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Parliamentary Tea Reception to Celebrate 100 Years of Council Housing 2nd July 2019

The NFA and ARCH has proudly held a parliamentary tea reception at the House of Commons to celebrate a hundred years since the Housing, Town Planning Act, widely referred to as the Addison Act. This Act gave Councils a duty to consider the need for council housing and marked the beginning of building council housing at scale.

The event, sponsored by Ilke Homes, was attended by representatives from across government, local authorities and ALMOs, including MPs and Lords, tenants, councillors, officers and civil servants. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the vital role council housing plays in this country, and recognise the commitment to a new wave of council housing.

Hosted by Dame Caroline Spelman MP, who has an ALMO – Solihull Community Housing – in her constituency, speeches were made by Kit Malthouse, Housing Minister and John Healey, Shadow Housing Minister. Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall, the new Chair of the NFA spoke passionately about the value of council housing in her life and community, while Councillor Kim Caddy, Chair of ARCH, spoke about the commitment of councils to solving the housing crisis.

Following the very welcome decision of the Government to lift the HRA borrowing cap, ARCH and NFA member councils and their ALMOs are keen to play their part in delivering the Government's promise of a new generation of council housing by building 'not just homes that people have to live in, but homes they want to live in, homes they can be proud to live in.'

For more information about the Addison Act and the work Councils and ALMOs do, see our two page briefing [here](#).