s vision for housing across Westmorland and Furness, our priorities, and the actions we will take. It provides a framework for the housing policies and projects we will deliver across all of our services over the next five years.

Please download and use this template to submit your comments, and then email this to the address below or return the hard copy to one of the buildings listed.

* Housing Team, Barrow Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD
* Housing Team, Kendal Town Hall, Lowther Street, Kendal LA9 4DA
* Housing Team, Penrith Town Hall, Corney Place, Penrith CA11 7QF

If you are completing an electronic version of this form, it should be emailed to: housing@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Westmorland and Furness Council welcomes any comments you wish to make on all the proposals or just on those issues that are of particular interest to you.

**All responses should be received by 5pm on Friday, 6 December 2024 to ensure they can be fully considered.**

**Privacy Notice**

The information provided in response to this consultation allows the Council to engage with individuals, communities, and other stakeholders to seek their views on the draft Housing Strategy for Westmorland and Furness. Overall results and intelligence will be used to inform:

* Service improvement.
* Action planning.
* Policy and strategy development.
* Understanding who uses our services (and where there may be gaps)
* Understanding the views of people in the communities of Westmorland and Furness who may have been or are currently affected by homelessness and also of those supporting such households.

Westmorland and Furness Council will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request and the Council will only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. Before you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The council is legally obliged to carry out certain consultations and in other instances, consultation and/or engagement activities are carried out as they are considered to in the public interest. You are not obliged to provide any special category data in response to a consultation and/or engagement. If you do disclose this type of information, the council is able to process it as this function is considered to be of substantial public interest.

Where we do ask for personal information, the reason will be clearly specified and no information collected will be used to identify or contact you unless this is clearly specified. Personal information will be anonymised so individuals cannot be identified in reports or other publicly available information. We may use any personal information to see how representative the feedback is of Westmorland and Furness’s population. We may also use it to see if any particular groups of people are especially affected by our proposals.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner’s Office or visit the website at: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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**DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY 2025-2030**

# Engagement Form

**YOUR DETAILS**

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| **Is this submission on behalf of an:** | **Organisation ?** |  | **Individual?** |   |

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| **Name** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
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Please note that if a response is recorded on behalf of an organisation, the response will include the name of an organisation while all individual responses will be anonymised as ‘individual’

**We have highlighted what our priorities are and how we plan to meet the challenges posed across the three key themes. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on those priorities.**

**THEME 1: OUR PEOPLE**

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| **Preventing and tackling homelessness** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Meeting the needs of our ageing population** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Meeting the supported housing needs and the needs of specific groups** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**Temporary Accommodation Strategy**

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| **Do you agree with the objectives?** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Do you have any further feedback on this strategy?** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**THEME 2: OUR PLACES**

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| **Growing the supply of affordable and available housing** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Addressing the rural housing crisis** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Supporting communities through the neighbourhood renewal** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**Empty Homes Strategy**

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| **Do you agree with the objectives?** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **What other tools can we use?** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Do you have any other suggestions?** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**THEME 3: OUR HOMES**

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| **Decarbonising the housing stock**  |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Ensuring that new housing supply of all tenures contributes to our net zero ambitions** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Addressing stock condition issues, improving poor quality housing in all tenures** |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Ensuring the Council housing stock remains decent and continues to improve** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**Regulatory Reform Order (RRO) including Disabled Facility Grants (DFGs)**

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| **Are there any further priorities you would like us consider?**  |
| Leave your feedback here |
| **Do you have any further feedback on this strategy?** |
| Leave your feedback here |

**Addressing our equality objectives**

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| **Addressing our equality objectives**  |
| Leave your feedback here |