

Housing Commission Leaders Group

A Year of Progress



Set up at the beginning of 2025 to take advantage of the momentum created by the Housing Commission's initial report, [***Beyond the Permacrisis – Delivering 1000 Homes per Day***](#), the past year has seen considerable progress by the Housing Commission Leaders Group (HCLG). The HCLG comprises the original Commission members as well as representatives of seven cross-discipline organisations keen to contribute to its work, under the outstanding leadership of Commission Chair and recently appointed CEO of the Housing Forum, Alex Notay.

Key Achievements in 2025

- Seen the implementation through the Spring Statement, the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and other instruments of nine of the Housing Commission's original fifteen recommendations.
- Provided advice to the MHCLG on the obstacles to housing development and proposals to remove them via the Commission's second report, [***Unblocking the Housing Ecosystem***](#). Two of that report's six key recommendations are now being implemented with others likely to follow.
- Generated opportunities for Commissioners to comment on housing strategy and policy throughout the media, including on the flagship [***Today Programme***](#).
- Provided platforms for Commissioners and HCLG members on numerous panels and roundtables at UKREiiF, Mipim and Party Conferences.
- Published its third report, [***Homes without Harm***](#), making the health case for improving the quality and climate resiliency of UK housing stock, and making further recommendations to the Government. Its Parliamentary launch was attended by MPs and their researchers including Lib Dem Housing Spokesperson and former CEO of the TCPA, Gideon Amos MP. The report received significant media interest including an exclusive launch in [***Inside Housing***](#).
- Seen the launch by Commissioners Alex Notay, Catriona Riddell and Jackie Sadek of their own successful podcast, *Planning after Dark*.
- Continued to grow the HCLG from its original four members, GAA, National Residential Landlord's Association, Shoosmiths, and the Vistry Group, to include the Wates Group, Chapman Taylor and, most recently, the Family Building Society.

On the Commission's agenda for 2026 are papers to explain to policymakers the issues around the **viability of housing projects**, and a fourth full report on measures to encourage **right-sizing**. A further report on **regeneration** is likely in the second half of the year. The HCLG will review its agenda quarterly so that it can continue to respond in a timely fashion to ongoing developments in the sector.