

Council beats its affordable homes target

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ENFIELD Council has revealed that it has met and exceeded Government funding targets for delivering new affordable homes in the borough.

The council has successfully used the Government grant received throughout 2006/2007 to deliver 288 new rented homes and 120 new low cost home ownership units.

This is a 70 per cent increase on the original planned figures, which aimed at creating 200 new affordable homes for rent and 38 new affordable homes for low cost ownership.

Councillor Matthew Laban, cabinet member for housing said: "I am delighted to hear that Enfield has exceeded the Government fund-

ing target for the affordable housing schemes in the borough, and we are well on track to meet our next round of targets."

For 2008-2011, the council is working with housing association partners to bid for Government funds of £58million to build 645 new affordable homes.

Cllr Laban added: "With people squeezed even more by mortgage rates, and finding it almost impossible to acquire low cost homes locally, we will do all we can to make sure we meet this need as much as possible, without jeopardising the appearance of our borough or our precious green space."

Schemes for funding, which include the regeneration of Edmonton Green, are approved by the

Housing Corporation, a Government body, and the quantity, type, size and tenure mix is planned by carrying out surveys to ensure housing fits need.

There are many different ways that people can access low cost housing in Enfield.

The current programme includes schemes for people with a need for housing-related support, and schemes for key workers, as well as rented homes managed by housing associations and low cost home ownership schemes.

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