The role of offsite construction in building new homes for social landlords

John Skivington, LHC Director

November 2017

Diversifying the Housing Supply Market





The wider housing market





Private rented sector









Housing White Paper (1.29 to 1.48)

- Local authorities to give greater weight to using small underdeveloped sites
- Small sites to represent min. 10% of residential development in local plans
- Windfall site policy to support small sites not identified in the plan
- Allow greater use of Local Development Orders to accelerate small sites

Small Sites



Two key drivers for offsite construction on small sites:

- Overcome disproportionately higher cost of development
- Aggregation of lots of small sites to provide critical mass





Build cost of Housing units by site size (BCIS August 2015)





"...if councils look at small site development strategically, either within its own organisation or in collaboration with others, a plan can be formulated to ensure small sites play a significant role in meeting local housing needs."

Small Sites









- Launch of a £45m Land Release Fund
- Allow disposal of land at less than "best consideration"
- Local authorities play a greater role in assembling land for development
- Prioritise developments on land with local authority planning permission







"...homes constructed offsite can be built up to 30% more quickly than traditional methods and with a potential 25% reduction in costs. They are high quality, reliable, more productive and can be

highly energy efficient."

Build-to-rent



Benefits of offsite construction for Build-to-Rent schemes

The financial benefits of increased speed of offsite construction are more realisable:

- Lower financing costs
- Earlier receipt of rental income

Build-to-rent



Benefits of offsite construction for Build-to-Rent schemes

The potential for superior build quality and better energy efficiency:

- Lower maintenance costs
- Lower energy costs

Build-to-rent



Off-Site Construction: The Sweet Spot for Social Landlords





Q&A Session



