

HOUSING IN GATESHEAD

Your Views—7 July 2006

A total of 230 people visiting the display during June and July 2006 completed a questionnaire. This included 204 residents; 13 employees of the Council; 11 stakeholders and 2 councillors.



Officers from the Council's Housing Strategy Service and from Gateshead Private Landlords Association were available to answer questions and talk through the display.

Of those residents completing a questionnaire 148 live in council property; 9 live in housing association property; 14 live in the private rented sector; 29 own their own homes and 2 people were homeless.

A total of 219 people responding to the display said that they found the information interesting. A total of 4 people said that they did not find the display interesting.

We asked people completing the survey to tell us what they thought were the housing priorities in Gateshead. The top five results were:-

1. More affordable housing to be provided
2. Better repairs and decent homes work to be undertaken
3. More two bedroom bungalows to be provided
4. Improved safety and security
5. Improvements to the local environment

"..The section about the history of housing in Gateshead was really interesting.."

Other issues important to you include:-

Provision of larger family properties; more play areas for children; better local facilities; provision of starter homes; development of more homes and regeneration of poor areas.

Full feedback is provided on the following pages.

"...The display was colourful and eye catching and its helpful to be able to reference it on the council's web site ..."

Full Consultation Feedback

Priority	Number of Responses
Provide more affordable housing	75
Better repairs & decent homes work	64
Provide more two bedroom bungalows	39
Better safety & security	36
Improve the local environment	29
Provide larger family accommodation	17
Provide more play areas for children	14
Provide better local facilities	14
Provide starter homes	11
Develop more homes	11
Regenerate poor areas	10
Provide more disabled accommodation	8
Provide more supported housing	8
Provide nice areas to live	7
Provide a retirement village	5
Provide gardens	5
Provide well built homes	5
Improve availability	4
Provide more choice	4
Keep communities together	4
Provide more garages and parking	4
No more demolition	3
Provide comfortable homes	3
More housing for homeless people	3
Equal treatment for disabled people	3
No more high rise flats	3
Improve the town centre	3
Provide housing for young people	3
Invest in private properties	3
Work with private landlords	2
Demolish Derwent Tower	2
Provide lifetime homes	2
No demolition in Bensham & Saltwell	1
More consultation at Bensham & Saltwell	1
No more expensive consultants	1
Provide showers for older people	1
Provide lower windows for older people	1

Priority	Number of Responses
Provide 24hr support for older people	1
Listen more to homeless people	1
Provide more homeless accommodation for couples	1
Provide sound proofing	1
Provide rails on banks for winter	1
More affordable warmth	1
Provide more low rise flats	1
Provide carer accommodation	1
Provide high tech homes	1
Bring empty homes back into use	1
Provide larger rooms in new flats	1
Promote social inclusion	1
Separate young & old tenants in multi storey flats	1
Provide well thought out plans for new housing	1
Good neighbours	1
Promote community pride	1
Quicker repairs for older people	1

What will we do next?

The Council is reviewing its housing strategy document during 2006. We will consult with residents, partners and stakeholders to help us to develop and implement the strategy.

We need to show how we engage with residents and how the Council's strategy has developed due to input from stakeholders and residents. This feedback will help us to commence this process.



Thank you to all visitors to the display and those who took the time to complete questionnaires.

Thank you also to the following stakeholders who supported the display and helped make it a success:- Gateshead Private Landlord's Association; The Gateshead Housing Company; Two Castles Housing Association; Nomad Housing Group and Bridging NewcastleGateshead.