

# LHS 2023-2028: Consultation Questions

## Introduction

The Scottish Borders Local Housing Strategy sets our vision for housing, setting our key partnership priorities and goals for the next five years, 2023-28. We want people to share their views on our proposed vision, outcomes, key actions and housing issues. We are interested to find out the view of anyone living or wanting to live in the Scottish Borders, as well as any group or organization with an interest in housing in the Scottish Borders.

## The Vision

“Everyone in the Scottish Borders has access to a home that meets their needs and is part of a sustainable community”

The LHS vision needs to help us reach our ambition for housing in the Scottish Borders over the next five years.

1. Is the vision clear?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the vision?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/No opinion

Please share any comments on the vision:

## LHS Strategic Outcomes

The Scottish Borders Draft Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 sets out five Outcomes. We want to find out how these matter to you. Please tell us how important these are to you.

3. How important or otherwise, would you say each of the LHS Outcomes are to you?

	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Fairly Important</b>	<b>Not Very Important</b>	<b>Not Important at all</b>	<b>Don't know/ no opinion</b>
Strategic Outcome 1: Deliver more homes in well designed, sustainable communities that increase opportunity for all					
Strategic Outcome 2: People have access to homes which promote independence, health and wellbeing					
Strategic Outcome 3: Improved energy efficiency of homes and a reduction in fuel poverty while supporting a Just Transition to Net Zero through decarbonising domestic heating and energy					
Strategic Outcome 4: Communities are regenerated through improving the quality and condition of housing and the built heritage.					
Strategic Outcome 5: Homelessness is prevented wherever possible and a range of housing options are provided so people can secure a suitable and sustainable housing outcome as quickly as possible					

4. Do the LHS outcomes reflect the main housing problems that need to be tackled in the Scottish Borders?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/No opinion

Please share any comments:

5. Are there any other emerging outcomes that are missing? Please specify

**LHS Key Actions for Delivery**

**Strategic Outcome 1: Deliver more homes in well designed, sustainable communities that increase opportunity for all**

**Key Actions for Delivery:**

- Increase the supply of affordable housing
- Deliver alternative tenure housing to meet a broad range of needs
- Increase construction capacity and skills to support delivery of more homes
- Implement revised planning policy and practice to ensure it is directive in shaping existing and new places
- Supporting the delivery of housing regeneration in communities (including town centres and rural settlements)
- Support the development and implementation of Place Plans
- Reduce the number of empty homes

6. Are the key actions proposed for LHS Strategic Outcome 1 the right ones?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

If you have some suggestions for key actions, please specify:

7. Are there any major barriers that will stop us delivering LHS Strategic Outcome 1 actions? Please Specify

**Strategic Outcome 2: People have access to homes which promote independence, health and wellbeing**

**Key Actions for Delivery:**

- Work in partnership to deliver more accessible homes across tenures
- Increase the supply of wheelchair housing
- Provide information, advice and assistance on housing options and adaptations to meet particular needs across tenures
- Review the Scheme of Assistance ensuring the new Guidance on the Provision of Equipment and Adaptations is reflected
- Strengthen joint working with partners in HSCP, NHS, RSLs and others to deliver appropriate housing solutions for individuals with complex needs
- Strengthen joint working to support key worker and employer led housing opportunities
- Identify land and funding opportunities to more effectively meet the needs of the Gypsy and Gypsy Traveller community

8. Are the key actions proposed for LHS Strategic Outcome 2 the right ones?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

If you have some suggestions for key actions, please specify:

9. Are there any major barriers that will stop us delivering LHS Strategic Outcome 2 actions? Please Specify

**Strategic Outcome 3: Improved energy efficiency of homes and a reduction in fuel poverty while supporting a Just Transition to Net Zero through decarbonising domestic heating and energy**

**Key Actions for Delivery:**

- Work with partners to improve energy efficiency across all tenures
- Develop the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy for the Scottish Borders
- Implement a public engagement strategy for heat in buildings
- Work with partners to develop the skills needed to deliver energy efficiency and zero emissions heating systems
- Explore wider measures to better manage energy and increase warmth in the home
- Adapt and retrofit existing homes to improve their energy efficiency

10. Are the key actions proposed for LHS Strategic Outcome 3 the right ones?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

If you have some suggestions for key actions, please specify:

11. Are there any major barriers that will stop us delivering LHS Strategic Outcome 3 actions? Please

**Strategic Outcome 4: Communities are regenerated through improving the quality and condition of housing and the built heritage.**

**Key Actions for Delivery:**

- Provide holistic advice and assistance to owners/tenants to undertake house condition/energy improvement/home safety works and co-ordinate or explore funding options.
- Provide supporting and assistance to owners and landlords to meet existing and future house condition standards in private housing.
- Review the Scheme of Assistance
- Developing a Below Tolerable Standard (BTS) Housing Strategy which supports a partnership approach
- Review the Missing Share pilot

12. Are the key actions proposed for LHS Strategic Outcome 4 the right ones?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

If you have some suggestions for key actions, please specify:

13. Are there any major barriers that will stop us delivering LHS Strategic Outcome 4 actions? Please

**Strategic Outcome 5: Homelessness is prevented wherever possible and a range of housing options are provided so people can secure a suitable and sustainable housing outcome as quickly as possible**

**Key Actions for Delivery:**

- Continue to Implement Rapid Rehousing
- Improve access to housing for homeless or potentially homeless households across all tenures
- People who experience homelessness reach a settled housing outcome as quickly as possible
- Ensure homeless households can access the right support at the right time
- All partners actively contribute to preventing homelessness

14. Are the actions proposed for LHS Strategic Outcome 5 the right ones?

Yes

No

don't know/ No opinion

If you have some suggestions for key actions, please specify:

15. Are there any major barriers that will stop us delivering LHS Strategic Outcome 5 actions? Please

16. Are there any specific key actions or actions which you feel will help to support the delivery of the LHS vision and strategic outcomes? Please specify

17. What key action or actions do you think you or your group / organisation can take to contribute towards meeting Scottish Borders Local Housing Strategy vision and outcomes?

## **Housing Supply Target 2023-28**

Based on the SESplan Housing Need and Demand Assessment, Scottish Borders Draft Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 sets a Housing Supply Target to deliver 353 homes per annum 141 (40%) of these are to be affordable.

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed housing supply target?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/No opinion

Please share any comments on the proposed housing supply target:

## **Any Other Comments**

19. Do you have any additional comments about the Draft Local Housing Strategy 2023-2028 that you would like to share: