

MEDIA RELEASE

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61 new council homes in Lewisham

Planning permission has been granted for 56 new council homes in Lewisham and local people have moved into five new council flats in Honor Oak.

Housing provider, Lewisham Homes, working in partnership with Lewisham Council, will start building 25 homes in Sydenham, 23 homes in New Cross and 6 town houses in Brockley this year. Another two homes will be created from disused space in Rawlinson House in Lewisham central and Hawke Tower in New Cross.

Keys to five new homes on the Honor Oak estate were handed over to local people in December. The flats which include one wheelchair accessible home were adapted from a former housing office.

Lewisham Homes will use ground breaking offsite building techniques to create the 25 new homes in Sydenham.

The flats will be partly constructed offsite using cutting-edge manufacturing technology and made of environmentally friendly engineered timber, making them quieter to build and more energy efficient.

Ainsley Forbes, Lewisham Homes Board Chair said:

“We can’t wait to get started on building new offsite homes in Sydenham. Building the flats in a factory significantly speeds up how quickly people will move in and also reduces disruption to the local community.”

The six council houses in Brockley will be three storeys high and located on Marnock Road, close to Crofton Park station.

23 new flats and houses on the Somerville estate will be built on the site of a former extra care facility. Lewisham Homes is using feedback from the local community to consider whether more council homes can be built in this area.

Councillor Damien Egan, Cabinet Member for Housing said:

"It's great news for Lewisham residents that our plans to build 56 new council homes in Sydenham, New Cross and Brockley have been approved. This is an important part of our work to build 500 new council homes and 2000 new affordable homes in Lewisham to tackle the housing crisis."

Lewisham Homes is creating around 250 more new council homes elsewhere in the borough.

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Notes to editors

Lewisham Homes manages 18,000 council homes in Lewisham, operates its own repairs and maintenance company and employs more than 550 staff. It is undertaking a major investment programme to improve homes and local communities as well as providing new homes.

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