

Everyone should have a home

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But why
“But Why Here”?

Homelessness development

- Rough sleepers initiative
- Homelessness Task Force
- Homelessness inspection
- Supporting People
- Increased social housing supply

Community engagement

- National standards for community engagement
- Planning Advice Note 81
- National Planning Framework

Housing Supply Task Force

- Target to increase overall housing supply from 25,000 pa to 35,000 pa by 2015
- Community opposition identified as one of a number of barriers to achieving that level of supply.

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Planning, commissioning and development is
not always right!

Communities do not always get it wrong!

But Why Here

- Commissioned in July 2006
- Pack published in September 2007
- Website launched in October 2007:
www.shelter.org.uk/butwhyhere
- Six “roadshows”
- Follow up and evaluation

Summing up

- There is some evidence of growing conflict over homelessness development in recent years
- Partly, this is linked to a unique time of change in both the legal and funding environment
- However, there are also increased expectations of community engagement
- The Housing Supply Task Force adds extra impetus to the need to get engagement right.