

# COMING HOME

Tackling the Housing Crisis Together



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*Good housing should be sustainable, safe, stable, sociable and satisfying.*

+ *Thom*



+ *Stephen Ebor:*



The Commission of the Archbishops  
of Canterbury and York on  
Housing, Church and Community



*That this Synod, recognising that the housing crisis harms all society and responding to housing need is an integral part of the mission and ministry of the Church of England, particularly in so far as it affects the poorest and most marginalised:*

*a) commend the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Housing, Church and Community, including the call for all actors in the housing market to play their part in ensuring that everyone has access to a decent and affordable home in accordance with the five core values outlined in the Commission's final report.*

*b) acknowledge the Legal Note by the Legal Office of the National Church Institutions, which clarifies the legal position in relation to the disposal of church land that is not subject to specific restrictions and explains how parishes and dioceses are able to use this land to meet local housing need and build community; and*

*c) request the Archbishops' Council to consider the need for change to the legal criteria for the management, use and disposal of Church held non-operational property that falls under the remit of the Church Property Measure and Mission and Pastoral Measure, in order to further the Church's mission as understood by the vision presented to General Synod last year*

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# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS



# ANNUAL DAC CONFERENCE 2022





# OPPORTUNITIES

- Mission led not developer driven
- Retention of assets
- Long term income
- Portfolio approach – developing at scale
- Church growth
- Location, location, location
- Partners keen to support
- Safe investment partner

# CONSTRAINTS

- Legal process – Church Closure/Pastoral scheme
- Capital funding
- Strategic approach
- Approval Process – DAC, CBC, Amenity Societies
- Lack of 'in house' expertise and TIME

# NEXT STEPS

- 'Coalition of the willing'
- Lessons Learnt
- Partnering with Experts
- Pilot Studies
- Housing Association

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