

## Homes

Green investment into housing simultaneously aims to reduce climate emissions, tackle poverty and provide genuinely affordable housing. Three main Green Party areas of focus within housing are:

**Improving insulation** is vital for a warm home.

- Home renovations would meet the highest energy-efficient standards and social needs and would ensure people have sufficient heating for the winter without the need to sacrifice other vital living expenses like proper meals.
- The households would be built to the Passivhaus or equivalent standard which would use 90% less energy for heating than the average home – good for the environment and saving people money.
- The Greens would ensure that the homes lived in by people on lower incomes would be the first to receive these major improvements; all the homes would have reduced natural gas use and renewable heat sources.
- The reinstatement of building control inspectors to local councils would ensure work on renovations or new builds was carried out under the required standards.

**New homes**

- The creation of new homes would provide quality jobs for local communities in every area of the UK as part of a Green Future for Jobs.
- We would empower local communities to bring empty homes back into use and, alongside thousands of new council homes, would all fit within the highest energy-efficient standards as the nation shifts towards a net-zero carbon economy.
- Funding to local authorities for new homes would be allocated based on the needs of the area and any development would protect local architectural heritage and encourage small building projects as opposed to large new estates.

**Green access**

- The Greens would implement accessible transport routes to and from all new developments which would mean residents would not have to rely on cars to live their daily lives fully.
- Either safe pedestrian routes to local shops and schools would be present, or are within 1km of a local rail, tram or underground station, or within 500m of a high frequency bus service.