

COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING TOOLKIT

10 TOP TIPS FOR FINDING A SITE FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING

COMMUNITIES CREATING HOMES



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CHECK THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Always check your local development plan. It will give you an idea of available sites and whether you are likely to get planning permission.

GET OUT AND ABOUT

Spread the word about your plans in the local community and on social media. Get to know the area and community, you never know who might have a potential site for you.

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CONSULT ESTATE AGENTS

Estate agents deal in land every day. It's a good idea to have a sound business plan before speaking with them, you want to be seen as a potential developer.

BEFRIEND A SPECIALIST

Local builders, developers, planners, and architects will have some knowledge of sites available.

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PUBLIC ASSETS

Speak to estates departments about their available assets.

CONSIDER A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Thought about working in partnership with a housing association, local authority, even another community-led housing group to buy a larger site?

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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Consider different types of sites. Brownfield sites, empty properties, and conversion sites are usually cheaper and easier to access.

HOMES UNDER THE HAMMER

Head to the auction and put a bid in. Always do your research and have a max amount that you want to spend.

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HIRE A LAND AGENT

You can hire a specialist to find land but this comes at a cost. They typically work on large scale developments.

SPECIALIST SEARCH WEBSITES

These are great places to start and do some market research. You can see available plots and how much they cost. But remember everybody else is also looking,

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