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Dear Jeanne

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RE: Sussex Community Housing Hub – Information and meeting offer

I am writing to you and your council about the Sussex Hub and to see if you may be interested in a meeting with us. The Sussex Community Housing Hub (the Hub) is an enabling service which provides technical advice and support to community led housing groups and projects across East and West Sussex.

Community-led housing (CLH) involves local people playing a leading and lasting role in solving housing problems, creating genuinely affordable homes and strong communities. These are the main models of community led housing:

- **Community Land Trusts (CLTs)**
- **Co-Housing**
- **Co-operative Housing**
- **Self-Build**

Further information about these models can be found at:

www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk / www.cohousing.org.uk / www.cch.coop.org.uk / www.nacsba.org.uk

The Hub is supported by Local Authorities in Sussex including Lewes District Council with whom we work in partnership to enable community led projects to happen.

Throughout a project, enabling support from the Hub includes;

- helping to establish a local group and engaging / involving local communities
- enabling groups to make informed choices by providing a full suite of processes, tools, and options;
- providing information and advice on funding, finance, development and housing management;
- providing guidance on governance, management and community organising;
- providing access to a range of technical support professionals;
- acting as an intermediary between professionals/local authorities and community groups to facilitate understanding, constructive discussion, and decision making

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Action in rural Sussex has been operating a housing enabling service for over 15 years, helping to deliver many local needs schemes. Experience has shown that continuous technical support from locally-based, expert advisers is the key to helping communities navigate their way through affordable housing projects.

There are some truly inspiring examples of where community led housing projects have had a transformative effect on communities - meeting housing needs and providing wider community benefit. This can include protecting or providing other community assets such as a post office, pub or community shop.

In Sussex there is an ever growing number of community led housing groups and projects which are embracing this bottom up and innovative approach to the provision of local needs housing and stewardship of community assets.

The Sussex Hub can organise an **'introduction to community-led housing'** meeting for your council, or another community based organisation. We can also undertake a **scoping exercise** with one of our fully accredited Community Led Housing Advisers. They will produce a report detailing your ideas, ambitions, opportunities and give recommendations for your group. The report will also support further applications for funding.

If you would like to explore this further and to better understand how these models might be able to address housing issues in your community then, please get in touch with one of the Hub's two Community Led Housing Advisor's below.

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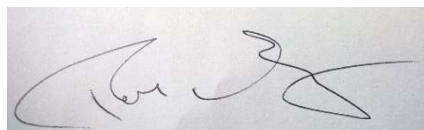
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We are happy to visit you whenever suits, attend an event or discuss your ideas or queries online, over the phone or via e – mail.

In the meantime, please see enclosed a Hub Flyer and State of the Sector report.

Best wishes,



Tom Warder
Community Led Housing Adviser & Deputy CEO – AirS

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