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## Homes England Strategic Partnerships – next steps

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Following the recent announcement of eight Strategic Partnerships, which will deliver an additional 14,280 affordable homes by March 2022, we are keen to maintain momentum and secure the additional supply that further partnerships can undoubtedly offer.

We will therefore be immediately re-engaging with partners who responded as part of Wave 1 in order to maintain pace in establishing the new way of working, with the ambition of announcing a further cohort of partnerships in the Autumn.

Given feedback from the sector on the importance of providing sufficient time for partners to prepare their bids, we will subsequently open Wave 2 to all partners in early September. This will build on the approach we have taken with Wave 1, and we will share the criteria and process with all partners later in the summer.

We fully recognise that Strategic Partnerships are not appropriate for every organisation, and over the summer we will work to bring key elements of the Partnerships to the Continuous Market Engagement (CME) programme on a scheme by scheme basis. We will be keen to incentivise partners who are actively engaged with programme building through CME, and can demonstrate an ambition to do more, alongside having a strong delivery track record.

These new Strategic Partnerships alongside a renewed CME give ambitious housing associations the investment and flexibility they need to significantly increase the supply of new homes. This represents a collaborative and forward thinking approach by Homes England in partnership with the National Housing Federation and housing associations across the country.

We appreciate all the hard work undertaken to announce the Wave 1 partnerships and will continue to update you on Wave 2 criteria and CME flexibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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