

Press release

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Green Paper announcement statement

The NFA welcomes the proposed increase in new social housing and the extension of the social housing grant qualification criteria to 2 and 3* ALMOs. ALMOs have proved they can deliver decent homes and excellent housing services and are well positioned to help meet the Government's ambitious targets for new supply. We also look forward to early implementation of the self-financing pilots that will help provide additional homes in the future.

As well as building new homes, however, it is essential to ensure the existing stock is maintained to acceptable standards. We are pleased that the government has recognised ALMOs' success in delivering the decent homes programme and is committing substantial resources to its continuation. It is essential that round 6 and earlier round ALMOs, who have been waiting almost a year for decisions on their funding, are now given a clear green light to go ahead and meet the commitments made to tenants.

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