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**Subject:** Starter Home Technical Consultation

I am writing as the Chair of the Cambridge sub Regional Housing Board which represents all six of the Cambridgeshire local authorities and the two district councils in West Suffolk as well as representation from around 30 local housing associations and the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP.

Each of the partner bodies will have provided their own detailed response to the Starter Home Technical Consultation. This email is a summary response on behalf of the whole Board on what it regards as the key issue.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out a requirement for local authorities to objectively assess housing needs, which includes identifying future tenure types. By setting a prescriptive percentage for Starter Homes this will impact on the ability of many authorities to provide other forms of affordable housing tenures, as necessary to ensure compliance with the NPPF. It is suggested therefore that Local authorities should have the flexibility to set a percentage of Starter Homes that is relevant to the local needs of the area.

Regards

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